

PROCLAMATION
IN HONOR OF
THE MEMORY OF NANCY HELMERS

WHEREAS, Nancy Helmers, was a long time Fairfax resident and environmental advocate who passed away at home Thursday, November 21, 2013 at the age of 82; and

WHEREAS, Nancy was born in Lake Placid, New York in 1931 and graduated from Massachusetts' Smith College for Women in 1953 with a Bachelor of Science Degree, majoring in chemistry; and,

WHEREAS, Nancy migrated West to the San Francisco Bay Area and was drawn to the beauty and small town ambiance of Fairfax where she purchased her home in the sixties during the "Summer of Love"; and,

WHEREAS, Nancy met the love of her life, Mr. Leslie Ellison, at the original Sleeping Lady Cafe on Bolinas Road in Fairfax in 1973 and they spent the last 40 years together as partners; and their home high atop Manor Hill in Fairfax, with a commanding view of her beloved Mt. Tamalpais, was her sanctuary in recent years; and,

WHEREAS, Nancy went to work for UCSF Medical Center as a chemist in 1969 and retired in 1996 after a distinguished career in public service; and,

WHEREAS, as a lifelong environmental advocate, Nancy dedicated thousands of hours to the protection of open space, wildlife corridors, and zoning standards in Fairfax and in Marin county. She was also a long-time member of the Marin Conservation League, the Sierra Club and It's Time for a Park at MT&CC, and a graduate of Marin's Environmental Forum; and,

WHEREAS, the late Marin County Supervisor Hal Brown selected her as his appointee to the Marin County Parks, Open Space & Cultural Services Commission where she served from 1994 to 2004 representing the Second District; and,

WHEREAS, Nancy was a passionate advocate for numerous environmental and animal rights issues of the day including the use of toxic poisons to control mountain lion predation and other dated and counterproductive policies;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY PROCLAIMED
by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Fairfax
that the Town hereby dedicates a bench in Bolinas Park Redwood Grove
to honor the memory of
Nancy Helmers' life and her contributions to the greater Fairfax community.

David Weinsoff, Mayor

AGENDA ITEM # 11