

EL CERRITO CITY COUNCIL PROCLAMATION
**Recognizing Chris Treadway for His Decades of Journalism and Memorializing
the City of El Cerrito**

WHEREAS, Chris Treadway began his professional journalistic career in the East Bay 35 years ago, as a reporter, editor and columnist for the El Cerrito Journal, The Montclarion, and the Berkeley Voice from 1986 to 2002; and

WHEREAS, as a reporter for the Contra Costa Times, West County Times, and East Bay Times from 2002 to 2018, and an editor for the West County Times from 2012 to 2015, a major focus of Chris' work was the City of El Cerrito; and

WHEREAS, Chris wrote a popular column, "Our Neighbors", for the West County Times from 2005 to 2016 where many articles focused on El Cerrito community groups and issues facing El Cerrito which did much to boost community knowledge and involvement here; and

WHEREAS, Chris Treadway first began his journalistic career at an early age in the Bay Area attending public schools in Oakland, publishing his first newspaper while he was still in the fourth grade, graduating from Skyline High School in 1973, and earning a degree in journalism at San Francisco State University in 1989; and

WHEREAS, Chris' service as a Board Member and Vice-President of the El Cerrito Historical Society has helped broaden historical knowledge of El Cerrito for residents by co-administrating the society's Facebook page and increasing its social media presence; and

WHEREAS, Chris has assembled a collection of El Cerrito historical documents and ephemera of permanent interest to historians, and has researched and written in-depth articles about our City's history for the El Cerrito Historical Society's publications *Sparks* and the *Forge*; and

WHEREAS, Chris has accumulated and publicized much information pertaining to the history of El Cerrito and has been working on a much anticipated book on the city's history for more than a decade; and

WHEREAS, to the Richmond Museum of History and Culture, Chris has donated the archives he acquired of George Johnson, a remarkable Richmond man who was the state's oldest living resident and last World War I veteran when he died at age of 112; and

WHEREAS, more than a decade ago, Chris created a Facebook page called "Lost Mastheads" that has more than 2,000 followers and deals with the East Bay, including significant content about El Cerrito's history; and

WHEREAS, Chris Treadway has given presentations hosted by the Rotary Club of El Cerrito on the topic of El Cerrito and its gambling era and was in charge of promoting the City's July 4th celebration for several years as a member of the Club; and

WHEREAS, Chris Treadway has profiled many local businesses and merchants for the Chamber of Commerce's Byline newsletter; and

WHEREAS, Chris Treadway and his wife Diana have lived in El Cerrito since 1985, and since 1991 with their son Henry who graduated with honors from El Cerrito High School, earned the rank of Eagle Scout through the Boy Scouts of America, and attended the University of California Berkeley before his passing in 2012.

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of El Cerrito does hereby salute Chris Treadway for his efforts and writings over the past many decades that have commemorated our City, questioned our elected officials, and educated our residents in ways that have made us all proud to be El Cerritans.

Dated: November 2, 2021



Paul Fadelli, Mayor

