

Proclamation

- Whereas,** Janet C. Kern began her tenure as City Attorney for the City of Alameda on January 9, 2012, after practicing law almost 30 years, serving both public and private agencies, in the States of Colorado and California; and
- Whereas,** Ms. Kern has faithfully, ethically and decisively discharged her duties serving the City Council, the City of Alameda and all of its residents with honor and distinction; and
- Whereas,** Ms. Kern, through her decisive leadership and solution-oriented approach, helped foster a culture of excellence, accountability and pride in service; and
- Whereas,** Ms. Kern has provided the City Council with sound legal advice during the course of over 140 City Council meetings, many of which stretched into the early hours of the following day; and
- Whereas,** under the guidance of Ms. Kern, the City was able to resolve a number of long-standing disputes, many of which impacted the daily lives of Alamedans, and the City prevailed or resolved many claims and lawsuits, including the lawsuit with SunCal, thereby leading to a number of opportunities for the City; and
- Whereas,** under the guidance of Ms. Kern, the City participated in a no cost conveyance of 900 acres of the former military property; executed the Naval Air Station (NAS) Alameda Tidelands Trust Exchange Agreement with the State Lands Commission; approved a zoning amendment, Master Infrastructure Plan, Environmental Impact Report, Transportation Demand Management Plan, and Waterfront Town Center Plan; and established an Exclusive Negotiation Agreement that includes 15 acres of public open space, 600,000 square feet of new commercial space, 200 deed-restricted affordable housing units, \$10 million for a new Seaplane Lagoon Ferry Terminal and \$5 million for a new Alameda Point Sports Center; and
- Whereas,** for over 20 years Alameda homeowners along the Estuary faced legal hurdles over the use of their property, and at the direction of City Council, under the guidance of Ms. Kern, and working with multiple governmental agencies and many members of the community, the City was able to subdivide and acquire the Alameda half of the Oakland Inner Harbor Tidal Canal at no cost and sell more than 90 shoreline lots to adjacent property owners; and
- Whereas,** as Alameda tenants, along with tenants across California, faced hardships over rising housing costs, under the direction of City Council and the guidance of Ms. Kern, Alameda successfully enacted a rent-increase and eviction notice moratorium before the winter holidays in 2015, one of the first cities to do so, and then subsequently implemented legislation to stabilize rents, address the impacts of displacement, provide for tenant protections, and establish an enforcement mechanism, for the purpose of keeping tenants in their homes across Alameda while establishing a means for landlords to earn a fair return on their investments; and
- Whereas,** under the guidance of Ms. Kern, the City became one of the first Bay Area cities to establish a local legal framework for regulating cannabis businesses and personal cultivation, after banning such uses for years, under the State’s consolidated framework established by the Legislature (Senate Bill 94) and voters of the State of California (Proposition 64); and
- Whereas,** Ms. Kern successfully steered a number of other complex and high profile lawsuits from inception through resolution, always protecting the City’s interests while ensuring a cost-effective result; and
- Whereas,** as our City faced unique challenges over the years of her tenure, Ms. Kern always gave impartial, unbiased, and ethical legal advice, honoring the values of the noble profession of law and our justice system, our country’s foundation; and
- Whereas,** Ms. Kern’s steady hand, determined focus, adept management and proficient legal reasoning ably navigated the Council, City officials, City Managers, Department Heads and Staff through our community’s priorities and the diverse array of potential legal challenges, which are often raised during passionate public debate and discussion; and
- Whereas,** Ms. Kern’s ceaseless pursuit of excellence in the service of our community and her leadership and mentorship of the Assistant City Attorneys and the City’s legal staff have created an enduring legacy that will last long beyond her tenure in the Alameda City Attorney’s Office; and
- Whereas,** Ms. Kern departs this City to begin her retirement and to pursue the myriad of adventures and interests that will surely encompass this next chapter of her life, and will be greatly missed.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that I, Trish Herrera Spencer, Mayor of the City Alameda do hereby proclaim November 27, 2018 as

Janet C. Kern Day

in the City of Alameda and encourage all residents, business leaders, and community members to join me in recognizing her outstanding accomplishments and dedication to the City of Alameda and congratulate her on her retirement.

Trish Herrera Spencer
Mayor