

Town of Atherton



Proclamation

COMMENDING CARY WIEST FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE TOWN OF ATHERTON

RESOLVED, by the City Council of the Town of Atherton, California that City Council Member Cary Wiest has been an extraordinary representative on the City Council since 2012; and

WHEREAS, in his eight years of service he has demonstrated great leadership through his fearlessness in having difficult conversations when needed, while always maintaining a civil and compassionate demeanor; studying issues deeply; listening to constituents to seek understanding and represent their interests; and remaining committed to serving the community on every issue raised; and

WHEREAS, over eight years on Council has meant that he has participated in some 217 meetings, adopted 46 Ordinances, and 275 Resolutions. He served as Mayor of the Town in 2014 and 2018 overseeing 14 Proclamations. He consistently brought his perspective, commitment, and finely-honed guidance to this community while drawing on his nearly 20 years of public advocacy experience; and

WHEREAS, Cary demonstrated his commitment with a 100% attendance at City Council meetings. He also served in an advisory capacity to several Town Committees and Ad-Hoc appointments. Those included the Audit and Finance Committee, Transportation Committee, COVID-19 Construction Ad Hoc Committee, Caltrain Ad Hoc Committee, Liaison to Menlo Park Fire Protection District, Rail Committee, and the Contractor's Roundtable. Cary served on several Regional Committees as well including Local Policy Makers Group (Rail Corridor) and the Office of Emergency Services Council; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Atherton Rail Committee noted Cary's dedication to rail safety and the quality of life for residents. They noted his dedication to rail safety citing his work leading to the implementation of the first Quiet Zone along the Caltrain corridor. They added that his insights and challenging ideas at the meetings greatly improved the quality of the work done by the committee and improved their recommendations to Council. His work on the closure of the Atherton Train Station and obtaining the long sought-after quad gates at Watkins was key to improving the lives and safety for many Atherton residents; and

WHEREAS, Cary's colleagues on Council noted he showed tremendous patience during meetings, never speaking out, always being respectful of consideration of his fellow elected officials and still adding his well crafted commentary. Cary has been called a hawk, monitoring activities of special districts and being fiscally responsible with the Town's resources. He has been keenly interested in exploring ways to improve service to Atherton residents and balance financial inequities. He is known for consistently bringing a welcomed and experienced perspective, having a deep understanding of issues at the County level and clearly sharing those with his fellow Council Members; and

WHEREAS, one of the fondest memories shared was of a time Cary indulged the creative culinary talents of his fellow Council Member Michael Lempres' daughter. He recounted that when his daughter was six-years old she concocted a "special" smoothie with an unusual combination of flavors appealing to a six-year old and a color somewhere between brown and purple. Council Member Lempres added that when his daughter very proudly offered a cup to Cary, he graciously accepted and bravely took a sip. Cary told her that her drink was very delicious, and it made her day. This is the type of kindness that Cary demonstrated inside of or outside of Council Chambers; and

WHEREAS, Cary's skillful representation of the Town of Atherton has made a difference to the services received here in the Town; as well as his savviness and talent in knowing just the right thing to say, at the right moment. His contributions to the Town will be remembered by residents, staff, and Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council does hereby extend its deepest appreciation and gratitude for the many years of service, leadership and graceful representation in this community given by

Cary Wiest

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Town of Atherton to be affixed this 16th day of December, 2020.


Rick DeGolia, Mayor
Town of Atherton