

Lisa Wolfe

From: Nancy Lund
Sent: Tuesday, December 01, 2020 3:00 PM
To: Lisa Wolfe
Subject: Elizabeth Patterson Acknowledgment

Dear Outgoing Mayor Patterson,

Words cannot express my deep appreciation for all you have done as our mayor. Your leadership and commitment to the welfare of our town will have a lasting impact on the future of Benicia for many years to come.

Again, thank you and much praise for a job well done!!!

Nancy Lund

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From: Bodil Fox
Sent: Tuesday, December 01, 2020 3:28 PM
To: Lisa Wolfe
Cc: Elizabeth Patterson; Larnie Fox
Subject: Comment for Council meeting Dec 1, 2020 regarding Elizabeth Patterson

It is with sadness that I see Elizabeth Patterson retire as Mayor of Benicia. When I arrived in our town about 10 years ago, I had never been to a city council meeting anywhere but after seeing the Mayor at Arts Benicia's Open Studios I was intrigued. The only reason I knew she was the Mayor was because she wore a name tag with her title. The bike helmet under her arm made me think she was unlike any other city mayor. After that meeting, I thought it would be interesting to attend a council meeting to see how this particular mayor would run such a meeting. Little did I know that there were many rules, public comments, a timing device, consent calendars, discussions, voting, etc. Elizabeth Patterson's clear directions helped me understand how she and the council worked together. She was smart and kept the meetings organized.

Elizabeth has guided us through many contentious times with knowledge and intelligence. She held a clear vision for our future, has supported culture, economic development, and a healthy environment for all Benicians. I appreciate all her work, dedication, and long hours. It is not an easy job but she has managed it with confidence, knowledge, and commitment. I will miss seeing her in the center seat at the Council.

With deep appreciation,
Bodil Fox

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From: Lisa Wolfe
Sent: Tuesday, December 01, 2020 4:25 PM
To: Lisa Wolfe
Subject: City council meeting Tuesday Dec 1st. Comment

Dear Ms Wolfe, Can you please read this in the public comments section of the city council meeting, tonight?

We are writing this to thank Elizabeth Patterson for her service as our mayor. When we moved to Benicia in the late 1990's, our town had a very limited downtown and was more an industrial, refinery town. Over the past 15-20 years our town has evolved into a vibrant revitalized art, historical, multi-ethnic & high end restaurant and specialty/boutique shop, destination city. As a homeowner with a stake in our future, I and my family thank you, because you were at the helm through most of those years.

You have been a roll model for my daughter and the many daughters of Benicia and we women thank you. We are at a cross-road in our town, where the new incoming mayor and city council can continue down the path you helped create or take us back to the darker days. I hope they will choose to continue your work. Wishing you the best for your next chapter and any other political roles you embark on. Sincerely, Pat, Andy and Alia Toth-Smith Benicia Residents

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From: Deanna DuPont
Sent: Tuesday, December 01, 2020 4:56 PM
To: Lisa Wolfe
Subject: Mayor Patterson

Acknowledgement to Mayor Patterson for her time as Mayor of the City of Benicia. Her leadership abilities, scholarship and abundant Statesperson qualities provided a positive path for Benicia for all the years she served.

Thank you, Mayor Patterson!

Deanna DuPont