

# **PROCLAMATION**

## **Declaring October 2007 as Community Planning Month**

**WHEREAS**, the month of October is designated as National Community Planning Month throughout the United States of America and its territories, and

**WHEREAS**, the American Planning Association and its professional institute, the American Institute of Certified Planners, endorse National Community Planning Month as an opportunity to highlight the contributions sound planning and plan implementation make to the quality of our environment; and

**WHEREAS**, the celebration of National Community Planning Month gives us the opportunity to publicly recognize the participation and dedication of the members of the Planning Commission and community who have contributed their time and expertise to the improvement of the City of Menlo Park; and

**WHEREAS**, change is constant and affects all cities, towns, suburbs, counties, boroughs, townships, rural areas, and other places; and

**WHEREAS**, community planning and plans can help manage this change in a way that provides better choices for how people work and live; and

**WHEREAS**, community planning provides an opportunity for all residents to be meaningfully involved in making choices that determine the future of their community; and

**WHEREAS**, the full benefits of planning require public officials and community members who understand, support, and demand excellence in planning and plan implementation; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Menlo Park is embarking on a visioning process for the El Camino Real and Downtown areas; and

**WHEREAS**, this visioning process will engage a wide and diverse range of community members; and

**WHEREAS**, we recognize the many valuable contributions made by professional planners of the City of Menlo Park and extend our heartfelt thanks for the continued commitment to public service by these professionals;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the month of October 2007 is hereby designated as Community Planning Month in the City of Menlo Park in conjunction with the celebration of National Community Planning Month.

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**Kelly Fergusson, Mayor of Menlo Park**  
October 23, 2007