

*The Board of Supervisors of  
Contra Costa County, California*

In the matter of:

**Resolution No. 2016/388**

**In the matter of honoring Robert B. Berggren upon his retirement from the Pleasant Hill Recreation and Park District**

WHEREAS, Bob Berggren exemplifies how the influence of one individual can make a positive impact on a community. During his 40 years of service with Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District, Berggren has made countless contributions to advance the interests of parks and recreation and improving the quality of life for the 40,000 District residents; and

WHEREAS, Since 1987, Berggren has served as District General Manager, serving as Chief Administrator and Executive of all District activities, parks and programs including 269 acres of parklands, 14 parks, three pools, two community center facilities, a teen center, a senior center complex, historic site, trails, open space areas and more than 2,300 recreation classes, programs and activities. He oversees the entire operation of the District, a \$7.6 million budget and manages 28 full-time employees and 350 part-time staff members; and

WHEREAS, Berggren also works in conjunction with the District's elected Board of Directors to develop policies that ensure the efficient operations of the District, plan both long-term and annual goals and develop and recommend a fiscally sound budget that meets the community's recreation and park needs; and

WHEREAS, Bob Berggren has been highly influential in improving many aspects of life in the Pleasant Hill community. With his extensive and hands-on knowledge of park operations, urban municipal recreation planning, park maintenance management, fiscal oversight, best practices and outstanding interpersonal skills, Berggren has successfully leveraged the unique talents of community groups, state and local government agencies, board members and District staff to provide Pleasant Hill residents with diverse, high quality recreational opportunities and beautiful indoor/outdoor spaces for people to come together for business, family gatherings and community events; and

WHEREAS, Berggren's most significant leadership accomplishment was facilitating the implementation of Bond Measure E that brought three new District facilities and the complete renovation of Pleasant Oaks Park, an 11.5-acre sports complex, to the Pleasant Hill community. He led the efforts to successfully pass the bond with a vote of 75.7% in 2009 during an economic downturn when a 2/3 vote by the public was required; and

WHEREAS, Under Bob Berggren's leadership, the District was also twice awarded the top Recreation & Park District in the state, once in 1994 and again in 2002 by California Association of Recreation & Park Districts (CARPD). The team that Berggren built has created a positive, team-oriented work environment for employees to excel in their position, enjoy their jobs and try to make a difference in the community. Each year, Berggren hosts an employee award ceremony to recognize employee years of service milestones and outstanding accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Berggren's positive impact on the Pleasant Hill community is not limited to his General Manager position with Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District. He personally gives back to the community in numerous ways; and

WHEREAS, A Pleasant Hill native, Berggren's love for his hometown and the people who live there, shines bright and clear through his leadership efforts, both as General Manager of Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District and as a member of the community. Bob Berggren has successfully dedicated his career and life to make Pleasant Hill a very special place to live.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County congratulates Robert B. Berggren on the occasion of his retirement after 40 years of service with the Pleasant Hill Recreation and Parks Department

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**CANDACE ANDERSEN**

Chair,  
District II Supervisor

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**JOHN GIOIA**  
District I Supervisor

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**MARY N. PIEPHO**  
District III Supervisor

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**KAREN MITCHOFF**  
District IV Supervisor

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**FEDERAL D. GLOVER**  
District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: June 7, 2016

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By: \_\_\_\_\_, Deputy