

Proclamation

*In Recognition of Councilmember D'Lynda Fischer
January 7, 2019 to January 2023*

WHEREAS, let it be known Councilmember D'Lynda Fischer, has faithfully, proudly, and tirelessly served the residents of the City of Petaluma for the past four years on the Petaluma City Council, including serving as Vice Mayor in 2020; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Fischer's experience in sustainable land use planning, commitment to sustainability, and passion for multi-modal, fossil-fuel free transportation, was extremely beneficial as she served on the Sonoma County Transportation Authority and Regional Climate Protection Authority and was instrumental in the development of a countywide transit grant that successfully secured funding for helping electrify the City's bus fleet and construct the long-awaited second SMART station in Petaluma; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Fischer has provided dynamic leadership in the area of climate change, and through her work by partnering with community experts and activists, has developed the rare ability to take scientific realities, effectively communicate their importance and implications, and transform them into accessible, tangible actions on the ground for the community—which Councilmember Fischer demonstrated when she secured a \$1 million grant for Petaluma, making it one of three California cities to win the Cool City Challenge, resulting in hundreds of Cool Block leaders and community partners all committed to and working toward a Climate Ready Petaluma; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Fischer's legacy will be her profound leadership on climate action and resiliency and her advocacy and foresight that led to the City's ban on gas stations, making it the first city in the U.S. to do so, as well as the creation of the City's Climate Emergency Framework that envisioned Petaluma reaching carbon neutrality by 2030 without offsets and which serves as an essential foundation to the City's Climate Action and Adaptation Plan; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Fischer's service is accentuated by inclusivity, equity, and diversity, and a resolute commitment to community and creating buy-in prior to setting policy, her contributions to preserving Petaluma and our planet are a convergence of all the elements essential for a vibrant, healthy, community including her volunteer work on the Sonoma County Food System Alliance, Petaluma Pride, U.S. Green Building Council, Sustainable Design Assessment Team, Safe Streets Petaluma, Lafferty Ranch, ReLeaf, and the founding of Zero Waste Petaluma, Climate Action Petaluma, Cool Petaluma, and First Fridays at Five Bike Ride; she also served with distinction on the Recreation, Music, and Parks, Animal Services Advisory, Transit and Pedestrian Bicycle Advisory Committees, Transient Occupancy Tax Subcommittee, and Climate Action Commission; and

WHEREAS Councilmember Fischer helped secure the City's first new revenue source, Measure U, which will allow our community to flourish for generations to come, and her leadership-by-example will always serve as a North Star for our City as we work toward carbon neutrality.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Teresa Barrett, Mayor of Petaluma, along with the members of the Petaluma City Council, do hereby proclaim the 19th day of December, 2022 as

D'LYNDA FISCHER DAY

and extend our congratulations, gratitude and appreciation for her faithful and distinguished service to City Council and the citizens of the City of Petaluma.

Teresa Barrett, Mayor

Kendall Sawyer, City Clerk