



A Tradition of Stewardship
A Commitment to Service

PLANNING COMMISSION | NAPA COUNTY, CA

WYNTRESS BALCHER - RECOGNITION OF SERVICE

WHEREAS, WYNTRESS BALCHER on September 12, 1988 began her career with Napa County as a Planner II with the Department of Conservation, Development and Planning; and retired as a Planner III on June 2, 2001 and was commended by her peers and the Board of Supervisors through Resolution No. 01-63 on June 5, 2001 for her service and for being a cheerful, helpful person who took initiative and completed work assignments in a thorough and professional manner; and

WHEREAS, WYNTRESS BALCHER, after unforeseen circumstances, returned to the County of Napa and was rehired as a Planner II on February 18, 2014 to help the Department process multiple new winery applications. Her depth of knowledge of the Winery Definition Ordinance was a tremendous asset where during her second tenure processed over 22 winery use permits and major modifications and four non-winery permits before the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors, as well as the processed numerous other use permit modifications, viewshed applications, and building and grading permits; and

WHEREAS, WYNTRESS BALCHER in addition to her normal duties, rose to the occasion and provided integral support to numerous disasters including the 2014 South Napa Earthquake, the 2017 Napa Complex Fire, the 2018 Steele Fire, and the 2020 LNU Lighting Complex and Glass Fire recovery efforts. In particular, she performed as the lead planner in the Planning Division on fire rebuilds, conducting general research, providing public assistance on property entitlements, and the processing of rebuild applications. She also provided significant support in the Hazardous Waste and Debris & Removal programs related to the 2020 fires; and

WHEREAS, WYNTRESS BALCHER, besides her many planning duties, continued to reveal her many other talents when she regaled other staff members, prior to COVID-19 of course, with tales and photographs of her travels to lands both near and far, and the photos of her recently purchased new home in Mesquite, Nevada.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, I, Andrew Mazotti, Chair of the Napa County Planning Commission at the regular Planning Commission Meeting of February 3, 2021 wish to commend Wyntress Balcher for her seven years of loyal service to the public; and

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that on the occasion of her “second” retirement from the County commencing January 23, 2021, her numerous co-workers and the citizens of the County of Napa thank Wyntress for her valuable contributions and wish her many years of happiness in her retirement.

Andrew Mazotti, Chair
NAPA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION