

**CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA
CITY COUNCIL**

CERTIFICATE OF CONGRATULATIONS

WHEREAS, beginning in the 1980s, and now every second year, the Carmel Residents Association (CRA) honors a prominent Carmel person by naming him or her Citizen of the Year. Candidates have, through their service, enhanced the lives of citizens of Carmel-by-the-Sea. All nominees, either resident or business community members, must live in Carmel-by-the-Sea or its Sphere of Influence; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 CRA Citizen of the Year is Donna Jett; and

WHEREAS, Donna Jett was born in the Midwest and moved to Southern California in 1975, and eventually settled in Carmel-by-the-Sea in 1996. She is a mother of three and a grandmother of three. Her service to her community began at the Chartwell School in Seaside where she was responsible for fundraising events and scholarship programs; and

WHEREAS, Donna has a very long list of community, civic, and volunteer services including Joining Hands-Benefit Shop for the Homeless, Planned Parenthood, Monterey Museum of Art, Outdoor Forest Theater Foundation, a term on the 2006 Monterey County Grand Jury, representing Carmel in the 2011 Monterey Redistricting Commission, Concours d'Elegance, AT&T Golf Tournament, US Open Tournament, and the Carmel Youth Center; and

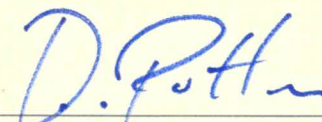
WHEREAS, Donna was invited to join the Carmel Woman's Club in 2000 where she was quickly recruited to join the Board and is currently the President and chair of the 2025 Centennial Celebration. Her leadership, event planning, and recruiting skills have enhanced the Woman's Club's presence in the community; and

WHEREAS, in between all the events Donna has organized or the volunteer hours she has put in she still found time to take courses in local architecture, art, comedy, and theater at Monterey Peninsula College; and

WHEREAS, Donna has been a member of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea's Community Activities Commission since 2005. During the Pandemic she and her fellow Commissioners came up with alternate ideas, Light Up Carmel and giveaways at the Farmers' Market, to help keep the village engaged when events could not be held. Donna is also the first to volunteer to help at events, even at 4:00 am in a dark cold parking lot for Homecrafters'; and

WHEREAS, Donna Jett has been chosen as Citizen of the Year as a 25+ year extraordinary example of a Carmel-by-the-Sea volunteer and leader who continues to bring community engagement, activities, and benefits for us all to enjoy and participate in.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED THAT I, Dave Potter, Mayor of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea, on behalf of the City Council and the citizens of Carmel hereby congratulate Donna Jett as the recipient of the 2023 CRA Citizen of the Year.



Dave Potter, Mayor

