

# Proclamation

## ANN MARQUART CITY OF REDWOOD CITY

RECOGNIZING ANN MARQUART FOR HER PUBLIC SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, HER COMMITMENT TO THE PRINCIPALS OF EQUALITY, RULE OF LAW, EQUAL ACCESS TO OPPORTUNITY, CIVIL RIGHTS, AND FAIR HOUSING; AND HONORING HER CONTRIBUTIONS TO MAKE OUR COMMUNITY A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND FOR FAMILIES TO THRIVE

**WHEREAS**, Ann Marquart founded Project Sentinel as a non-profit agency in 1971 in Palo Alto, California, with a group of leaders from the corporate, educational and labor communities to address housing issues and discrimination; and

**WHEREAS**, Project Sentinel believes in the common good, equality, rule of law, and the principal of fairness to address housing issues and the use of communication, mediation, and education efforts first whenever possible to help solve housing issues before litigation; and

**WHEREAS**, Project Sentinel has assisted hundreds of thousands of clients since its founding and is the largest Fair Housing Agency certified in Northern California by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Redwood City has partnered with Project Sentinel for 9 years, Redwood City would like to formally recognize and express our gratitude to Ann Marquart and Project Sentinel, for 53 years of service to the Agency and our City; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Redwood City supports fair housing efforts to eliminate discrimination in housing and recognizes the benefits of Project Sentinel to educate home seekers, property managers, and property owners on federal and state housing laws, and to investigate complaints of illegal housing discrimination in Redwood City; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Redwood City's general plan and housing element has included fair housing policies which Project Sentinel partners with the City to implement, both Ann Marquart and Project Sentinel believe that adequate housing is a basic need and right of all people; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, JEFF GEE, MAYOR OF REDWOOD CITY** on behalf of the City Council and the people of Redwood City do hereby recognize the efforts and actions of **Ann Marquart** to have substantially and materially furthered the goals of the City of Redwood City with regards to establishing a community where stable housing can be found, promoting stable housing in our community, ensuring that the housing rights and responsibilities of all our citizens are recognized and protected, equal opportunity for all residents to access housing, equal protection, and protections under law. We encourage all residents and community organizations to celebrate the value of her contributions for over 53 years.

Date: May 31, 2024



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