



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: April 25, 2019

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**Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California,
Honoring The Sebastopol Area Senior Center For Fifty Years Of Service To West Sonoma
County**

Whereas, as the first senior center in Sonoma County, the Sebastopol Area Senior Center opened its doors as the Burbank Activity Center at 167 N. High Street in Sebastopol in 1969 to citizens throughout the county to “engage in activities which will promote the general welfare of the elderly residents of the County of Sonoma;” and

Whereas, education and empowerment of senior citizens has been at the foundation of the Sebastopol Area Senior Center from the beginning, for the organization’s contract with Sonoma County’s Council on Aging has enabled senior citizens to successfully navigate the sometimes murky waters of retirement and living on fixed incomes; and

Whereas, if there is one word to describe the Sebastopol Area Senior Center, it is “inclusivity,” as the Center’s Board of Directors has led the way in providing services and support for the LGBTQI community and education and information on medical cannabis for the elderly community; and

Whereas, in creating an award-winning transportation program, the Sebastopol Area Community Center established the blueprint for volunteer driver programs across the North Bay area that provides more than 2,500 rides annually to seniors needing to get to a doctor’s appointment, the grocery store or anywhere in between; and

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Whereas, the Sebastopol Area Senior Center knows that people of all ages like to have fun, like to keep learning and know that laughter is the key to long and happy life, which is why they offer more than classes, like Art Journaling, Balance, Chair Pilates, Feldenkrais, Yoga; support groups like Speaking of Death and In the News and services like foot care, haircuts, legal aid and more to over 1,500 seniors a week to make the Sebastopol Area Senior Center a thriving, dynamic home-away-from-home for West Sonoma County's seniors.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma honors and celebrates the Sebastopol Area Senior Center for 50 years of serving the county's aging population with sweeping compassion, thoughtfulness and care, enabling more than a third of West County's population to thrive in their golden years.

Supervisors:

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Zane:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Rabbitt:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

So Ordered.

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