



# Resolution

***A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA  
COMMENDING ALEXANDER “ALEX” POSADA  
DIRECTOR OF RECREATION AND PARKS  
FOR HIS FORTY-SIX AND A HALF YEARS  
OF EXEMPLARY PUBLIC SERVICE***

***WHEREAS***, Director of Recreation and Parks Alexander “Alex” Posada has been a valuable member of the City team for 46 and a half years as the longest-tenured employee in the City’s 120-year history, and his contributions and proven ability to lift others up for the betterment of the community is his legacy; and

***WHEREAS***, Alex and his team designed a multitude of recreational venues to serve thousands of residents, and since 1979 increased the number of recreational facilities from two to 10, and grew the number of City parks from 9 to 33 – and looking ahead, the Santa Maria Sports Complex is to open in fall/winter 2026; and

***WHEREAS***, he helped to organize in 1997 the non-profit People for Leisure and Youth (PLAY) and to-date this group has raised more than \$5 million to aid in funding innovative recreation and parks services and programs offered in the Santa Maria Valley; and

***WHEREAS***, Alex and his team helped lead the successful 1998 All-America City designation granted by the National Civic League. They assisted in the development of the 2017 Mayor’s Task Force on Youth Safety, the “Safe and Strong” summer recreation program, the annual Dia de Los Muertos celebration, and much more; and

***WHEREAS***, Alex demonstrated his loyalty and commitment to the people of Santa Maria, working with a cross section of community groups, civic organizations, schools, businesses, event promoters, managers, and residents. In addition to his Director duties, Alex served as the interim City Manager for one year, was active in the Special Olympics, American Red Cross, Santa Maria Kiwanis Club, Aktion Club for adults with disabilities, PLAY, Santa Barbara Foundation trustee, and the National Recreation and Parks Association; and

***WHEREAS***, Alex will retire on December 5<sup>th</sup>, and the Santa Maria City Council wishes to recognize him for his outstanding dedication and impactful contributions to the community.

***NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED*** on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December 2025, by the City Council of the City of Santa Maria, as follows:

***ALEX POSADA, DIRECTOR OF RECREATION AND PARKS***

is hereby recognized and commended for his dedicated service and his significant contributions to the Santa Maria community and wishes he and his wife Julie and their family well in all their future endeavors.

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Mayor Alice M. Patino

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Mayor Pro-Tem Carlos Escobedo

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Councilmember Maribel Aguilera-Hernandez

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Councilmember Gloria Soto

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Councilmember Gloria Flores