

PLANNING COMMISSION  
RESOLUTION NO. 2023-13

**A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO CARMEN MORAD**

WHEREAS, Carmen Morad served as a member of the Planning Commission from April 14, 2015 to January 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Morad provided leadership and advice to the Commission during a period of increasing complexity of the urban environment, attended 80 Planning Commission meetings, participated in significant deliberations which have established important precedents and shaped policy relating to signs, development of housing, and other topics, acting in the interest of the citizens of Modesto; and

WHEREAS, the following are only a few of the significant planning projects that Commissioner Morad participated in:

- The adoption of the General Plan Technical Update and the adoption of the 2015 Housing Element Update, which helps to provide safe, decent and affordable housing for the entire community;
- The adoption of the Form Based Code for Downtown Modesto;
- Determining the General Plan Conformity for the McClure Mansion;
- The adoption of the State Route 108 Reinvestment Plan
- Adoption of the Woodglen Specific Plan and annexation of the specific plan area, which will provide additional housing opportunities on the north side of the community;
- The rezone and annexation of property on Yosemite Boulevard for development of the new LEED-Gold certified office building for the corporate headquarters of the E&J Gallo Wine Company;
- The Vintage Rezone and Residential Subdivision, providing for housing opportunities and future commercial development on a long-vacant 45-acre property adjacent to Vintage Faire Mall;
- Adoption of the 2018 Cannabis Ordinances, allowing for personal and commercial cultivation as well as production and sales of cannabis products;
- Adoption of an amendment to the Sign Regulations allowing for digital freeway billboards;
- The Development Agreement with Stanislaus Foods for the abandonment of 11<sup>th</sup> Street and reopening of 10<sup>th</sup> Street, to facilitate cannery operations while re-establishing a link from Downtown to the Gateway Park;
- The annexation of the McHenry-Coralwood county island, allowing for the provision of city services to an established residential community;
- Gave updates on the CH&LDC as Planning Commission Rep

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Planning Commission that it hereby expresses its appreciation and recognition to Carmen Morad for eight years of dedicated service and the invaluable contributions she has rendered to the City of Modesto and its citizens as an active member of the Planning Commission.

**BY ORDER OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION of the City of Modesto this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 2023.**

