



**Agenda Item A.1
PRESENTATION
Meeting Date: August 16, 2022**

Michelle Greene, City Manager Recognition



PROCLAMATION

A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLETA, CALIFORNIA, RECOGNIZING MICHELLE GREENE, CITY MANAGER, AND HONORING HER MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

WHEREAS, Michelle Greene has spent 18 years of her career providing outstanding service to the Goleta community, first as a Management Analyst, then as the Administrative Services Director and the Deputy City Manager, and finally as City Manager for the last 8 years; and

WHEREAS, from early in Michelle's City Manager tenure, she has demonstrated exemplary leadership, including delivering a balanced budget to City Council every year; and

WHEREAS, Michelle has also skillfully led the City through a number of disasters such as fires, floods, major losses of revenue and the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Michelle Greene is recognized as a respected leader within the City organization and by her colleagues in the region; and

WHEREAS, since becoming City Manager, Michelle has built an effective and innovative organization, including creating new departments, hiring stellar staff and cultivating a positive organizational culture that reflects the values of the Goleta community; and

WHEREAS, Michelle has focused her efforts on agency collaboration and building effective relationships in order to strengthen our community's economic future and strive toward a united vision; and

WHEREAS, under Michelle's leadership, and with the assistance of City staff, she achieved the following:

- ❖ Completing the new Zoning Ordinance process and adoption of Title 17 of the City's Municipal Code;
- ❖ Creating a municipal library and taking on direct management of the Goleta, Solvang and Buellton Libraries;
- ❖ Effecting the purchase of the City Hall facility at 130 Cremona Drive;
- ❖ Acquiring the parcel for a community park in Old Town Goleta and constructing Jonny D. Wallis Neighborhood Park;
- ❖ Obtaining \$3.9 million in state funding for restoration of the monarch butterfly habitat on Ellwood Mesa;



- ❖ Acquiring the former Direct Relief parcel on S. La Patera Lane and obtaining \$13 million in TIRCIP Grant funding for the Goleta Train Depot project;
- ❖ Creating a Public Engagement Commission to advise the City Council on issues related to transparent public participation and governance of the City;
- ❖ Establishing the LEAD Academy to help community members learn about City operations, and how they can effectively participate in local governance;
- ❖ Achieving a new level of professionalism and regional recognition with the City's public engagement and communications efforts, including keeping the community highly informed during numerous emergency events, such as wildfires, closure of the 101 Highway due to an unprecedented debris flow event, heavy rains and flooding, and an oil spill that impacted the Goleta shoreline;
- ❖ Creating, adopting and implementing the City's first Homelessness Strategic Plan;
- ❖ Constructing capacity and fish passage improvements in San Jose Creek and adopting a Creeks and Watershed Management Plan;
- ❖ Establishing a robust Sustainability Program that reaches across several City departments and addresses climate change, recycling and reuse, efficient, clean and renewable energy in City facilities, streetlights, vehicles and in the community;
- ❖ Approval of critical fiscal improvements, such as the City's Investment Policy, a Section 115 Trust for pension obligations, the City's first long-range financial forecast, and helping grow the General Fund's unassigned fund balance to ensure increased budget stability;
- ❖ The City's response to the global COVID-19 pandemic, including maintaining critical services at all times, successfully addressing unprecedented fiscal ramifications, and assisting the local economy with the creation of an Economic Recovery Plan.

WHEREAS, it is clear and without question that the City of Goleta has benefited tremendously from Michelle Greene's years of experience, her technical expertise, her intelligence, her work ethic, her kindness, her understanding of and dedication to the Goleta community and her steady hand in challenging times.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Goleta does hereby recognize and express its sincere appreciation to City Manager Michelle Greene for her dedication, passion and loyalty to the City and the community of Goleta.

APPROVED this 16th day of August 2022




PAULA PEROTTE
MAYOR