

## **COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA**

RESOLUTION HONORING SHIRLEY DETTMANN FOR HER SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

WHEREAS, Shirley Dettmann has been a community leader in making the Arts accessible to all individuals throughout Santa Barbara County; and

WHEREAS, one of Shirley's first roles after moving to Santa Barbara was her appointment to chair the La Patera Elementary School arts program during the 1973-74 school year. Over the next decade she was the organizer and co-chair of an expanded PTA Creative Arts Co-op which offered music, dance, art and gymnastics through afterschool classes. Scholarships were made available so all students were able to participate; and

WHEREAS, Shirley Dettmann served on the County Arts Commission from 1978-1989 during which time she led the effort and authored the County's 1% for the Arts Ordinance that was adopted by the Board of Supervisors and is still in effect today. This August it led to a \$75,000 contribution to the Arts in our County; and

WHEREAS, the Arts Fund was created in 1983 as a development of the second Arts Plan which called for a nonprofit partner to the Arts Commission to solicit and accept private support for the Arts. Shirley has been a member since its founding, serving in every office on its Board from treasurer to president. Its initial role was to develop award opportunities for individual artists, conducting competitions in varying categories each year—dance, theater, creative writing, and visual art in all its variations; and

WHEREAS, Shirley Dettmann served over 20 years as a docent at the Santa Barbara Museum of Art, guiding school children and adults through its collections which constantly grow and change with new additions as well as visiting exhibitions from other museums and exciting loans from private collections;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors honors and commends Shirley Dettmann for her significant contributions and commitment to the arts in Santa Barbara County.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 4<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2016 by a unanimous vote of all members present.

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