

City of El Paso de Robles

Certificate of Public Recognition

RON JOHNSON - 1988 - 2005

***WHEREAS,** Ron Johnson has rendered service as Planning Commissioner from September 13, 1988, through December 31, 2005, providing 17 years and 3 months of service to the Paso Robles Community, which has earned for him the respect of a host of area residents, business owners and other civic groups. During his 17 plus years, Ron Johnson attended and thoughtfully contributed to at least 400 regular and special Planning Commission meetings, numerous public workshops, and literally hundreds of Development Review Committee meetings, thereby helping to insure the quality of new developments of all types; and*

***WHEREAS,** during his tenure, some of the many contributions made by this valued and respected Planning Commissioner include providing essential land use and policy guidance through two General Plan updates, in 1991 and 2003; supporting formation of two Specific Plan Areas in 1988 and 1989, as well as providing important input into two more Specific Plans currently underway; making adoption of Design Guidelines, particularly for commercial and industrial development, one of his higher priorities; overseeing numerous Zoning Code Amendments, including the critical 1994 provisions for off-street parking in the Downtown Area; and among the many, many projects that Ron Johnson influenced are the Revitalization efforts in Downtown Paso Robles, Woodland Plaza I and II, the Target Shopping Center, and the Park Cinemas; and*

***WHEREAS,** Ron, along with now retired Commissioner Val Warnke, provided critical continuity of City policies through a long period of physical, economic and social change, and Ron has been a Mentor to generations of Commissioners over his 17 plus years of service to the City and community, providing critical guidance on procedures, protocol, and the environmental review process; and as Chairman of the Planning Commission for multiple terms, Ron Johnson conducted public meetings in an efficient and orderly manner, while at the same time encouraging comment and displaying respect for the public process of land use planning. Like his fellow Planning Commissioners, without the contribution of his time, energy, and intellect to the Paso Robles Community without monetary compensation the Paso Robles community would likely not be the vital place it is today.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Frank Mecham, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor, and speaking on behalf of the entire City Council and all our citizens, do hereby tender to **RON JOHNSON** this Certificate of Public Recognition, extending our deep appreciation for his distinguished service. We wish his success in all future endeavors, and are grateful that we shall still have the benefit of his participation in many areas of community life.*

Frank R. Mecham, Mayor