



MEMORANDUM
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
County of Placer

TO: Board of Supervisors **DATE:** April 5, 2016
FROM: Jennifer Montgomery, Supervisor District 5
SUBJECT: Present a commendation recognizing the Auburn Community Cancer Endowment Fund.

ACTION REQUESTED

Present a commendation recognizing the Auburn Community Cancer Endowment Fund.

BACKGROUND

In a coffee shop Dick Azevedo, Merv Hall and Virgil Traynor discussed "what can we do about cancer" By the time they left the coffee shop that morning the had all pledged \$10,000 each, and the ACCEF was born. Norma Harris was quickly asked to join and then there were four.

In 2001 Virgil Traynor contacted Jenine Styles with the UC Davis Cancer Center and told her that Auburn wanted to do something to support cancer research. Virgil went to the Cancer Center and Jenine introduced him to the Director, Dr.Ralph deVere White. Virgil invited the pair to a BBQ at his home with about twenty other people. By the end of the evening the group had raised another \$100,000. In 2003 Jim and Sally Otto hosted the first Jim Otto Celebrity Golf Classic at the Auburn Valley Golf course which raised an additional \$150,000 for the fund. By 2004 the group had raised a half a million dollars.

In the fall of 2004 The Auburn Community Cancer Endowment Fund was formally established. Their purpose was "supporting cancer RESEARCH". Not treatment or hospitals, not doctors, but good old fashioned research.

In March of 2005 the ACCEF celebrated a milestone, raising one million dollars for cancer research. Virgil wanted more. He wanted to raise \$1.5 Million which would secure them a chair at the UC Davis Cancer Center. In July 2006 Auburn becomes the first city in the USA/world to have a university endowed chair named for it.

Everyone has been touched in some way by this horrific disease. ACCEF continues the fight to raise money which is channeled to U.C. Davis Medical Center one of the nation's leading cancer research centers.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

ATTACHMENTS

Commendation

**IN THE MATTER OF A COMMENDATION RECOGNIZING AUBURN
COMMUNITY CANCER ENDOWMENT FUND (ACCEF) FOR THEIR
DEDICATION TO FUNDING CANCER RESEARCH**

WHEREAS, in a coffee shop at a meeting called together by Dick Azevedo with attendees Merv Hall and Virgil Traynor the discussion between friends was "what can we do about cancer." By the time they left the coffee shop that morning they had all pledged \$10,000 each, and the ACCEF was born. Norma Harris was quickly asked to join and then there were four; and

WHEREAS, in 2001 Virgil Traynor contacted Jeanine Stiles with the UC Davis Cancer Center and told her that Auburn wanted to do something to support cancer research. Virgil went to the Cancer Center and Jeanine introduced him to the Director, Dr. Ralph deVere White. Virgil invited the pair to a BBQ at his home with about twenty other people. By the end of the evening the group had raised another \$100,000; and

WHEREAS, in 2003 Jim and Sally Otto hosted the first Jim Otto Celebrity Golf Classic at the Auburn Valley Golf Course which raised an additional \$150,000 for the fund. By 2004 the group had raised a half a million dollars; and

WHEREAS, in the fall of 2004 Virgil set about creating a formal organization. At their first meeting Bruce Dear nominated Bart O'Brien as the Chairman, Norma Harris seconded the motion and it was done, The Auburn Community Cancer Endowment Fund was formally established. Their purpose was "supporting cancer RESEARCH". Not treatment or hospitals, not doctors, but good old fashioned research; and

WHEREAS Jackie Traynor, as a co-host of the annual ACCEF BBQ has been Virgil's partner in life and fundraising, has been very important to the effort; and

WHEREAS, in March of 2005 the ACCEF celebrated a milestone, raising one million dollars for cancer research. But Virgil wanted more. He wanted to raise \$1.5 Million which would secure them a chair at the UC Davis Cancer Center. In July 2006, Auburn becomes the first city in the USA/world to have a university endowed chair named for it; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ralph deVere White credits ACCEF and Martin Harmon, with being the pivotal stimulus to the University's award winning new facility in Sacramento; and

WHEREAS, everyone has been touched in some way by this horrific disease. ACCEF continues the fight to raise money which is channeled to U.C. Davis Medical Center one of the nation's leading cancer research centers.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE KNOWN, that the above COMMENDATION was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer, on behalf of the citizens of Placer County at a regular meeting held April 5, 2016 And recognizes the outstanding work of the ACCEF and all of its participants in striving to end the devastating disease known as cancer. They have truly **MADE A DIFFERENCE**.

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