

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

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2016/540

recognizing Jennifer Russell for 37 years of service to the City of Lafayette.

WHEREAS, Jennifer Russell was hired as the City of Lafayette's first permanent Parks, Trails, & Recreation employee in 1979; and

WHEREAS, in 1983 Jennifer was promoted to Parks, Trails & Recreation Director in which position she served with dignity, honor and respect for more than thirty years; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer oversaw the acquisition and conversion of the old Burton School into the City's first recreation center; facilitated the purchase and development of the Lafayette Community Park and Buckeye Fields; helped establish Lafayette's extensive trails program; and organized the purchase and improvement of Leigh Creekside Park; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer oversaw improvements including the Brook Street Playground, Community Park Playground, Community Park Group Picnic Area, Kathryn Petersen Bridge, Lafayette Pétanque Courts, Lafayette Multi-Sport Roller Hockey Rink, Buckeye Fields, Community Park Baseball Fields, and the Lafayette Community Center Bocce Court; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer helped managed the creation and adoption of the Lafayette Parks & Recreation Facilities Master Plan, Lafayette Community Park Master Plan, Trails Master, Trails Implementation Plan, Lafayette General Plan and Lafayette Downtown Specific Plan; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer worked alongside volunteers to blaze new trails; overseeing the opening of many City of Lafayette Trails including the Geoff Bellenger Trail, Hidden Oaks Trail, Moraga Road to Reservoir Trail, Silver Springs Trail, Petar Jakovina Trail, Walter Costa Trail and John Kiefer Trail; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer supported hundreds of community volunteers as she provided staff assistance to the Parks Subcommittee, Trails Subcommittee, Community Center Foundation, Parks, Trails & Recreation Commission; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer operated a self-sustaining recreation program for the City of Lafayette for twenty-five years; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer has been an exceptional agent and promoter of public trust.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby honor and recognize Jennifer Russell for 37 years of dedication and service to Lafayette, and Contra Costa County.

CANDACE ANDERSEN

Chair,
District II Supervisor

JOHN GIOIA

District I Supervisor

MARY N. PIEPHO

District III Supervisor

KAREN MITCHOFF

District IV Supervisor

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: September 20, 2016

David J. Twa,

By: _____, Deputy