



Town of Yountville
"The Heart of the Napa Valley"

PROCLAMATION

in Recognition of

Sandra Liston, Planning and Building Director

WHEREAS, Sandra Liston has worked for the Town of Yountville for fourteen (14) years, starting as Associate Planner on September 17, 2008, before being promoted to Planning and Building Director on January 7, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Sandra brought a wide range of education and experience with her to Yountville, including a Bachelor of Arts degree in Environmental Studies from UC Santa Barbara and a law degree from University of San Francisco, as well as experience in both the public and private sectors in Ukiah; and

WHEREAS, keys to Sandra's success are her strong writing style, the manner in which she drafts technical and legal planning information, and her straight-forward presentations before the Zoning & Design Review Board and Town Council; and

WHEREAS, she was involved in the 2014 Town Hall Seismic Retrofit project and lead the effort to obtain historical designation for Town Hall which once served the community as Yountville Grammar School; and

WHEREAS, accomplishments during Sandra's tenure include certification of two Housing Elements, the creation of Climate Action, Bicycle and Pedestrian plans, and the nearly two-year-long Envision Yountville General Plan Update. Most recently, Sandra directed a multi-year ad hoc committee with Council and Zoning & Design Review Board members to update the Town's Zoning and Design Ordinances to bring them into compliance with the Town's General Plan; and

WHEREAS, Sandra has supported the Yountville community by guiding the development of several local businesses, including R+D Kitchen, North Block Hotel, RH Gallery; the JCB Tasting Salon, Stewart Cellars, Hestan Vineyards, Handwritten Wines, and Priest Ranch tasting rooms; major renovations of The French Laundry and Hotel Yountville, and numerous residential and commercial remodels; and

WHEREAS, during Sandra's career, the Town implemented process changes for various planning and building permit applications, created the Employee Parking Management Program, updated information and content on the Town website, and created educational brochures explaining frequently requested planning and building information; and

WHEREAS, Sandra participated in over 140 ZDRB meetings and approximately 250 Town Council meetings, as well as meetings for the Climate Action Plan, General Plan Update and Zoning & Design Ordinance updates; and

WHEREAS, Town staff and community members have enjoyed Sandra's positive, friendly personality, while also watching her son, Hudson, grow from an infant into first grade.

NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that I, John F. Dunbar, Mayor, on behalf of the Town Council, staff, and the community express our sincere appreciation to Sandra Liston for her many accomplishments and contributions to Yountville and wish her and her family all the best in her retirement.

John F. Dunbar, Mayor