

## PROCLAMATION

### RECOGNIZING AND HONORING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR, HOLLY SMYTH FOR HER SERVICE TO THE CITY OF HERCULES AND ACKNOWLEDGING HER DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT TO THE HERCULES COMMUNITY

**WHEREAS**, on April 7, 2014, Holly Smyth began her service as Planning Director for the City of Hercules and through a recent classification and compensation study her title was changed to Community Development Director to reflect the full scope of duties and responsibilities of her position; and

**WHEREAS**, Holly has been instrumental in helping the City Council and Planning Commission in their discussions of planning, land use, environmental, economic development, and circulation issues that affect the City of Hercules, its residents, non-profits, and businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, some of the highlights of Holly Smyth's Hercules career include:

- Completed construction of the 147 unit Aventine building and Victoria Crescent at Alexandria subdivision;
- Processed entitlements and oversaw the construction of the Muir Pointe Subdivision of 144 home and 3 parks;
- Processed entitlements for Ledcor at Bayfront's Block N- The Exchange and building plan review and most of its construction which is within 60 days of completion;
- Processed entitlements for Ledcor at Bayfront's Blocks Q-R - The Grand and oversaw building plan review and over a year of construction;
- Processed entitlements for Ledcor at Bayfront's Blocks M-P & O which is now in plan check;
- Process entitlements for the Safeway at Market Hall site and oversaw building plan review and beginning of construction;
- Processed entitlements for Sycamore Crossing site (2 separate times) and Willow Avenue Auto Service Park and Self-Storage;
- Processed the majority of entitlement work for the nearly 600 unit Hilltown project;
- Updated the City's Housing Element, Circulation Element, Traffic Impact Fees, and started on an update of the Safety Element and preparation of the City's first Hazard Mitigation Plan;
- Helped facilitate several City Events including the Bay Trail East grand opening, Path to Transit grand opening, and several Mayors Conference's;
- Trained multiple volunteers and interns in the department.

**WHEREAS**, in addition to Holly's role as the Hercules Community Development Director, Holly has also dedicated her time and talents to the Rotary since 2010 with a mission of providing service to others, promoting integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through its fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders in the Hercules, Rodeo, and Crockett communities.

**WHEREAS**, in 2016 to 2018, Holly served as President of the Rotary Club of Hercules, where she coordinated over 1600 volunteer hours and raised over \$30,000 to contribute to community events, community groups, improvement of the Senior Center and Community Center facilities, and the Heritage Garden Upgrade; and

**WHEREAS**, Holly has dealt with a diverse range of people in, and out of City Hall, and provided courteous and comprehensive help to City Officials, members of the public, and fellow City staff, and has always been patient and understanding; and

**WHEREAS**, Holly has distinguished herself as a hard-working and dedicated public servant, at all times committed to helping her community and administering planning regulations with a sense of fairness; and has provided invaluable leadership and guidance on many significant projects; and

**WHEREAS**, Holly has built cooperative relationships with residents, other government organizations, community groups, local non-profits, Hercules businesses, design and development professionals, and other members of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, her colleagues know her as a steady, dependable co-worker and friend, who takes pride in her work and in this community, and who is always ready to lend moral support or a helping hand when needed.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED** that I, Roland Esquivias, Mayor of the City of Hercules, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby express my sincere appreciation and gratitude for Mrs. Smyth's dedication and commitment to the City and wish her the best, and continued success in her future endeavors.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Hercules to be affixed this 24th day of March, 2020

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Roland Esquivias, Mayor