



PROCLAMATION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA HONORING SUE A. GALLAGHER, CITY ATTORNEY

WHEREAS, Sue A. Gallagher has faithfully served the City of Santa Rosa and the Office of the City Attorney for 7.5 years, from January 2016 until May 2017 as an Assistant City Attorney and from May 2017 until July 2023 as the City Attorney following 26 years of dedicated public service with Sonoma County Counsel; and

WHEREAS, Sue is a lawyer of utmost integrity and exemplifies the finest qualities a lawyer can possess – dedication, common sense, innovative thinking, tenacity, the ability to analyze complex legal problems, quick thinking under pressure, unwavering strength and courage, and she has relentlessly pursued perfection in the practice of law; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure in the Office of the City Attorney, which included two devastating wildfires and a global pandemic, Sue carried on the tradition of providing the highest quality legal services to the City by administering one of Sonoma County’s finest legal offices with employees who take great pride in public service and maintain the highest ethical standards; and

WHEREAS, under her leadership, the City Attorney’s Office has continued to work proactively with all City Departments to maintain the highest legal standards and has successfully brought and defended some of the largest and most complex cases in Santa Rosa’s history; and

WHEREAS, Sue vigorously pursued on behalf of the City and the citizens of Santa Rosa environmental accountability and clean up in the City through the deft prosecution of numerous cases of environmental contamination; and

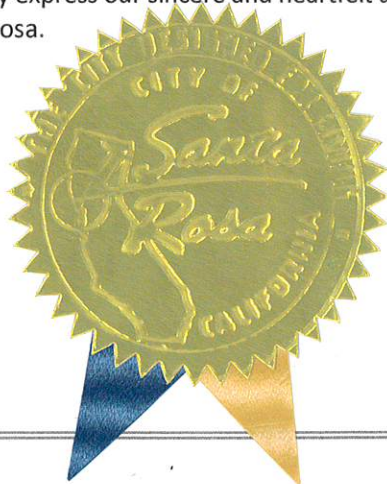
WHEREAS, with professionalism and legal expertise employed in a straightforward and determined manner, Sue provided guidance and leadership in negotiating and reaching a resolution beneficial to the City and the residents of Santa Rosa in both the devastating Tubbs Fire and Kincade Fire litigation against PG&E, resulting in a recovery of some \$96 million dollars; and

WHEREAS, Sue was instrumental in advising the City regarding several substantive Citywide policies and regulations, including but not limited to, Short Term Rentals, Cannabis, Housing Action Plan, All Electric Reach Codes and the Citywide ban on new gas stations, each of which has benefitted the residents of Santa Rosa; and

WHEREAS, Sue’s legal expertise, ability to quickly grasp new areas of the law and provide exemplary and prompt legal guidance will be missed. Yet, even more so, we will miss her compassionate support of staff, her wit, humor and friendship; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Rosa and the Office of the City Attorney were extremely fortunate to have the benefit of Sue’s professionalism, dedicated counsel and leadership for so many years which has greatly contributed to the reputation of the City Attorney’s Office in the legal community, and she will be greatly missed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, I, Natalie Rogers, Mayor of the City of Santa Rosa, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby express our sincere and heartfelt appreciation to **SUE A. GALLAGHER** for her distinguished service to the City of Santa Rosa.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Natalie Rogers", written over a horizontal line.

Mayor Natalie Rogers
July 25, 2023