



HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MAX ANDERSON

- WHEREAS,** born in Decatur, Illinois on December 15, 1944, Max Anderson dedicated his life to the service of his country and his community, being a veteran in the Vietnam War, union member, nurse, Planning Commissioner, Rent Board Commissioner, and Berkeley City Councilmember; and
- WHEREAS,** Anderson moved to Berkeley in 1985 with his wife Linda Olivenbaum, where they established the Alcatraz Avenue Neighborhood Association, and he would go on to enter a dual master's program in City Planning and Public Health at UC Berkeley in 1990; and
- WHEREAS,** Anderson served as the representative for District 3 from 2004 to 2016, during which time he demonstrated unwavering commitment to social justice, public health, and the well-being of all Berkeley residents; and
- WHEREAS,** his impactful tenure resulted in multiple major accomplishments, including the "Right to Know" ordinance which required cell phone retailers to inform customers about potential radiation exposure, passing the Soda Tax, implementing tobacco control measures, advocating for stronger police oversight and accountability, advancing tenants' rights and affordable housing, overseeing the creation of the Ed Roberts Campus, rebuilding the Tarea Hall Pittman South Branch Library, supporting the Berkeley Climate Action Plan, and creating educational, recreational, and economical opportunities for underserved youth; and
- WHEREAS,** his commitment to the community went beyond his role as an elected official, participating in the Berkeley NAACP, the Sierra Club, and a founding member of Friends of Adeline; and
- WHEREAS,** Max Anderson's legacy will live on through his significant contributions to Berkeley and the enduring impact of his work in advocating for social justice, equity, and the betterment of our community.
- NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Berkeley City Council hereby honors and celebrates the life and legacy of Max Anderson, recognizing his extraordinary service and dedication to the City of Berkeley and its residents.

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