



Proclamation

of the City Council

Robin Bertagna Finance Director | October 1998 to December 2019

WHEREAS, Ms. Robin Bertagna is leaving Yuba City after 21 years of dedicated service to the City of Yuba City and its citizens and employees; ensuring that the Council priorities of Public Safety, Fiscal Stability, Organizational Structure, Business Friendly, Enhance Partnerships, Quality of Life, Infrastructure, and Homelessness and Vagrancy were always in the forefront; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bertagna has led the Finance/IT Department through tough times and good times and assembled a strong team of accountants, clerks, representatives, managers, analysts, and technicians to ensure the success of the department and ensure excellent customer service for our fellow citizens and employees; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bertagna has applied the expertise of a CPA and former municipal government auditor to everyday decisions and recommendations, including the items below:

- Numerous bond issues, loans and leases to finance and refinance the construction or improvement of the water and wastewater plants, Gauche Aquatic Park, Sunsweet Crossing development, Fire Station No. 4, Police Department Expansion, green energy projects at three sites, and the former redevelopment area—which includes the Plumas Street project, and through her mastery of public finance and tight fiscal controls, demonstrated to Yuba City's bond rating agencies that the City is a very good credit risk which led to better bond ratings saving hundreds of thousands of taxpayer and ratepayer dollars over the years;
- Critical input and implementation of cost-cutting and recommendations to Council during the Great Recession that saved jobs—all but a few—across all departments, helped keep service levels high during challenging times, and directed implementation of strategies that led to a significantly reduced utility bad debt, e.g., tax intercept participation, and supported cost-saving measures in utility bill printing and payment collection, e.g., online utility bill pay, pay-by-phone (IVR), PayNearMe, online licensing access and payments, and electronic parking citation issuance and collections;
- Helped provide transparent and expert analyses of the Tierra Buena and Hillcrest water conversion projects financials and has represented the City's interests under the Master Tax Exchange Agreement with County of Sutter;
- Guided, partnered, and endured with her fellow Administrative Services managers through the conversion of the City's financial system (ERP) from Eden to Pentamation, and ensured that the financial data was migrated accurately;
- Directed and participated in the production of 20 award-winning budgets and CAFRs, as well as directed the upgrades of major technical equipment, systems, and infrastructure, including: the storage area network, Spillman and Pentamation software systems, the 911 phone system, police and fire radio infrastructure, security camera systems at several City facilities, meeting room presentation audio-visual equipment, and badge-controlled door access at all City facilities;
- Served as treasurer for the Sutter-Butte Flood Control Agency, and the Sutter Animal Services Authority, and as the California Municipal Finance Officers Sacramento Valley Chapter chair;
- Became the project manager for the dissolution of the former Redevelopment Agency and has provided the financial direction for the Successor Agency and remained responsible for annual filings and financial stewardship.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, the members of the City Council of the City of Yuba City, do hereby commend Robin Bertagna for her outstanding performance and loyal service to the City and citizens of Yuba City. I hereby urge all residents of Yuba City to join us in recognizing Robin Bertagna for her many contributions to Yuba City and wish her all the best in the future.

Done on this 17th day of December, 2019, City of Yuba City, County of Sutter, State of California.