

Proclamation

Whereas, Jackie Krause, Director of Mastick Senior Center, is retiring after 30 years of dedicated service to the City of Alameda. Jackie Krause grew up in Alameda where she attended Otis Elementary, Lincoln Middle, and Alameda High Schools. One of her first jobs was delivering newspapers by bicycle as a papergirl for the Alameda Times Star; and

Whereas, in 1991, Ms. Krause was hired by the City of Alameda where her compassion for others led her to begin her career at the Alameda Housing Authority where, for seven years, she helped find homes for hundreds of individuals and families; and

Whereas, in 1998, Ms. Krause became Director of Mastick Senior Center where she coordinated over 100 weekly classes, programs and services for Mastick's approximately 3,000 members. Classes range from fitness to foreign languages and cybersecurity to current events; programs and services include income tax preparation, legal assistance for seniors, and "Teens Teaching Tech," as well as field trips around the Bay Area. Mastick's programs are also offered at local senior residential facilities and parks, to help seniors stay active and engaged, form friendships, and "age in place gracefully in their community; and

Whereas, as Director of Mastick Senior Center, Ms. Krause also managed more than 200 volunteers and oversaw special events, including the Mastick Fashion Show and annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon. Under her leadership, seniors experiencing food insecurity received grocery bags and daily lunches, an organic community garden was created, and the Senior Connections Program was established to provide case management services; and

Whereas, Ms. Krause has been a vital member of the Mayor's Vaccine Task Force, working directly with pharmacy partners to coordinate COVID-19 vaccine clinics at Mastick and other Alameda locations, to allow seniors and other vulnerable residents to be vaccinated close to home; and

Whereas, Ms. Krause is known for her integrity, kindness, leadership, humor, and determination to create an uplifting environment at Mastick Senior Center and the Alameda Recreation and Parks Department for seniors, individuals with developmental disabilities, and people who are unhoused; and

Whereas, Ms. Krause has been a treasured City colleague, always there to support others during difficult times, or help resolve conflicts, going above and beyond the call of duty for decades. Over the course of the more than 10,000 days, or 270,000 hours Ms. Krause worked for the City of Alameda, countless lives have been enriched by crossing paths with her. While Ms. Krause will be deeply missed around Mastick Senior Center, her many accomplishments will continue to serve and inspire others.

Now, therefore be it resolved, that I, Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft, Mayor of the City of Alameda, on behalf of the Alameda City Council, do hereby proclaim that "Mastick is Fantastick!" in large part because of the leadership of Jackie Krause. We thank her profusely for her service to our community and wish her all the best on her well-deserved retirement. I also encourage us all to emulate Ms. Krause's example of dedication and service to others.

Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft
Mayor

