



CITY OF SEBASTOPOL

Proclamation

Recognizing Linda Civitello upon Her Retirement from the Sebastopol Area Senior Center

Whereas, the Sebastopol Area Senior Center was incorporated on August 13, 1969, under the name of The Burbank Activity Center; and

Whereas, this was the first senior center in Sonoma County, and

Whereas, the Sebastopol Area Senior Center's Mission is to create and maintain an environment that encourages independence for older adults by providing learning, social, and recreational opportunities in the continuing pursuit of a fulfilling and healthy life; and

Whereas, in the spirit of community, the City of Sebastopol provides the facility where the Sebastopol Senior Center is located; and

Whereas, the Sebastopol Area Senior Center receives limited financial assistance from the City of Sebastopol and is largely dependent upon other sources of income to operate the Senior Center, primarily with donations from the regional community; and

Whereas, in June of 2016, the Sebastopol Area Senior Center experienced a financial crisis and a long-time board member donated funds to meet payroll; and

Whereas, Linda Civitello was hired January 30, 2017 as Executive Director of the Senior Center and within four months of starting, the Center had three months of payroll in the bank; and

Whereas, today, the Senior Center is finally financially stable with appropriate reserves and a strong financial plan for the future; and

Whereas, Under Linda's leadership, the Sebastopol Area Senior Center more than doubled the number of seniors served, and tripled the number of programs offered to our senior community; and

Whereas, during Linda's tenure between January 2017 and October 2020, the Sebastopol Area Senior Center has had over 34,000 visitors; and

Whereas, the City and the community would like to recognize Linda for her work and dedication to the Sebastopol Area Senior Center and to the community it serves.

Now therefore, I, Patrick Slayter, Mayor of the City of Sebastopol, do hereby recognize Linda Civitello upon her Retirement from the Sebastopol Area Senior Center and thank her for her tireless work towards making our community a better place.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the Great Seal of the City of Sebastopol this 20th day of October 2020.

Patrick Slayter
Mayor