

**City of San Rafael
Proclamation
Presented to
John Gamblin**

- WHEREAS,** More than 20 years ago, John Gamblin returned to Marin where he had spent his formative years and rediscovered his home. In 2007, he and his wife Lisa moved to beautiful Terra Linda and started a family; and
- WHEREAS,** after serving on the Parks & Recreation Commission for two years, John was appointed to the City Council in 2014 and served until 2020; and
- WHEREAS,** as a strong advocate for Downtown revitalization, John worked during his tenure on the City Council to make Fourth Street a charming and thriving destination. He helped to support local small businesses, strengthen the anti-smoking laws in Downtown, reduce homelessness, and plan for future Downtown development, including the BioMarin – Whistlestop project; and
- WHEREAS,** as an experienced wealth adviser, John’s background in financial planning was a huge asset to the City Council. He served on the City’s Finance committee and Pension subcommittee, and always offered an important perspective on the prudent spending of taxpayer dollars; and
- WHEREAS,** John recognized the significant impact of the housing crisis and San Rafael’s supply-side responsibility, supporting the creation of both market rate and affordable housing.
- WHEREAS,** John always governed by his principles, which often caused his fellow Councilmembers to adopt his position, and occasionally resulted in John’s sole vote with the four other members voting the opposite way; and
- WHEREAS,** John served on numerous committees, including the City’s Finance Committee, the City/School Liaison Committee, the Homelessness Subcommittee, and the Business Improvement District Advisory Group among many others. And John’s service to the community extends beyond City Hall. He served on the Board of Directors for the Family and Children’s Law Center in San Rafael and as a volunteer youth coach for Sarah and Ryan’s sports teams; and
- WHEREAS,** John tirelessly advocated and practiced his vision of a City that was embraced by its citizens and visitors as a welcoming and thriving destination for all those seeking the opportunity to live, work, or start a business in a community that cares for its members.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on behalf of the entire community of San Rafael, the City, and the City Council, I, Kate Colin, do hereby warmly express our gratitude and appreciation to John Gamblin for his service to the community, and wish him and his family all the best, while hoping John continues to have the opportunity of providing his gift of giving back through youth sports and volunteer programs, both of which have helped shape countless lives for the better in our community.



Mayor Kate