



RESOLUTION 2022-24

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE KENSINGTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT COMMENDING JANICE KOSEL FOR HER DEDICATED SERVICE AS A DIRECTOR TO THE RESIDENTS OF KENSINGTON

WHEREAS, Janice Kosel pledged herself to serving Kensington as a board director since 1994, repeatedly holding various officer and committee chair duties; and

WHEREAS, Janice Kosel is a lifelong resident of Kensington, a graduate of UC Berkeley (1968) and Boalt Hall School of Law (1971), and is a law professor at Golden Gate University in San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, Janice Kosel supported the district's initial contract for services with El Cerrito resulting in significantly reduced operating costs and one of the lowest operating expenses of any fire station in the Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, Janice Kosel advocated for having at least one paramedic on each medical response team and average response times below five minutes; and

WHEREAS, Janice Kosel reduced fire risk by championing water system improvements to increase water supply and hydrants throughout Kensington resulting in sufficient water flow to serve two engines on the ridge with Tilden Park; and

WHEREAS, Janice Kosel's leadership contributed to the El Cerrito/Kensington Fire Department being awarded a Class 1 Public Protection Classification rating by the Insurance Services Office (ISO), which is the highest possible score that can be given to any fire department nationwide with only 1 percent of communities earning that rating; and

WHEREAS, Janice Kosel's fiscal knowledge led the district to prefund all medical obligations to its retirees and their families, and to set aside cash reserves for replacement engines and other capital expenses; and

WHEREAS, Janice Kosel supported essential seismic renovations of the Kensington Public Safety Building to provide a safer work environment for our firefighters and to better ensure their ability to respond in the event of a natural disaster; and

WHEREAS, Janice Kosel initiated a robust public education program by starting the district's participation in the Solano Stroll parade, the Fire Plug newsletter, annual open houses, toy-drive/spaghetti feeds, Pluggie the Fire Hydrant, 24-hour emergency kits for the community, firefighter trading cards, the Shredding event, and many fire safety message brochures, coloring books, erasers, and pencils; and

WHEREAS, Janice Kosel encouraged the district to join the CSDA, to create a policy handbook based on their template, and to pursue and achieve the District of Distinction Award and Transparency Certificate; and

WHEREAS, Janice Kosel's legal expertise helped to successfully represent the district in arbitration issues; and

WHEREAS, the district has received many compliments and not a single complaint on its emergency service response during Janice Kosel's tenure;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors hereby commends Janice Kosel on her lifelong service to the Kensington Fire Protection District, and wishes her heartfelt thanks and continued success in her future endeavors.

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Kensington Fire Protection District on the 14th day of December 2022 by the following vote of the Board.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Larry Nagel, President

Secretary