

- WHEREAS,** Carolyn Tucher, a dedicated Palo Alto community activist and visionary leader with decades of volunteerism in education, especially directed to the youth, the arts and her church, is being honored as a recipient of the Palo Alto Tall Tree Award as the “Outstanding Citizen/Volunteer” of 2009; and
- WHEREAS,** Carolyn Tucher’s distinguished career includes eight years on the Palo Alto Unified School District (PAUSD) Board of Education (including two terms as President), Delegate and Member of the California School Boards Association and Founding Board Member of Community Legal Services in East Palo Alto; her leadership has been reflected in membership on valuable committees, including State Superintendent of Schools Bill Honig’s School Board Advisory Committee, California State Advisory Commission on Special Education, Leadership Midpeninsula, Adolescent Counseling Services, and the Palo Alto Art Center Foundation (PAACF); and
- WHEREAS,** Carolyn Tucher’s thoughtful vision has had a deep impact for the City of Palo Alto and its youth: through PAACF she created Cultural Kaleidoscope, which allows children in Palo Alto and East Palo Alto to learn about the arts in a hands-on, caring environment, and has won county and state awards for excellence; her courageous and sensitive leadership enabled the Voluntary Transfer Program to weather controversy in both communities, which resulted in bringing children from the Ravenswood School District into Palo Alto schools, increasing educational opportunities for children as never before; and
- WHEREAS,** Carolyn Tucher’s deep faith and commitment to her church is the foundation of her work and personal ethics; she is respected for her brilliant mediation and negotiation skills, leadership, kindness and even-handedness; and
- WHEREAS,** Carolyn Tucher is seen as the consummate volunteer and role model, always willing to step in when needed, listen, understand complicated financial or organizational issues, champion good causes and fight for justice and fairness for underserved populations;

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

Carolyn Tucher

for her unique and steadfast commitment as a citizen and volunteer in the Palo Alto community.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this Seventh Day of April, Two Thousand Nine by unanimous vote.

Liz Kniss, President
Board of Supervisors

Donald F. Gage
Supervisor, District One

George M. Shirakawa
Supervisor, District Two

Dave Cortese
Supervisor, District Three

Ken Yeager
Supervisor, District Four

Attest: Maria Marinos
Clerk, Board of Supervisors