

# *City of Brisbane* **PROCLAMATION**

## **Proclamation Recognizing Karen Cunningham for her Service to the City of Brisbane**

WHEREAS, Karen Cunningham as the Mayor of the City of Brisbane from December 10th, 2020 to December 9th, 2021; and

WHEREAS, during very unprecedented times she led the City with passion and relentless energy. Her thoughtful and innovative leadership style has inspired many to remain strong as we continue to weather this COVID-19 pandemic together; and

WHEREAS, in her tenure as Mayor, she hosted important City-wide events marking important milestones. She presided over the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to celebrate the official grand opening of the new Brisbane Library and the Brisbane Dog Park. She also presided over the 60th Anniversary of the City of Brisbane – a community celebration to mark the anniversary of the City's incorporation, the City's 35th Annual Festival of Lights, as well as welcomed the Brisbane 101 Civics Academy participants.

WHEREAS, she spent many hours working to solve issues and explore new projects for Council consideration as part of her work in numerous Council Subcommittees and County assignments, including the following: Association of Bay Area Governments, League of California Cities, San Mateo County Emergency Services Council, City/County Association of Governments, Peninsula Traffic Congestion Relief Alliance (alternate), County Library JPA, Liaison to the Friends of the Brisbane Library, SMC Pre-Hospital EMS Group, Brisbane Emergency Services Council, Fiscal and Administrative Policy Subcommittee, Public Information/Technology Subcommittee, Economic Development Subcommittee, Baylands Subcommittee, Planning Issues Subcommittee, Public Art Advisory Committee, Beautification Ad Hoc Subcommittee, Community Garden Ad Hoc Subcommittee, Liaison to Parks and Recreation Commission, Liaison to Open Space and Ecology Committee, Liaison to Complete Streets Safety Committee; and

WHEREAS, she remained a strong advocate for the City's residents and businesses on the local, County, State, and National levels. She extended fire safety – with a 100 foot perimeter around undeveloped parcels in Brisbane and pushed for a reduction in hazardous vegetation, as well as SamTrans Route 292 continuing its extension into San Francisco, Airbnb regulations and enforcement, Small Business Grants, a San Mateo Credit Union ATM at City Hall, and coming up with the idea to have on-site branch visits with SMCU representatives, and as a Board Member of City/County Association of Governments, took a very proactive and strong NO position on bills that would erode our self-governance, such as SB9 and SB10; and

WHEREAS, under her leadership, the City also responded to the national social movement calling for more diversity and inclusion initiatives and celebrations, as well as supporting the community-led Stop Asian Hate Vigil and voting in favor of five new Diversity Caucuses at Calcities in Sacramento.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that after a year of dedicated service as Mayor of the City of Brisbane, we thank Mayor Cunningham for her dedication and stable leadership to her community as she reminded all of us to continue to inject joy into our everyday lives, as we celebrate our diverse community and the biggest treasure that we have – each other.

**Dated: 12/09/2021**



*Madison Davis*

*Cliff Lentz*

*Coleen Mackin*

*Terry O'Connell*