

MEMORANDUM
Office of
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
County of Placer

TO: The Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jim Holmes, Supervisor District 3

DATE: May 21, 2013

SUBJECT: COMMENDATION – Approve and present a Commendation to recognize and honor Gerald “Gerry” Brentnall for his service on the Placer County Planning Commission.

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve and present a Commendation to recognize and honor Gerald “Gerry” Brentnall for his service on the Placer County Planning Commission.

BACKGROUND

Gerald “Gerry” Brentnall served as Placer County Planning Commissioner for sixteen years; served as Commission Chairman in 2000, 2006, and 2010; and was the Planning Commission’s appointed member on the Placer County Solid Waste Task Force for sixteen years.

Gerry imparted his vast legal knowledge and background to the Commission in a courteous and professional manner. Gerry has steadfastly served with enthusiasm, commitment and a robust sense of humor in many long and contentious hearings that would try the patience of a saint. He is known for having an eye for protecting the integrity of the hearing process for all participants.

Gerry has worked tirelessly to protect and plan for a cohesive trail system through the County, asserted strong community values and provided astute and creative suggestions to many thorny issues facing the Commission over the years.

Gerry has helped influence the pattern and appearance of development in Placer County through his contribution to Planning Commission decisions in the implementation of the County’s Community Plans and his participation in the development of numerous amendments to the County Zoning Ordinance. Gerry has never lost sight of his main focus in life as a dedicated father, grandfather and husband.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

**MAY 21, 2013 IN THE MATTER OF A COMMENDATION HONORING
GERALD "GERRY" BRETNALL**

WHEREAS, Gerald "Gerry" Brentnall served as Placer County Planning Commissioner for sixteen years; and

WHEREAS, Gerry served as Commission Chairman in 2000, 2006, and 2010; and

WHEREAS, Gerry was the Planning Commission's appointed member on the Placer County Solid Waste Task Force for sixteen years; and

WHEREAS, Gerry imparted his vast legal knowledge and background to the Commission in a courteous and professional manner; and

WHEREAS, Gerry has steadfastly served with enthusiasm, commitment and a robust sense of humor in many long and contentious hearings that would try the patience of a saint; and

WHEREAS, Gerry is known for having an eye for protecting the integrity of the hearing process for all participants; and

WHEREAS, Gerry has worked tirelessly to protect and plan for a cohesive trail system through the County; and

WHEREAS, Gerry asserted strong community values and provided astute and creative suggestions to many thorny issues facing the Commission over the years; and;

WHEREAS, during his tenure as Planning Commissioner, Gerry has participated in such projects and decisions as:

- The "Bill Graham Presents" sound test,
- The Los Lagos Project and the battle to save the Valley Elderberry Longhorn Beetle,
- The Foresthill and Granite Bay Community Plans,
- The three "Gs" – General Plan Amendments, Golf Courses and Gates,
- Plans, plans and more plans. To be "specific", the Bickford Ranch, Placer Vineyards, Riolo Vineyards Specific Plans.

WHEREAS, Gerry has helped influence the pattern and appearance of development in Placer County through his contribution to Planning Commission decisions in the implementation of the County's Community Plans and his participation in the development of numerous amendments to the County Zoning Ordinance; and;

WHEREAS, in addition to his tireless service to the Placer County Planning Commission, Gerry has never lost sight of his main focus in life as a dedicated father, grandfather and husband.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE KNOWN, the Placer County Board of Supervisors hereby Commends Gerald Brentnall on his sixteen years of dedicated service to the citizens of Placer County as Planning Commissioner and sincerely wishes him all the best.

Jim Holmes, Supervisor District 3,
Chairman 2013

Jack Duran, Supervisor District 1
Robert M. Weygandt, Supervisor District 2
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Jennifer Montgomery, Supervisor District 5