

# Proclamation

**Whereas,** Michael Roush grew up near Dayton, Ohio and, in 1970, moved to California to attend UC Berkeley where he earned an undergraduate degree in Sociology. In 1976, Mr. Roush received a Juris Doctorate Degree from Golden Gate University School of Law and was admitted to the California State Bar that same year; and

**Whereas,** Mr. Roush has devoted his entire legal career, spanning more than forty years, to the practice of municipal law, including serving as City Attorney for the City of Pleasanton for twenty-one years and the City of Brisbane for five years, and providing counsel to numerous California cities, including Alameda, Richmond, Stockton, and Vallejo; and

**Whereas,** since he began serving the City of Alameda in 2013, Mr. Roush's expertise, diligence, and compassion have been instrumental in guiding staff and assisting the City of Alameda to become a stronger, more innovative, equitable, and inclusive community; and

**Whereas,** throughout his time in Alameda, Mr. Roush was directly responsible for significant developments that improved the quality of life in Alameda, including leading the effort to implement the City's Rent Control Laws, assisting the City's many successful efforts to bring housing and related services to the most needy, working with the Recreation and Parks department to advance the well-being of all Alameda residents, and advocating for open and fair government; and

**Whereas,** Mr. Roush ably led the City Attorney's Office as Interim City Attorney during a time of transition for the City, drawing upon his decades of legal experience to establish critical stability for the City while continuing to implement important City Council objectives; and

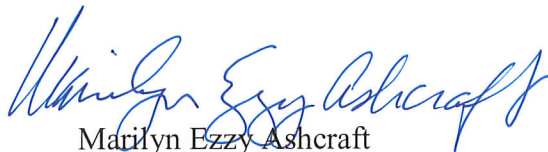
**Whereas,** Mr. Roush's proudest achievement while serving Alameda was being part of the leadership team that crafted and implemented a strong and fair rent control program; and

**Whereas,** Mr. Roush is beloved by his clients, the City Council, City Staff, and his team, alike; and

**Whereas,** Mr. Roush's consummate professionalism has been admired by both colleagues and adversaries. Indeed, many in the legal profession rightfully recognize Mr. Roush as a legal legend; and

**Whereas,** now, as Mr. Roush completes another chapter of a successful and remarkable 40-plus year legal career, we offer our deepest thanks and appreciation for his invaluable service to the City of Alameda.

**Now, therefore be it resolved,** that I, Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft, Mayor of the City of Alameda, on behalf of the Alameda City Council, wish Michael Roush all the best in his well-deserved retirement.

  
Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft  
Mayor

