

Commendation

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COMMENDS AND CONGRATULATES

EAST PALO ALTO COUNCIL OF TENANTS

For celebrating its 23rd year of leadership in passing and instituting the Rent Stabilization and Eviction for Good Cause Ordinance providing the largest pool of affordable housing in the City of East Palo Alto and continuously serving thousands of local residents to find decent, safe, and affordable housing. Your hard work and dedication has contributed to building a more connected community where residents are engaged in improving the quality of life for residents of East Palo Alto. We wish you all the best for continued success.

DATED: April 10, 2007



Rose Jacobs Gibson

ROSE JACOBS GIBSON, PRESIDENT

Mark Church

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Richard Gordon

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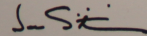
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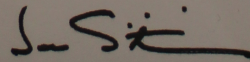
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30th Anniversary of the Founding of the East Palo Alto Council of Tenants (EPACT)

Gathering and Celebration: November 16, 2012, 7:00 -9:00 pm

Community Room, 2415 University Ave, East Palo Alto CA

PROGRAM

1. Refreshments
2. Welcome, greetings, and purpose
3. City Proclamation and other Commendations
4. Reflections
 - Ruben Abrica, -founding member of EPACT
 - William B. Webster -Board Chair, EPACT Education Fund
5. Testimonials
6. The current Rent Stabilization Law
 - Carol Lamont -program administrator
7. Remembrances
8. Closing



Proclamation

Proclamation of the City Council of the City of East Palo Alto in Celebration of the 30th Anniversary of the founding of the East Palo Alto Council of Tenants (EPACT)

Whereas, the East Palo Alto Council of Tenants (EPACT) was founded in 1982 and is celebrating 30 years of committed and consistent involvement in the civic life of the community of East Palo Alto, and

Whereas, EPACT played the central role in organizing and mobilizing the tenant community in support of Incorporation, and collaborated closely with the East Palo Alto Citizens Committee for Incorporation (EPACCI) to help win -by 15 votes- the right to form a city government for the people of East Palo Alto on June 7, 1983, and

Whereas, EPACT organized and coordinated the campaign to defend the first Rent Stabilization and Just Cause Eviction Law in the Referendum election of April 10 1984, defeating the political forces still trying to do away with the newly incorporated city, and

Whereas EPACT, in coalition with other organizations has worked since 1982 on countless campaigns to defend, improve, and preserve decent, safe, and affordable rental housing, most recently on the passage of the new Rent Stabilization Ordinance on June 8, 2010, and

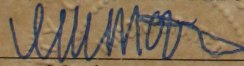
Whereas EPACT formed a 501 (c) 3 arm in 1989 called EPACT Education Fund, which has served as a vehicle to support and enhance the quality of life in the community in such areas as education, culture, employment, and legal services, and

Whereas, on Friday November 16, 2012 an event to celebrate EPACT's 30th Anniversary is being hosted by Mr. Ruben Abrica, founding member, and Mr. William Byron Webster, activist and leader of EPACT, in the Community Room of the Municipal Center, from 7 to 9 pm., and

Whereas, said event is being organized to document, celebrate and give thanks to the many people who have been associated with EPACT throughout the years and who have contributed to the betterment of the lives of residents in the community

Now, Therefore be it resolved and proclaimed that, the City Council of East Palo Alto hereby declares November 16, 2012 as EPACT's Thirtieth Anniversary Day in the City of East Palo Alto and encourages residents and neighbors to attend the planned event and participate in the documentation and celebration of EPACT's work.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I, Laura Martinez, Mayor of the City of East Palo Alto have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of East Palo Alto to be affixed this 7th day of November 2012.



Laura Martinez, Mayor
City of East Palo Alto



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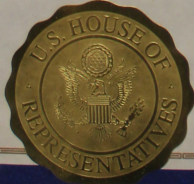
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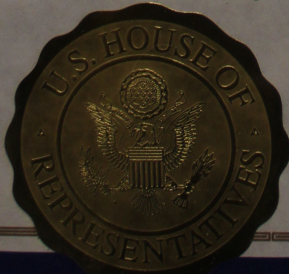
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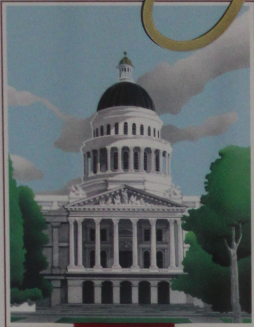
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RESOLUTION

By the Honorable Richard S. Gordon,
24th Assembly District; Relative to commending the

East Palo Alto Council of Tenants

Whereas, The East Palo Alto Council of Tenants is celebrating its thirtieth anniversary of service to the local community, and upon this occasion, it is deserving of special public commendations; and

Whereas, The challenge of finding and retaining affordable housing confronts most low-income residents of East Palo Alto; and

Whereas, More than one-half of the residents of East Palo Alto are tenants, 93 percent of whom are people of color; and

Whereas, For the past three decades, the East Palo Alto Council of Tenants (EPACT) has advanced the belief that adequate affordable housing is fundamental to the development of healthy, productive individuals and families if they are to make civic contributions to the general well-being of society; and

Whereas, The mission of EPACT and the EPACT Education Fund is to protect and promote the rights, common good, and general welfare of the tenant residents of East Palo Alto through preserving and creating quality affordable housing for low- and moderate-income residents, advocacy, lobbying, conducting research, education, mobilizing, and tenant empowerment; and

Whereas, EPACT and the EPACT Education Fund work to assist individual residents with housing problems, as well as identify stable and healthful housing; and

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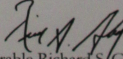
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Members Resolution No. 121

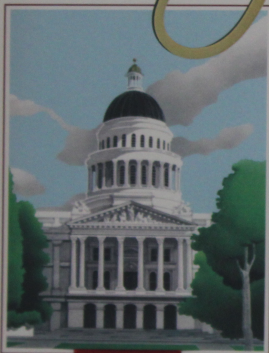
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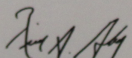
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