

**TOWN OF FAIRFAX PROCLAMATION
IN HONOR OF BARBARA THORNTON**

**On the Occasion of her Retirement from the
Marin Telecommunications Agency**

WHEREAS, Barbara Thornton has retired after more than a decade serving as the Executive Officer of the Marin Telecommunications Agency (MTA); and

WHEREAS, Barbara first began her association with the MTA in 2004 as the board member representing the Town of San Anselmo; and

WHEREAS, as an MTA Board member, Barbara was actively involved with the Media Access Advisory Committee and the Board of Conveners which resulted in the establishment of the non-profit Community Media Center of Marin (CMCM) and the adoption of the CMCM Dedicated Access Provider (DAP) Agreement – CMCM has provided the Town of Fairfax public meeting video and broadcasting ever since; and

WHEREAS, Barbara and the MTA Board worked tirelessly on a number of issues over the years to protect the interests of Fairfax and other communities, including the dispute settlement with Comcast over PEG fees, ongoing oversight and support of CMCM, auditing and obtaining additional fees from AT&T, overseeing a multi-year audit of Comcast, and amending the Agreement of Formation to reflect a change in the franchise fee distribution method; and

WHEREAS, under Barbara's leadership, the MTA participated in the North Bay North Coast Broadband Consortium to plan for and seek partnerships and funding to address Marin's unserved and underserved broadband availability areas; and

WHEREAS, Fairfax has benefitted from Barbara's diligent management and oversight of the MTA's and CMCM's complex finances, financial audits, Comcast and AT&T franchise fee audits – ensuring Fairfax collected its appropriate share of those fees; and

WHEREAS, Barbara shares and models the environmental values of Fairfax: she was a charter board member of Marin Clean Energy (then known as Marin Energy Authority); an activist with 350.org; an advocate for the Town of San Anselmo's Climate Action Plan, green building ordinance and recycling agenda; and a trainer for the Environmental Forum of Marin;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax does hereby extend its gratitude and appreciation to BARBARA THORNTON for her many contributions to Fairfax through her dedication, commitment, conscientiousness, and exceptional service to the MTA,

AND BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax heartily congratulates BARBARA THORNTON on her well-deserved retirement and wishes her the best in all her future endeavors.



Peter Lacques, Mayor of Fairfax

AGENDA ITEM # 1