Brisbane City Council Member Sepi Richardson Retires from the City



Brisbane, CA – December 29, 2012 – After serving for fifteen years on the Brisbane City Council, Sepi has decided to retire from elected office. She is well-known throughout San Mateo County, having served on nearly 20 various County Boards and Commissions, including the Airport Community Roundtable, Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) and City/County Association of Governments (C/CAG) where she was an Executive Board Member on each, and served as either Chair or Vice Chair on four committees within these Associations.

By serving in all these committees, Sepi was able to largely influence the outcome of issues relating to: California League of Cities, Association of Bay Area Governments, Finance (revenue & taxation, fund development), labor relations and human resources (employee compensation, evaluation, benefit administration, hearings over discipline and suspensions), Criminal Justice Council, CalTrain Modernization Group, Peninsula Coalition of CalTrain and High Speed Rail Policy Making Group, Bay Area water supply, transportation (planning, traffic congestion relief, air quality, energy efficiency, Caltrain, High Speed Rail, and SamTrans), housing, economic development, legislation and policy, San Francisco Airport noise and land use, climate protection and air quality management (sustainability, green ordinance, green technology and programs, energy strategy development, electric vehicle readiness), regional planning (growing smart together, FOCUS, preferred land use scenario, transportation investment strategy, SCS Plan Bay Area, storm drain & pollution), insurance & risk management, Bay Area trails & bike paths, SF Estuary and Bay protection, lobbying, earthquake and hazard programs (emergency preparedness, Bay Area resilience, schools and business readiness), land use formation and service reviews, library systems, performing arts and artists support, and last but not least, our K-12 education system. Her influences had no geographical boundaries. Her services included Brisbane, San Mateo and other nine Bay Area counties including the President of the Council of Cities, and all throughout the State.

In addition to her Countywide duties, Sepi was extremely active within the Brisbane Community. Her past and present service on city committees include: Finance/Labor Negotiations, Public Information/Technology, Liaison to the Chamber of Commerce, Planning Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission, Open Space and Ecology Committee, schools and transportation funding, arts and artist recognition awards, transportation and housing (including low and moderate), recruitment (City Manager, City Attorney), policy advisory, city facilities, library JPA, and community emergency volunteers (CERT). How she made herself available to serve in such a broad capacity can be seen as a feat in itself, but that is an area where Sepi excelled. She made it a point to ensure Brisbane was always well represented, and that people were aware of the efforts, priorities, and accomplishments in her small town.

Sepi served Brisbane Community twice as Mayor. During her years, she presided over numerous City Council Meetings, public events, and hearings. She was actively involved in all aspects of planning and policy-level decisions including the ribbon cuttings of some of Brisbane's major construction and

remodeling projects such as the Community Center, Community Park and Playground, Brisbane's Marina, Skate Park, Teen Center, Mission Blue Performing Art Center, Place-making and CEQA public workshops, EIR consultant selection, Sierra Point Design Guidelines and improvement of the public and recreational spaces, Senior Sunrise Room and senior housing, acquisition of lands for open space preservation, community garden, Community Swimming Pool, school fields, Bayshore Bus Station remodeling, Bayshore bike lane, Quarry Road Trail, seismic retrofit of Tunnel Ave. Bridge, and City Hall and Community Meeting Room, and first time ever Brisbane Farmers' Market. She passionately cared for the financial health and welfare of the City and its residents, particularly the children and the seniors. At each of these community events, Sepi's interpersonal skills shined through. She took every opportunity she could to tell the Community, fellow Council Members, and city staff how thankful and blessed she was to live in this community and to be able to serve its citizens. And we, Sepi, are forever indebted to you for your tireless spirit, great energy, and passion for serving others. Many congratulations to you on your retirement!

City Council will be considering options for filling this seat at an upcoming meeting in January.

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