

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

Gregory J. Dannis

Hillsborough City School District Associated Parents' Groups of Hillsborough

2025 Citizen of the Year

WHEREAS, the Associated Parents' Groups of Hillsborough is recognizing **Gregory J. Dannis** as its 2025 Citizen of the Year for his extraordinary service, steady leadership, and enduring commitment to the Hillsborough City School District (HCSD); and

WHEREAS, for nearly two decades, **Gregory J. Dannis** has served on the HCSD Board of Trustees, guiding the district with integrity, humility, and a deep belief in the power of public education and is now the middle of his fifth term having never missed a Board meeting, and has served as Chief Negotiations Spokesperson for HCSD for about 15 years, as well as serving on the Finance and Board Policy Committees; and

WHEREAS, Gregory J. Dannis' thoughtful work behind the scenes has profoundly shaped HCSD, from strengthening labor partnerships to supporting long-term fiscal planning and helping to bring both Superintendent Ana de Arce and former Superintendent Dr. Louann Carlomagno to the district, and is known as a voice of reason who is always focused on what is best for students, and his contributions reflect a quiet strength, a collaborative spirit, and a deep love for this community; and

WHEREAS, Gregory J. Dannis is the founder and President of the firm Dannis Woliver Kelley, which represents hundreds of school districts, county offices of education and community colleges across California, providing advice and counsel to boards of education and district administration on labor relations and personnel, business, property and construction, litigation, charter schools, students and special education, board ethics, transparency and accountability, and public finance; and

WHEREAS, of his many career highlights, Gregory J. Dannis has stated that he is most proud of helping to facilitate agreements between labor representatives of school employees and the governing boards that prevent potential disruption to the educational process, and which has helped to keep educators in the departments and students in their classrooms, whether it has been in San Mateo County or other districts, such as Los Angeles Unified, San Diego Unified, Fresno Unified, San Francisco Unified and Oakland Unified, and has had a book published about these experiences entitled "The Epiphanies of Negotiations: 40 Years of Negotiations for Public Schools."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California hereby honors and commends **Gregory J. Dannis** as the Hillsborough City School District Associated Parents' Groups of Hillsborough 2025 Citizen of the Year.

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