

Resolution

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION HONORING

WESLEY R. BOWLING

WHEREAS, WESLEY R. BOWLING, began his 35-year law enforcement career in 1969 as Deputy Sheriff with Santa Clara County; and

WHEREAS, in December 1994, WESLEY R. BOWLING, joined the East Palo Alto Police Department as Chief of Police, during a time when the city was still feeling the plagues of the crack cocaine epidemic, and earned the reputation of being the murder capital per capita of the United States; and

WHEREAS, WESLEY R. BOWLING has demonstrated extraordinary vision, integrity, leadership and commitment to the City of East Palo Alto, its residents and the police department, and helped to improve community safety and build neighborhood unity; and

WHEREAS, WESLEY R. BOWLING's responsibilities included the coordination and management of a regional effort to achieve further reductions of serious crimes throughout the city, strengthen police and citizen community relations, and help the East Palo Alto Police Department evolve into an effective law enforcement entity; and

WHEREAS, WESLEY R. BOWLING, fostered a massive coordinated regional, state and federal law enforcement effort in East Palo Alto despite dwindling financial resources, and "pioneered many efforts and initiatives throughout the department, resulting in positive and successful solutions to issues facing the community"; and

WHEREAS, throughout his tenure, WESLEY R. BOWLING'S accomplishments include reducing violent crime by over 50%, obtaining over \$3.9 million in grants to support departmental operations, creating programs such as the Family Violence Prevention Program, the First Time Offender Program for Juveniles, and the "Academy", an eight-week training course to educate residents about law enforcement, and the "A.C.E" Gang Prevention Program; and

WHEREAS, WESLEY R. BOWLING is an extraordinary leader whose efforts in crime prevention helped to build a strong and accomplished staff committed to the redevelopment and revival of the City of East Palo Alto and its Police Department,


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors honors and commends WESLEY R. BOWLING for his leadership, creativity, and dedication to the residents of East Palo Alto and wishes him the best in all his future endeavors.

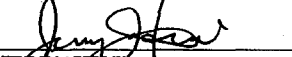
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SUPERVISORS:


MARK CHURCH, PRESIDENT

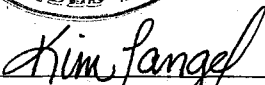

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Attest: Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors