

FORT ORD REUSE AUTHORITY

Memorial Proclamation *Edith Vallo Johnsen*

WHEREAS, after an achievement-filled lifetime of family, public and educational service, Edith Vallo Johnsen departed this life peacefully at home on April 28, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Edith Johnsen served the Monterey Region in many leadership positions, including; City of Marina Mayor, Monterey County 4th District Supervisor, and Fort Ord Reuse Authority ("FORA") Board of Directors member for more than 10 years; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Johnsen served four years as FORA Legislative Committee Chair, two terms as Chair of the FORA Board - providing instrumental guidance in the drafting and implementation of the Fort Ord Base Reuse Plan, US Army Economic Development Conveyance Agreement, and Capital Improvement Program; and

WHEREAS, Edith led five FORA Legislative Missions to Washington DC, working diligently with Federal legislative leadership to correct inequities that hindered, Northern Monterey County recovery from Fort Ord closure; and

WHEREAS, Edith Johnsen served six years on the FORA Veterans Issues Advisory Committee, working diligently with national, state legislative, and appointed leadership and successfully advocating for the creation of the California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, Edith Johnsen's demonstrated expertise with military base reuse efforts, which coupled with her leadership, resulted in significant strides in Fort Ord recovery for the City of Marina, the 4th Supervisorial District, the Central Coast veteran community, and the Monterey Bay Region citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Edith Johnsen never met a meeting she couldn't facilitate, a motion she couldn't fashion, or a sweeping compromise action that was too tough; and

WHEREAS, Edith sustained her college professorship and family commitments while supporting her husband Major Fred Johnsen's decorated US Army career; and

WHEREAS, Edith Johnsen, steadfastly maintained a sense of fairness and equitability throughout her personal and professional life until her passing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fort Ord Reuse Authority Board extends best wishes and condolences to the full Johnsen family and adopts this proclamation expressing its sincerest appreciation for Edith Johnsen's extraordinary contributions and exemplary commitment to the reuse of former Fort Ord and to the well-being of the whole Monterey Bay Region.

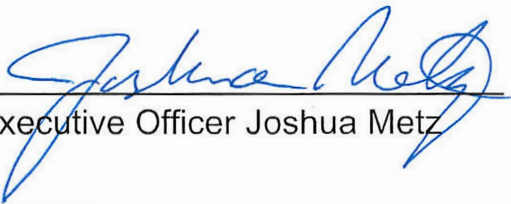
Upon motion by Board Member Phillips seconded by Board Member Carbone the foregoing Resolution was passed on this 30th day of April, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES: PARKER, OGLESBY, PHILLIPS, HAFFA, WIZARD, REIMERS, GAGLIOTI, MORTON, CARBONE, GARFIELD

NOES:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT: ADAMS, O'CONNELL, GUNTER


Executive Officer Joshua Metz


Chair Jane Parker