



NEWCASTLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS



IN THE MATTER OF A COMMENDATION PRESENTED TO NEIL ANDERSON FOR HIS INVALUABLE SERVICE TO NEWCASTLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AND THE COMMUNITY OF NEWCASTLE.

WHEREAS, Neil Anderson and his wife of 59 years, Karen, are valued members of the Newcastle community, having raised three children here and improved the quality of life for their friends and neighbors; and

WHEREAS, Neil was born and reared in Redlands, California, where he took an early, enduring interest in promoting public safety and law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Neil worked as a dispatcher and patrol officer, first with the Redlands Police Department and then with the Garden Grove Police Department while attending night school to obtain his law degree from the Western State University College of Law; and

WHEREAS, he subsequently moved north and joined the staff of the District Attorney of Sacramento County, where he demonstrated an abiding interest and singular proficiency in the development of automated information systems; and

WHEREAS, Neil became a member of the District Attorneys Association of California, and later was elected to the Board of Directors of that Association, and

WHEREAS, Neil's success in accelerating the automation of the District Attorneys Office provided many benefits for the prosecution of criminal cases and Neil was asked by the District Attorneys Association to create an even broader system of information retrieval through the creation of the state wide Consumer Protection Information Network; and

WHEREAS, that network today provides increased security for millions of consumers throughout the state, in recognition of which Neil received the Award of Merit from the California District Attorneys Association; and

WHEREAS, Neil's commitment to public service has extended beyond his employment in law enforcement to include service in the United States Coast Guard Reserve and election to the Newcastle Fire Protection District Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, he was first elected to the Newcastle fire board in 1987, when the district was still staffed by volunteers, and over the next 18 years, Neil worked diligently to upgrade, modernize and expand the range of services that the fire district provides to Newcastle; and

WHEREAS, since leaving the fire board in 2005, Neil has continued to assist the district by providing the necessary accounting and oversight to ensure that the collection of tax revenues for the district is fairly and accurately distributed among the residents and taxpayers within the district's jurisdiction;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the Newcastle Fire District Board of Directors do hereby thank Neil Anderson for his many years of service to the district and, on behalf of the community as a whole, we express our appreciation for his leadership in helping to make Newcastle a safer and more secure community for all.

William Kahrl, Chair

Jonita Elder, Vice-Chair

James Heisterkamp, Secretary

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