

Proclamation

In Honor of Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Chris Beth Upon His Retirement

After 25 Years of Service to the City of Redwood City

WHEREAS, Chris Beth has been passionately involved in recreation programming since he was a child, attending after-school programs in Palo Alto where he grew up; and

WHEREAS, Chris Beth has served in the municipal park and recreation profession for more than 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Chris Beth joined the City of Redwood City in 1998 as a Parks, Recreation and Community Services Manager; and

WHEREAS, Chris Beth was appointed as Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services in 2010; and

WHEREAS, Chris Beth championed the growth and implementation of the arts in Redwood City, serving as staff liaison to the Redwood City Arts Commission and a dedicated advocate for the local arts community; and

WHEREAS, during his impressive tenure in Redwood City, Chris Beth has been instrumental in successfully advancing countless community projects, most notably launching the Parks and Arts Foundation, the Magical Bridge Playground, the Veterans Memorial Senior Center and YMCA facility upgrade, and the Downtown Parks to Bay Connectivity Plan; and

WHEREAS, Chris Beth spearheaded park renovation projects at Hoover Park, Linden Park, and Jardin de Ninos Park, oversaw the acquisition of the Armory and the Casey/Garrett Park donation, led the Racial Equity Mural and many other public art projects that helped transform Redwood City into a premier Arts and Culture destination on the Peninsula; and

WHEREAS, Chris Beth has positively impacted the profession of parks and recreation within Redwood City and throughout the region and the country; and

WHEREAS, Chris Beth has served on the Redwood City Police Activities League Board of Directors for the past 25 years, and as the liaison to the Redwood City Parks and Arts Foundation which he helped launch in 2012; and

WHEREAS, Chris Beth has been very involved in the California Park and Recreation Society (CPRS) where he served on the local District, Region, and State Boards, served as the State Board of Directors for 6 years, served as President in 2009-2010, and received the Gus Vellis Award in 2017 for his mentorship and leadership within District 4 and throughout the State; and

*WHEREAS, in 2018 the Miss Redwood City scholarship competition named Chris Beth "Mr. Redwood City" at their man-
pageant fundraiser for his incredible demonstration of creativity and humor; and*

WHEREAS, in 2019 Chris Beth was inducted into the prestigious American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration (AAPRA), an elite group of distinguished park and recreation administrators and scholars from across the country dedicated to the advancement of the profession of parks and recreation; and

WHEREAS, Chris Beth has enjoyed a career worthy of great recognition within the field of parks and recreation, though he has always remained dedicated to doing exceptional work on behalf of the local Redwood City community; and

WHEREAS, Chris Beth exhibits great pride in leading the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department team and the outstanding work they collectively provide to the community every day; and

WHEREAS, through his unwavering leadership, exceptional expertise, and inspiring "can-do" attitude, Chris Beth is leaving an indelible legacy with the City of Redwood City and the impacts of his work will be enjoyed for generations to come.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, I, JEFF GEE, MAYOR OF REDWOOD CITY, on behalf of the City Council and the people of Redwood City, hereby honor and extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to Chris Beth for his excellence in leadership as Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Director, for his continuous commitment to public service and the Redwood City Community, and wish him all the best as he embarks on this new chapter of his life. His contributions to the community will be enjoyed for generations to come.

Date: April 15, 2024




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