



**MEMORANDUM
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT RESOURCE AGENCY
COUNTY OF PLACER**

TO: Board of Supervisors

DATE: February 6, 2018

FROM: Steve Pedretti
Agency Director

SUBJECT: Commendation

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve and present a Commendation for Assistant Community Development Resource Agency Director Paul Thompson for more than 30 years of service with the County of Placer.

BACKGROUND

Paul Thompson, a proud Eagle Scout since 1977 and resident of Placer County for 46 years, began his career with Placer County as a Lifeguard at the County's Dutch Flat Public Swimming Pool before landing a permanent position as a Planning Technician with the Planning Department in July 1988, was promoted to Assistant Planner in 1989, Associate Planner in 1990, Senior Planner in 1999, Supervising Planner in 2001, Principal Planner in 2005, Deputy Planning Director in 2008, Assistant Director of the Community Development Resource Agency in 2013; and served as the Interim Agency Director from April through November 2016.

Paul's notable works include current major planning projects such as the Placer Vineyards Specific Plan, the single largest specific plan processed in unincorporated Placer County; the Regional University Specific Plan, a mixed use project that includes a 600-acre private university; was the lead planner for the Thunder Valley Casino and the Patterson Sand and Gravel projects; and countless other commercial and industrial projects.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Commendation

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IN A MATTER OF A COMMENDATION RECOGNIZING PAUL THOMPSON FOR OVER THIRTY YEARS OF SERVICE TO PLACER COUNTY

WHEREAS, Paul Thompson, a proud Eagle Scout since 1977 and resident of Placer County for 46 years, has served the great citizens of our County for more than 30 years before retiring in February 2018; and

WHEREAS, Paul received a Bachelor's degree in Geography in 1986 and received a Master's degree in Geography in 1994 from California State University, Chico; and

WHEREAS, Paul began his career with Placer County as a Lifeguard at the County's Dutch Flat Public Swimming Pool before landing a permanent position as a Planning Technician with the Planning Department in July 1988, was promoted to Assistant Planner in 1989, Associate Planner in 1990, Senior Planner in 1999, Supervising Planner in 2001, Principal Planner in 2005, Deputy Planning Director in 2008, Assistant Director of the Community Development Resource Agency in 2013; and served as the Interim Agency Director from April through November 2016; and

WHEREAS, Paul spent countless hours driving to and from the Tahoe City office to serve the community east of the Sierra Summit, including his early years as a Planner where he dedicated one to two days a week assisting the public with current planning, and more recently as the Assistant Agency Director in the Tahoe City office providing invaluable mentoring and support to the Tahoe staff; and

WHEREAS, Paul's notable contributions include major planning projects such as the Placer Vineyards Specific Plan, the single largest specific plan processed in unincorporated Placer County; the Regional University Specific Plan, a mixed use project that includes a 600-acre private university; was the lead planner for the Thunder Valley Casino and the Patterson Sand and Gravel projects; and countless other commercial and industrial projects; and

WHEREAS, the sound of Paul's running footsteps (which was especially loud in the old raised floor barrack buildings) heading towards his next meeting will be greatly missed by all; and

WHEREAS, Paul is most admired at CDRA for the essential leadership he provided through his unending dedication to high-caliber governance, patience, citizen engagement, staff mentoring; and his love of family that is clearly evident in his amazing support for his wife Kitty (who together have a combined 63 years of service to Placer County), his 4 children, and his 8 grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Paul's knack for providing kind, supportive, and fair leadership has made him a beloved and highly-respected Assistant Director whose managers, peers, and staff will truly miss Paul for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, Paul's great smile, accessibility, humble attitude and endless enthusiasm will always be remembered as some of his best qualities.

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, February 6, 2018 and recognizes Assistant CDRA Director, Paul Thompson, for his service to the great people of the County of Placer and congratulates Paul on his successful career with wishes for a long and happy retirement.