

Resolution

**THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING**

KARYL MATSUMOTO

For Her Dedicated Service on the South San Francisco City Council

WHEREAS, Karyl Matsumoto was elected to the South San Francisco City Council in November, 1997, and re-elected in five times, making City history as the first Asian-American elected to the City Council and only the second woman to serve on the City Council, and furthermore served as Mayor in 2000, 2004, 2009, 2014, and 2019, being the first five-time Mayor in the City’s history, and is currently the longest serving member on the Council, dedicating 23 consecutive years to the City of South San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, Karyl Matsumoto is a tireless advocate for empowering the community’s youth to become leaders and change-makers by supporting the establishment of the Youth Advisory Council, is a staunch advocate of accessibility and availability of literacy services and technology programs in the community, including the Summer Learning Challenge and Project Read’s Learning Wheels program which was recognized by First Five California with a “Spotlight on Excellence Award, and is a champion of the “Healthy Living!”, Healthy City!” initiative, supporting the Parks and Recreation Department’s mission to provide opportunities for physical, cultural, and social well-being; and

WHEREAS, Karyl Matsumoto has presided over several significant policy initiatives to address inclusionary affordable housing and other quality of life issues that bring jobs, homes, and economic vitality to South San Francisco including championing the establishment of a \$15 minimum wage in the City; and

WHEREAS, Karyl Matsumoto is a champion of bringing accessible and reliable transportation to the City, continuing to refine the South San Francisco Free Shuttle Program, facilitated securing millions of dollars for bicycle and transportation projects, and diligently worked to ensure the Moderate Growth Plan for the Caltrain Electrification which will bring eight train stops to South San Francisco – an increase of seven stops per hour; and

WHEREAS, Karyl Matsumoto was persistent in the acquisition of 20.57 acres of open space area that included the purchase of approximately 0.14 acres of the most accessible portion of the Sign Hill site, and donation of 20.434 acres, thereby delivering on her promise after initially taking office 22 years ago to expand the publicly owned acreage that is home to the iconic South San Francisco the Industrial City sign from 45 acres to 66 acres; and

WHEREAS, Karyl Matsumoto, has been a tireless advocate for civil rights born in part of her own experience of having been taken to the internment camp as an orphan and eventually adopted by her parents Lillian and Harry, who operated the orphanage at the Manzanar Internment Camp during World War II, and she has selflessly served South San Francisco and the Bay Area for decades as both an elected official and staff member to elected officials consistently advocating for open, transparent, accountable, and fiscally responsible government and supporting civic engagement at all levels; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County hereby recognizes, commends, and is grateful to Karyl Matsumoto for her years of dedicated service to the City of South San Francisco and the County of San Mateo.

Dated: December 8, 2020

SUPERVISORS:

WARREN SLOCUM, President

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Attest: _____
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

