

Proclamation of Appreciation for Greg Scharff upon his retirement from the Association of Bay Area Governments after serving over the last decade.

WHEREAS, after serving for the past decade with duty, insight and energy, Greg Scharff is leaving the Association of Bay Area Governments; and

WHEREAS, Greg began his ABAG journey as a delegate in 2010 and went on to serve with distinction on the Executive Board, Administrative Committee, Legislation Committee, Finance Committee, Regional Planning Committee, and most recently as the Vice President of the Executive Board; and

WHEREAS, Greg was first elected to the Palo Alto City Council in 2009 and served as mayor in 2013 and 2017, while also serving on a host of city commissions and panels, as well as on the Santa Clara County Cities Association; and

WHEREAS, Greg was a quick study, always willing and ready to jump into the world of General Assembly panels, budget discussions, and the thorny issue of staff consolidation with a smile, even if there may have been tears inside; and

WHEREAS, Greg also served the Bay Area community by participating on a wide range of key regional and state panels, including the Bay Conservation and Development Commission; Caltrain Advisory Committee; Santa Clara County Expressway Policy Advisory Board; Northern California Power Agency; and the San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority; and

WHEREAS, Greg earned a B.A. degree with honors from Bowdoin College in Maine and his J.D. degree at the Columbia University School of Law, he ably used his legal sensibilities and persuasive skills to help educate and assist his fellow ABAG delegates; and

WHEREAS, Greg is a team player ready to bring differing sides together in a straightforward manner for the greater good of the agency and people of the Bay Area, and worked diligently with great resolve to consolidate the staffs of ABAG and MTC; and

WHEREAS, an avid runner, outdoor enthusiast and environmental advocate, Greg has lived in Palo Alto since 1988 and has helped raise three wonderful children and will continue to serve his community and the region with passion and pride; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the staff and delegates thank Greg for his contributions to ABAG, which have left an indelible mark on ABAG and will be carried forth by the agency.