MINUTES SPECIAL MEETING

City Council of the Town of Colma Colma Community Center 1520 Hillside Boulevard Colma, CA 94014

Wednesday, September 21, 2022 9:00 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Helen Fisicaro called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

<u>Council Present</u> – Mayor Helen Fisicaro and Council Member John Irish Goodwin were present. Vice Mayor Joanne F. del Rosario, Council Members Diana Colvin and Ken Gonzalez was absent.

<u>Staff Present</u> –Chief of Police John Munsey, Director of Public Works Brad Donohue, Police Commander Sherwin Lum, Recreation Services Manager Angelika Abellana, City Clerk Caitlin Corley and Administrative Technician Abigail Dometita were in attendance.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

Mayor Fisicaro welcomed special quests present from the local Armenian community:

- John Kevranian, Northern California Regional Council Co-Chair of Armenian Assembly of America
- Valina Agbabian, California Chair of the Armenian Assembly of America
- Grace Andonian, Principal from Krouzian-Zekarian-Vasbouragan Armenian School
- Fr. Mestop Ash, pastor of St. John Armenian Church
- Fr. Smpad Saboundjian, pastor of St. Gregory Armenian Apostolic Church
- Rev. Calvin Sagherian, Calvary Armenian Congregational Church
- Sevana Panosian, El Camino High School teacher and active member of the local Armenian community
- Delegation of students from Krouzian-Zekarian-Vasbouragan Armenian School
- Representatives from the Veterans of Foreign Wars

PROCLAMATION IN HONOR OF ARMENIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

Mayor Fisicaro stated, "We are honored to have you all here with us today on Armenia's 31st Independence Day, as we raise the Flag of Armenia. Colma has strong ties to the Armenian Community, and we are so pleased and proud to be able to recognize the important contributions that they have made here in Colma and more broadly in the United States."

Mayor Fisicaro then read a proclamation in recognition of Armenian Independence Day and invited John Kevranian, Northern California Regional Council Co-Chair, Armenian Assembly of America, to come forward to accept the proclamation. Mr. Kevranian then made remarks thanking the Town for the recognition.

RAISING OF THE ARMENIAN FLAG

Colma Police Officers raised the Armenian Flag, while students from Krouzian-Zekarian-Vasbouragan Armenian School sang the Armenian National Anthem.

REMARKS BY VICE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Goodwin made remarks.

REMARKS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

The Mayor asked is any members of the public wished to speak. The follow people made remarks:

- Karenkin Andonia, 8th Grader at Krouzian-Zekarian-Vasbouragan Armenian School
- Grace Andonian, Principal from Krouzian-Zekarian-Vasbouragan Armenian School
- Fr. Mestop Ash, pastor of St. John Armenian Church

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fisicaro adjourned the meeting at 9:24 p.m. and invited everyone to stay for coffee and Armenian treats.

Respectfully submitted,

Caitlin Corley City Clerk