

Proclamation of the City of San Pablo

COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING

MARK WONG

**RECIPIENT OF THE 2025 FACULTY MEMBER AWARD
(PACIFIC REGION) BY THE ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY
COLLEGE TRUSTEES**

WHEREAS, *Mark Wong holds a Bachelor of Science in Physics from UC Berkeley and a Master's in Materials Science and Engineering from UC San Diego; and*

WHEREAS, *he began teaching Physics and Engineering at Contra Costa College (CCC) as an adjunct professor in August 2007; and*

WHEREAS, *CCC's student honor society awarded him the Golden Bell distinguished teaching award in 2012; and*

WHEREAS, *Professor Wong was hired as a full-time tenure-track professor of physics and engineering at CCC in August 2013, then granted tenure at CCC in March 2017; and*

WHEREAS, *Professor Wong was a finalist for the Contra Costa County Teacher of the Year Award in 2025; and*

WHEREAS, *Professor Wong plays a pivotal role in mentoring students through CCC's APECS Club, a student-led initiative focused on engineering, flight, and robotics, and along with fellow faculty members, he also helps lead CCC's involvement in NASA's National Community College Aerospace Scholars program, guiding students toward hands-on research and industry-level exploration; and*

WHEREAS, *on October 23, 2025, in New Orleans, LA, Professor Mark Wong was honored with the 2025 Faculty Member Award for the states of California, Oregon, Washington, Alaska, and Hawaii (known as the Pacific Region) by the Association of Community College Trustees, and was one of five finalists for the national honor.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Elizabeth Pabon-Alvarado, Mayor of the City of San Pablo, on behalf of the City Council and San Pablo employees, would like to recognize Professor Mark Wong for his 2025 Faculty Member Award, and to thank him for his continued leadership, compassion, and positive contributions and impact to the local students, colleagues, and San Pablo Community during his tenure 18+ years of services with Contra Costa Community College.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of San Pablo to be affixed this 2nd day of February, 2026.

Elizabeth Pabon-Alavarado, Mayor