

PLANNING COMMISSION  
RESOLUTION NO. 2009-06

A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO KENT NEWSWANDER

WHEREAS, Mr. Newswander served as a member of the Planning Commission from April 23, 2001 to December 31, 2008, during which time he attended 136 Commission meetings, representing approximately 272 hours of preparation and deliberation, serving as Vice Chairperson in 2004-2006, and Chairperson in 2007; and

WHEREAS, during this period, the City increased in size from 36.17 square miles in 2001 to 36.90 square miles at the present time, and from a population of 194,400 to 209,936 persons, growth which has been well planned and managed; and

WHEREAS, during this time, Commissioner Newswander advised the Commission regarding numerous significant planning and zoning decisions, ranging from major long-range planning matters to very localized individual current planning decisions, recognizing the importance to the community of the former and to the individuals involved in the latter; and

WHEREAS, the following are only a few of the significant planning issues which Commissioner Newswander participated in:

- Member, Project Development Team for the Traffic Signal Retiming and Coordination Project in 2001 and 2004
- Member, Citizen's Redevelopment Advisory Committee calendar years 2004-2006 and 2008
- Planning Commission Vice-Chair – 2004-2006
- Planning Commission Chair – 2007
- Two Urban Growth Reviews in 2001 and 2003, which laid the groundwork for several new specific plans to accommodate Modesto's future growth.
- An update to the City's General Plan Master EIR in 2003, allowing for the continuing streamlining of environmental review for infill projects in the community.
- An update to the City's Housing Element in 2004, a plan to meet existing and projected housing needs for all economic segments of the community.
- The Kaiser medical campus in 2004, which has provided a major new medical facility for the community, as well as a major new employer.
- Adoption of design guidelines for small-lot development in 2005, which provided valuable and much-needed guidance for an innovative new housing type.
- Adoption of design guidelines for commercial and industrial development in 2006, providing the City's first set of comprehensive design guidelines that will greatly assist in upgrading the City's appearance and image.

- A significant expansion of the Sutter Gould Medical facility which will provide expanded medical services to the community.
- A significant expansion of the existing Vintage Faire Mall in 2007, which will provide new shopping opportunities for the community.
- Approval of the Tivoli Specific Plan, preparing the City for it's largest growth area since the approval of the Village One Specific Plan.
- Amendment to the General Plan and an update to the General Plan Master EIR in 2008, providing for updated policy direction and continued streamlining of environmental review for infill projects in the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Planning Commission that it hereby expresses its appreciation and recognition to Kent Newswander for seven years and eight months of service in furtherance of the goals of development of a liveable community of the first order.

The foregoing resolution was introduced at the regular meeting of the Planning Commission held on January 5, 2009, by Tom Berglund, who moved its adoption, which motion was seconded by Patricia Gillum, and carried by the following vote:

Ayes:	Berglund, Bernal, Brandvold, Gillum, Sanders, and Tyler
Noes:	None
Absent:	None

BY ORDER OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MODESTO.

Original, signed copy on file in CEDD  
Patrick Kelly, Secretary