



Mountain View Whisman School District

Resolution No. 02-112124

Honoring Laura Ramirez Berman for Distinguished Service to the Mountain View Whisman School District

WHEREAS, Laura Ramirez Berman served with dedication as a Trustee of the Mountain View Whisman School District (MVWSD) from December 2020 through December 2024; and

WHEREAS, she held the role of Trustees President from 2022-2023, during which she provided strong leadership and fostered collaboration within the board and community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ramirez Berman contributed to MVWSD through committee assignments, including her role on the Staff Housing Oversight Committee, where she ensured accountability and progress in developing affordable housing for teachers and staff; and

WHEREAS, she contributed to the successful community campaign for the Parcel Tax Measure, Measure AA in 2024, which passed with 74% approval, securing essential funding for district programs; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ramirez Berman was a leader in the Board's passage of the Climate Change and Green Schoolyard Board Resolution (05-012623) in February 2023, establishing a Greening Index to expand green spaces to meet minimum standards and drive sustainability efforts across the District; and

WHEREAS, she played a key role in supporting an innovative solution to staff retention by overseeing the development of affordable housing for educators, leading to the creation of MVW at the Sevens, which broke ground in November 2022 and was completed in October 2024; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ramirez Berman provided critical leadership during the COVID-19 pandemic, overseeing MVWSD's award-winning response to school closures and the return-to-learn efforts in 2020-21 and 2021-22, which earned the California Pivotal Practice (CAPP) Award in 2022 for providing devices, internet access, and meals to all families; and

WHEREAS, she was on the Board when MVWSD earned distinction as a California Green Ribbon School District in 2024 and received America's Healthiest Schools awards in 2022-2023 and 2023-2024, highlighting the district's commitment to health, wellness, and environmental sustainability; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ramirez Berman dedicated countless hours to the Re-Imagining Castro EdRoundtable group, engaging in extensive research and community listening sessions that resulted in a three-year action plan to improve access to high-quality and culturally-responsive education at Castro School; and

WHEREAS, she advocated for early learning opportunities, supporting the District's \$3.6 million investment in transitional kindergarten beginning in 2022-23, enriching the early education landscape for the district's youngest students;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mountain View Whisman School District Board extends its heartfelt gratitude to Laura Ramirez Berman for her distinguished service, commitment to educational excellence, and dedication to community engagement.

Be it further resolved, that Laura Ramirez Berman’s contributions have left a lasting and meaningful impact on the students, families, and staff of MVWSD, setting a benchmark for future leadership in the community.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mountain View Whisman School District Board of Trustees on this 21st day of November 2024.

Devon Conley

Laura Blakely

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Dr. Kevin Skelly