

PROCLAMATION OF APPRECIATION PHIL OLSEN

WHEREAS, Phil Olsen became a Commissioner for the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Santa Rosa and the Housing Authority of the City of Santa Rosa in 2004; and

WHEREAS, during Phil's tenure on the Redevelopment Agency, he participated in/ oversaw the development of many projects benefiting the residents of Santa Rosa, in the Southwest, Santa Rosa Center/Grace Brothers, Gateways, and Transit Oriented Redevelopment Projects Areas; and

WHEREAS, those projects included funding the Neighborhood Revitalization and Graffiti Abatement programs to improve conditions in lower income neighborhoods throughout Santa Rosa through code enforcement and neighborhood outreach; and other projects benefiting Santa Rosa's business and tourism industries, including the establishment of the Hyatt Vineyard Creek Hotel/ Conference Center; and projects improving the quality of life for all Santa Rosans including the Colgan Creek Bike Path, Stony Point Rd widening, and Bayer Neighborhood Park and Gardens Project; and

WHEREAS, during Phil's tenure on the Housing Authority, he participated in/ oversaw the development, rehabilitation and conversion of thousands of affordable housing units, including the Amorosa Village I and II, Crossings at Aston, Catalina Townhomes, Hearn Veteran's Village, Papago Court/Apple Valley Lane, and others, and assured their continued affordability for future generations of Santa Rosa residents through ongoing compliance and monitoring; and

WHEREAS, during Phil's tenure, the City, with assistance from the Housing Authority, opened two homeless shelters with more than 200 emergency shelter beds, assisted Catholic Charities in purchasing the "Block" for the development of Caritas Center; and

WHEREAS, during Phil's tenure the Housing Choice Voucher program grew by approximately 40 percent, earned the High Performing Agency award from the Department of Housing and Urban Development for 12 years and continues to provide ongoing rental assistance to over 2,000 households; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Rosa, the former Redevelopment Agency of the City of Santa Rosa, and the Housing Authority of the City of Santa Rosa have greatly benefited from Phil's leadership and insight.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Phil is recognized as a consummate professional and will be remembered for the kindness and professionalism that he brought to the City of Santa Rosa.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Phil Olsen will be greatly missed and is hereby commended for his seventeen years of commitment and contributions to the City of Santa Rosa.

Diane Test, Chair, Housing Authority