

# Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Proclamation

RECOGNIZING THE STAFF OF THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has established an employee recognition program to publicly show support to employees for their outstanding efforts on behalf of the residents of the County of Santa Cruz; and

WHEREAS, in 2020 our community was faced with monumental challenges including the COVID-19 global pandemic, as well as the CZU Lightning Complex fires; and

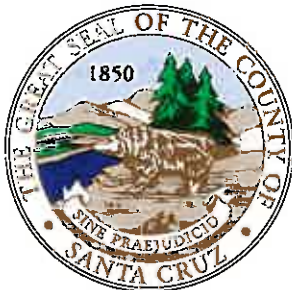
WHEREAS, each County Department employee deserves recognition for their dedication to continue providing uninterrupted services to the public and in many cases support our local residents during this time as Disaster Service Workers; and

WHEREAS, staff in the Planning Department performed intensive field and technical work to assess and characterize the geologic hazards within and outside of the CZU Lightning Complex Fire Burn Area and organized information for communications about the debris flow hazard that resulted from the fire; and

WHEREAS, staff completed an accurate Damage Assessment throughout the burn area, which facilitated opening the area for the return of evacuees and continues to provide information needed for managing recovery and rebuilding within the area; and

WHEREAS, staff shifted to remote work without a loss of services to the public through the creation of an electronic intake system for Discretionary/Zoning Permits, virtual building and code compliance inspections, virtual public hearings for the Planning Commission, Zoning Administrator and other public meetings, and changes to other work flows and technologies.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bruce McPherson, Chair of the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors, hereby honor and recognize the staff of the Planning Department for their dedicated service on behalf of the County of Santa Cruz.



*Bruce McPherson*

*Chairperson, Board of Supervisors*

February 23, 2021

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