



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: January 26, 2021

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4/5 Vote Required

Resolution of the Board of Supervisors, County of Sonoma, State of California, Congratulating Alec and Ann Peters on her Retirement

WHEREAS, Alec and Ann Peters published the Kenwood Press from 1995 through the end of 2020, providing the communities of Kenwood, Glen Ellen and Oakmont comprehensive, objective and thorough coverage of news and events of importance and interest to all the residents of Sonoma Valley, including national, state and local government impacts, parks and wildlife, and cultural happenings; and

WHEREAS, Ann and Alec brought intelligence, grace and wit to bear on the style and content of the paper, along with a positive outlook and unceasing efforts to help community churches, schools, nonprofit organizations and businesses through fires, flood, and other major setbacks, all of which earned them the respect of the residents, parents, elected officials, and many government agency directors and staff, as well as the agricultural and business communities; and

WHEREAS, Ann graduated from Stanford University with a BA in English Language and Literature, and earned a Juris Doctorate degree from Hastings College of the Law and Alec also graduated from Stanford with a BA in International Relations, and then earned a Master's degree in Public Policy from the University of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Alec and Ann raised their three children, Ross, Gus, and Elizabeth at their Kenwood home, sending all three to Kenwood Elementary School and Sonoma County secondary schools where they were active in school fundraising, parent-teacher groups, school sports, the Kenwood Education Foundation, and always encouraged the community, through the Kenwood Press, to support Kenwood and Dunbar schools in all possible ways; and

WHEREAS, Ann and Alec have always been staunch supporters of all community churches, including their own St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, where Ann served as Warden; they were instrumental in founding the Rotary Club of Glen Ellen Kenwood, helping it grow into a full-fledged participant in the charitable pursuits, including raising money for distressed individuals and families, especially victims of the 2017 and 2020 wildfires that devastated parts of Sonoma Valley; and

WHEREAS, they expanded both the coverage areas and frequency of the Kenwood Press, keeping it free and available to everyone living in Kenwood, Glen Ellen, and Oakmont, and fostering a sense of community and cohesion that has served its readers well. The information and reporting style developed by Alec and Ann have had long-term and substantial impacts on government policy and directions, development, and improvements to the quality of life of all Sonoma Valley residents; and

WHEREAS, they provided a workspace that has been a center for community expression, and have offered every assistance and kindness to the people who worked for and contributed to the Kenwood Press over their entire tenure as publishers, never failing to support employees' needs and family obligations and frequently privately reaching out to help residents in need; and

WHEREAS, they brought a level of professionalism and rigorous standards that elevated the Kenwood Press to a widely recognized and admired source of information, winning awards for reporting on local government and community issues; and

WHEREAS, Ann and Alec continue to be involved in the day-to-day life of the Sonoma Valley community they have served so faithfully for more than two decades.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma do hereby Congratulate Alec and Ann Peters on their retirement from publishing the Kenwood Press.

Supervisors:

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Ayes:	Noes:	Absent:	Abstain:	

So Ordered.