[Kate Herrmann Stacy Day - October 29, 2021]

Resolution declaring October 29, 2021, as Kate Herrmann Stacy Day in the City and County of San Francisco, in recognition of her many years of outstanding service in the City Attorney’s Office and her well-deserved retirement.

WHEREAS, In March 1989, Kate Stacy joined the City Attorney’s Office as a lawyer on its Land Use Team, after graduating in 1985 from the University of Chicago Law School and after practicing real estate and land use law with the Brobeck, Phleger & Harrison law firm; and

WHEREAS, For over 32 years, Kate has advised on, defended, or otherwise assisted in projects resulting in thousands of affordable housing units, resilient water infrastructure, revitalized parks and museums, and music and sports events and facilities; and

WHEREAS, During that time – from before the Loma Prieta earthquake through the COVID-19 pandemic – Kate’s broad knowledge of environmental and land use law has earned her the respect of City clients, colleagues, and City allies and adversaries, alike; and

WHEREAS, Beginning in 1999 and for several years thereafter, Kate advised the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco in its efforts to build a new, state-of-the-art facility for the De Young Museum, including playing a central role in the successful defense of a CEQA challenge; and

WHEREAS, As General Counsel for the Planning Department, Kate advised five different Planning Directors, five Zoning Administrators, and four Environmental Review Officers, providing outstanding legal advice on countless permits, environmental review, enforcement, and other planning-related matters, at all hours of the day and night, with unflappable calm, stellar recall and clarity, razor-sharp analysis, and genuine creativity; and
WHEREAS, In her role as General Counsel to the Planning Commission, Kate has artfully guided the Commission through its evaluation of dense CEQA determinations and complex land use approvals, and provided steady, reliable counsel to the Commission and staff on a wide range of legal issues; and

WHEREAS, When the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission sought approval for its over-$4-billion Water System Improvement Program to improve its 100-year-old water system running through six counties, Kate masterfully advised on CEQA issues to creatively overcome the concerns raised by every major environmental organization in the state; and

WHEREAS, By any objective standard, Kate has aided in the development of important land use policies in San Francisco, such as innovative affordable housing programs, by providing sound advice to the Board of Supervisors, Mayor’s Office, and Planning Commission about hundreds of ordinances, resolutions, initiative ordinances, and Charter amendments; and

WHEREAS, As housing has become an increasingly critical issue across California, Kate has been an invaluable resource to the Planning Commission and other City departments in demystifying a wide range of ever-changing State housing and land use laws in San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, As the Land Use Team leader since 2007, and self-described “CEQA nerd,” Kate has been indefatigable in her care for her team, and went above and beyond to make every one of the Deputy City Attorneys and staff members on that team feel seen, known, respected, well fed, and professionally challenged; and

WHEREAS, Kate Stacy’s “big honkin’ minivan” (BHM) never missed a Land Use team party, clocking many Vehicle Miles Travelled (VMT) along the way, all while never allowing the Land Use Team’s VMT to rise to a significant impact under CEQA since she always filled up the BHM with lots of team members, driving the VMT per capita down; and

Supervisors Melgar; Mandelman, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Mar, Walton, Preston
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WHEREAS, The Planning Department has determined that despite the great loss to the City, the actions contemplated in this Resolution do not constitute a project under CEQA; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors and the City are immeasurably better for Kate’s service; and

WHEREAS, Kate’s service to the City will be ending on October 29, 2021, with her retirement, which, though richly deserved, will be lamented by this Board and others in City government she has so faithfully served; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That in celebration of Kate’s outstanding accomplishments and contributions to the City and County of San Francisco, the Board of Supervisors does hereby declare October 29, 2021, to be Kate Herrmann Stacy Day in San Francisco.
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October 26, 2021 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED
Ayes: 11 - Chan, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 10/26/2021 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without her approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

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