



# PROCLAMATION

## In Recognition of a Lifetime of Service and the Public Works Career of Joe Tagliaboschi Upon His Retirement

**WHEREAS**, Joe and his wife, Kathy, met on a blind date at Yountville's Compadres restaurant in 1990, married in 1994, and have lived in Yountville ever since. Joe holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Management from the University of Phoenix and a Master's Degree in Business Administration from Sacramento State University; and

**WHEREAS**, Joe served with distinction in the United States Navy as 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Petty Officer from 1977-81 and was deployed to the Persian Gulf aboard the VC 62 USS Independence during the 1981 Iranian Hostage Crisis.

**WHEREAS**, Joe worked in the commercial construction industry with Underground Construction Company, University of California, Berkeley and Meadowood Resort, among others. He transitioned to municipal public works in the City of Napa, County of Yolo, and City of Concord before joining the Town of Yountville as Public Works Director in October of 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, Joe has overseen the Town's Public Works staff of 14 employees in its Engineering/Administration, Utility and Municipal Operations Divisions and has managed Capital Improvement Projects and annual operating budgets of approximately \$12 million; and

**WHEREAS**, Joe directed numerous water and wastewater utility system projects, including expanding the Recycled Water Project to treat and reuse more than 90% of the Town's wastewater; negotiated Regional Water Quality Board permits; updated the Town's water meter technology to allow for remote reading and customer usage monitoring; coordinated the completion of the Hopper Creek Flood Control Project and Flood Wall maintenance; and led the Washington Park Emergency Waterline Replacement Project; and

**WHEREAS**, during Joe's tenure, Yountville has implemented facility upgrades, initiatives and operations that prioritize operational efficiency as well as environmental sustainability and protection, including gas-powered leaf blower and pesticide bans, methane recapture and solar energy systems, electric vehicle charging stations at municipal facilities, and a tree protection and replanting policy. Joe helped coordinate significant upgrades to Town parks and facilities, highlighted by major renovations of Yountville Community Park, Veterans Memorial Park, Yountville Community Pool; Vineyard Park tennis and pickleball courts; the Oak Circle path and bridge project; Corporation Yard Maintenance Building and the design of the Joint Wastewater Treatment facility; and

**WHEREAS**, Joe directed numerous infrastructure projects including street resurfacing and repairs; modernized street light and pole standards, ADA compliance upgrades; installation of new sidewalks, curbs, gutters and parking lots; town-wide street sign post replacements; and he assigned Measure T funding for projects throughout town which elevated the Town's Pavement Condition Index to 77, the highest rating for any Napa County jurisdiction; and

**WHEREAS**, Joe repeatedly has played critical roles during disasters, including emergency responses following the devastating wildfires in 2017 and 2020, and numerous floods, power outages and extreme temperature events. When called upon, Joe also regularly filled in as Acting Town Manager; and

**WHEREAS**, Joe is known for his compassion, humor, dedication, respectful management style and genuine love for our community. On nearly a daily basis, Joe could be seen cruising through town accompanied by his canine sidekick, Dashie; during his regular bike rides throughout Napa Valley with ride buddy Mayor John Dunbar, Joe would greet every passerby and check on his or her welfare; and his phone response of "This is Joe, how can I help?" is a testament to his commitment to serving others.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, John F. Dunbar, Mayor of the Town of Yountville, represent our Council, staff and entire community to honor Joe Tagliaboschi. We express our deepest gratitude and highest respect for a lifetime of distinguished service. We thank you for your leadership, your friendship and for helping protect and serve the residents, business owners and visitors in Yountville and Napa County. We wish you the best in your retirement.

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John F. Dunbar, Mayor

Dated: July 20, 2021