



Proclamation

of the City Council

Preet Didbal
City Council 2014-2018
Mayor 2017-2018

WHEREAS, Preet Didbal was elected in 2014, and served as Mayor of Yuba City in 2017-2018 thus becoming the first Sikh woman to serve as Mayor in the United States. Previously she served on the Yuba City and Sutter County Planning Commissions and the Sutter County Children and Families Commission; and

WHEREAS, as the first Sikh woman Mayor, Preet brought positive world-wide recognition to Yuba City and was interviewed and featured by KCRA Sacramento, KOVR Sacramento, the LA Times, CNN, The Stream, Access Magazine, National Geographic, and numerous Indian publications; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Yuba City priorities are: Public Safety, Developing Our Economy, Maintaining and Improving Our Infrastructure, Developing Our Organization, Preparing for Growth, and Enhancing Our Image and Reputation. Preet's main priority has been clear, she not only represents the citizens of today but also our future citizens, our children. The community needs to continue to be livable, healthy, and strong; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of her priorities, Preet held several Community Forums, covering topics such as bullying, vaping, illegal drug use, and on-line predators. Preet was instrumental in bringing the successful Summer at City Hall Program to Yuba City for the last three years; and

WHEREAS, the highlights of accomplishments while serving as Mayor of the City of Yuba City are too many to list, but include: hosting a Joint City Council meeting with the City's Advisory Commissions to discuss Council Priorities and the development of strategic plans; adopting an Abandoned Shopping Cart Ordinance; purchasing 58 Fire Safety Self Contained Breathing Apparatus; Approving ADA upgrades at the Senior Center; adopting the Public Consumption & Possession of Alcohol Ordinance; approving the Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvement Project; approving the Solid Waste, Recycling & Organic Material Collection Services Contract; approved the Police Department Facility Expansion Project; and hired the new City Attorney; and

WHEREAS, grants received during 2018 include: \$1,500,000 for the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) hiring 9 new limited-term (3 year) full time fire recruits; \$800,000 for the development of the new Harter Parkway; \$376,000 for the development of an Urban Forest Management Program, including planting 500 trees; \$4,000,000 to improve water distribution customer service & water loss prevention by installing new cellular read meters; and over \$760,000 in grants for other public safety and infrastructure projects.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Shon Harris, Vice-Mayor of the City of Yuba City, do hereby commend the Honorable Ms. Preet Didbal for her commitment and outstanding performance as a Councilmember and Mayor of the City of Yuba City. I hereby urge all residents to join us in recognizing Preet for her countless contributions to our community and wish her all the best in the future.

Done this 4th day of December 2018, City of Yuba City, County of Sutter, and State of California.