

PROCLAMATION

**COMMENDING THE DEDICATION AND LEADERSHIP OF MAYOR MYRNA DE VERA
TO THE HERCULES COMMUNITY**

WHEREAS, Myrna de Vera was first elected to serve the people of the City of Hercules in November 2010 and was re-elected to a second term in November 2014; and

WHEREAS, on June 21, 2011, Vice Mayor de Vera was first selected by her peers to serve an initial term as Mayor through December 2011; and

WHEREAS, on December 10, 2013, Vice Mayor de Vera was appointed to serve as Mayor as part of the annual City Council reorganization, and on December 13, 2016 was again appointed to serve as Mayor as part of the annual City Council reorganization; and

WHEREAS, during this tenure, Mayor de Vera effectively served as a member of the West Contra Costa Transit Authority Board (WestCat); the West County Mayors and Supervisors Association; and, the Contra Costa Mayors Conference; and

WHEREAS, under Mayor de Vera's leadership, the City Council completed an update to the City's Strategic Plan; updated the City Council's Rules of Procedure; completed and celebrated the Regional Intermodal Transportation Center's Path to Transit Phase; commenced construction on the Bay Trail West; approved entitlements for the Safeway project; and initiated or completed a number of capital improvement projects including the replacement of the Corporation Yard Modular building, an upgrade of the Council Chamber Audio/Video; the re-plastering of the Community Center Pool; and, an annual slurry seal and street repair program; and

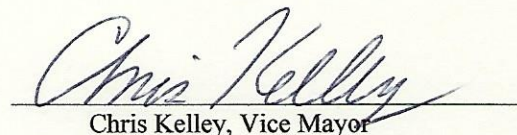
WHEREAS, the efforts of Mayor de Vera and the City Council have continued the City of Hercules on the path towards financial sustainability and more effective operations with the adoption of a balanced budget; increases in reserves; establishment and initial funding of an IRS Section 115 Pension Trust; entering into a tri-city agreement with Pinole and San Pablo for shared dispatch and CAD/RMS services; and, supported other improvements to City operations; and

WHEREAS, Mayor de Vera is actively involved in supporting the community and local organizations including the Friends of the Hercules Library and Hercules Library Foundation and events like the Senior Center Pancake Breakfast, among others; and

WHEREAS, Mayor de Vera's on-going leadership and service have contributed to an increasing regard for the City of Hercules throughout the area, an enhancement of the level of trust by our residents in their City government, and support for City programs and activities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that I, Chris Kelley, Vice Mayor of the City of Hercules, on behalf of the entire City Council and the Hercules community, do hereby commend Myrna de Vera for her leadership as Mayor and acknowledge her dedication and service to the people of the City of Hercules.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Hercules to be affixed this 12th day of December 2017.


Chris Kelley, Vice Mayor

