

**TOWN OF FAIRFAX
PROCLAMATION
Thanking and Commending
The Fairfax Planning Commission**



WHEREAS, the Fairfax Planning Commission consists of seven Fairfax residents appointed by the Town Council to bring a broad variety of expertise and experience in reviewing planning applications, Fairfax Ordinances, and the Town General Plan and Housing Element; and

WHEREAS, the Commission serves as an advisory body to the Town Council on planning policies and regulations; and

WHEREAS, over the last two years, 2018 and 2019 in particular, the Commission has worked tirelessly on many difficult policy issues and provided excellent ordinances and recommendations to the Town Council; and

WHEREAS, the Commission spent numerous hours and meetings on cannabis (seven in 2018 and 2019), attempting to find a balance between the multitude of differing public opinions since Proposition 64 became law; and

WHEREAS, the Commission developed an ordinance allowing certain medical marijuana dispensaries to conduct adult use delivery; and

WHEREAS, the Commission worked tirelessly and in the best interest of the community and its residents to help craft a "small cell" Telecommunications Ordinance to protect the interests of all Fairfax citizens while remaining in compliance with state and federal law; and

WHEREAS, the Commission crafted regulations to bring the maximum housing size into consistency for homes in Fairfax by introducing Ordinance 832; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has reviewed and acted on planning issues that ran gambit from house remodel applications to straightforward fence height variances and encroachment permits to matters with broader policy implications such as developing and beginning implementation of a Council-approved prioritized work program including general plan elements, possible amendments to the zoning ordinance and objective development standards; and

WHEREAS, the Fairfax Planning Commission receives countless requests from Fairfax residents to review their private projects and stands unbendingly for the principles of good government and for environmental protection while applying maximum effort for residents to acquire the necessary approvals and conditions for their projects; and

WHEREAS, the current members of the Fairfax Planning Commission are Cindy Swift (Chair), Philip Green (Vice-Chair), Mimi Newton (former Chair, 2018), Esther Gonzalez-Parber, Norma Fragoso, Michele Rodriguez and Laura Kehrlein; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY PROCLAIMED by the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax that the Planning Commission be commended and thanked for their many years of dedication, commitment, hard work and exemplary service to the Town and its citizens.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that the Town Council and staff declare that the Town of Fairfax is a better place because of the dedication and hard work the Fairfax Planning Commission Members have committed to the Town.



Signed and Dated this 4th Day of September 2019,

BARBARA COLER, Mayor