

**WHEREAS,** Frank Benest served as City Manager for Palo Alto from 2000 to his recent retirement and as City Manager, provided strong leadership and fostered innovative changes in City governance, particularly in supporting innovative staff development, encouraging positive environmental changes, practicing strong financial management, and increasing the quality of City services and facilities; and

**WHEREAS,** Frank Benest demonstrated sound fiscal planning as he guided the City through challenging times created by the dot-com recession by eliminating a \$20 million dollar structural deficit and streamlining General Fund staffing while adding funds to the Infrastructure Master Plan annually, while guiding Palo Alto through eight years of balanced budgets; and

**WHEREAS,** Frank Benest has been deeply committed to providing housing for low-income families, single adults, and affordable housing for seniors; during his tenure Frank spurred the relocation of the Alma Substation, helped establish plans for future market-rate and below-market-rate housing in the Stanford Research Park, and opened the Opportunity Center providing a broad range of services to the homeless, including healthcare and housing; and

**WHEREAS,** Frank Benest has supported the wider Santa Clara County community through his thoughtful and wise counsel to the Silicon Valley Leadership Group, where he championed the re-creation of the Silicon Valley Economic Development Alliance, was instrumental in developing the Management Talent Exchange Program, a partnership between San Mateo and Santa Clara County governments, and currently serves on Joint Venture Silicon Valley;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Clara, State of California does hereby honor and commend

*Frank Benest*

for his dedication and service to residents of Palo Alto and the greater Silicon Valley community.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this Twelfth Day of August, Two Thousand Eight by unanimous vote.

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Pete McHugh, Chair  
Board of Supervisors

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Donald F. Gage  
Supervisor, District One

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Blanca Alvarado  
Supervisor, District Two

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Ken Yeager  
Supervisor, District Four

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Liz Kniss  
Supervisor, District Five

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Attest: Phyllis A. Perez  
Clerk, Board of Supervisors