

Proclamation

- Whereas,** Arthur (Art) Kurrasch graduated from Encinal High School and went on to teach students in grades 5 through 12 in the Alameda Unified School District until his retirement in 2008; and
- Whereas,** Art is a longtime advocate for, and model of good governance and community participation; and
- Whereas,** Art has been a member of the Alameda Housing Authority Board of Commissioners for more than 20 years and served as Chairman for many years. During his tenure, Art led the Alameda Housing Authority (AHA) through the construction of several new affordable housing developments, including Stargell Commons, Littlejohn Commons, Everett Commons and the entitlement process for North Housing; and
- Whereas,** Art has been a constant supporter and mentor of the staff and leadership of the Alameda Housing Authority where he and his contributions will be greatly missed; and
- Whereas,** Art has served on state and national committees on housing, including as a member of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) commissioners' committee, ensuring that Alameda's affordable housing efforts were recognized at the national level; and
- Whereas,** Art also served on the Board of Directors of the Alameda Development Corporation which provides low-income homeownership opportunities in Alameda; and
- Whereas,** Art has served our community in many ways, including as a member of the Bond Oversight Committee for the Peralta Community College District, as President of the Alameda Council of the Boy Scouts of America, on the Alameda Community Services Agency Board, as President of the Alameda Mozart Society and the Alameda Community Foundation, as a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of Alameda and the Alameda Italian American League.

Now, therefore be it resolved, that I, Mayor Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft and the Alameda City Council, do hereby thank Art Kurrasch for his many years of dedication and service on the Alameda Housing Authority Board, assuring safe, habitable and affordable housing for our most vulnerable residents, and his lifelong commitment to our community.



Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft
Mayor

