

## PROCLAMATION

### COMMENDING THE DEDICATION AND LEADERSHIP OF COUNCIL MEMBER MYRNA DE VERA TO THE HERCULES COMMUNITY

**WHEREAS**, Myrna de Vera was appointed to the Planning Commission in April 2005 and served until she was elected to the City Council in November 2010; and,

**WHEREAS**, the People of the City of Hercules elected Council Member Myrna de Vera on November 2, 2010 and re-elected her to a second term on November 4, 2014 ; and,

**WHEREAS**, during her tenure in office, the Council appointed her as Mayor three times: On June 21, 2011, December 10, 2013 and December 12, 2017, as part of the City Council re-organization; and,

**WHEREAS**, Council Member de Vera represented Hercules in various regional appointments: West Contra Costa Transit Authority Board (WestCat), the Hercules/Pinole Wastewater Management, West County Mayors and Supervisors Association, the Contra Costa Mayors Conference, and the Contra Costa Transportation Agency; and,

**WHEREAS**, Council Member de Vera established relationships with the city's legislative representatives and, on July 6, 2017, Congressman Mike Thompson honored her with the American Dream Award, recognizing contributions of immigrants like her in District 5; and,

**WHEREAS**, Council Member de Vera's commitment to the community was evident in her support of local organizations, including the Hercules Library Foundation, Filipino Americans of Contra Costa, Chinese Association of Hercules, the Hercules/Bayfront Chamber of Commerce, and Saint Patrick Catholic Church; and,

**WHEREAS**, Council Member de Vera participated in community events such as the Celebrate Hercules 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Social Bite, Philippine Independence Day at the Library, Hercules Education Foundation's Wellness Run, the Chamber's Women's Day, the Hercules School Academic Night and Parent Graduation at Lupine Elementary School; and,

**WHEREAS**, with collaboration between her council colleagues, city staff, and citizen advisory groups, Council Member de Vera realized her campaign goals:

The establishment of ethics reforms, such as the Anti-Nepotism and Anti-Cronyism Ordinance and Code of Ethics;

The completion of: the first phase of the Regional Intermodal Transit Center, the East and West Bay Trail, Muir Pointe, Alexandria by the Bay, and Aventine; the commencement of the Bayfront Development, and approvals in place for Safeway, Sycamore Crossing, and various other developments;

The continuation of the City's path to financial sustainability and more effective operations, including the adoption of balanced budgets, increase in reserves, development of a five-year budget forecast, and initial funding of an IRS Section 115 Pension Trust;

The restoration of the public's trust in local government and enhancement of the City of Hercules' reputation throughout the region by practicing policies of open government;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED** that I, Chris Kelley, 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 a Member of the City Council and former 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 11th day of December 2018.

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Chris Kelley, Mayor