



# City of Emeryville

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## *Proclamation*

### RECOGNIZING JOSEPH C. MELANCON'S LIFETIME OF SERVICE TO THE EMERYVILLE COMMUNITY

**WHEREAS**, Joseph C. Melancon grew up in the East Bay, graduated from Richmond High School, earned his Bachelor's Degree and Teaching Credential from San Francisco State University, then was subsequently hired as a 5th Grade Teacher at Ralph Hawley School in 1969; and

**WHEREAS**, he served the School District full time for 35 years as a 4th, 5th, and 6th Grade Teacher at Ralph Hawley School and Anna Yates Elementary, Anna Yates Principal in 1992-94, then served as a 9th and 10th Grade Math/English/PE Teacher at Emery Secondary School, and was a grant writer and coordinator of various extra-curricular projects designed to benefit at-risk youth; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1995, Joseph was hired by the City of Emeryville in the Recreation Department and came to be known as "Nature Boy," as he started a teen program that included overnight camping trips, something few participants in the program had ever experienced; and

**WHEREAS**, over the course of the next 25 years, Joe would continue to work with Emeryville youth, and also serve in many other capacities including the Senior Center trips and events coordinator, Bus Driver, Crossing Guard, and he played Santa Claus at many Emeryville Holiday Events; and

**WHEREAS**, upon retiring full time from EUSD in 2004, he continued to serve as a go-to substitute teacher through 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, Joe continued to work in the after-school program through 2019, and was regularly recognized fondly by his former students who now had their own children in the program; now, therefore, be it

**PROCLAIMED**, that the City Council of the City of Emeryville hereby recognizes Joseph C. Melancon for his 50 years of service to the Emery United School District and 25 years of service to the City of Emeryville, where his contributions have had a positive effect on generations of the Emeryville community, for which we give our profound thanks.

**ADOPTED**, by the City Council of the City of Emeryville at a regular meeting held Tuesday, September 1, 2020:

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Christian R. Patz, Mayor