

CITY OF SAN PABLO

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

San Pablo Lions

On Winning the Gold Division and Moving up to NorCal's State Premier Division

WHEREAS, *the San Pablo Lions is a competitive soccer team that plays for San Pablo United Youth Soccer Club (SPUYSC);*

WHEREAS, *the Lions team is composed of coaches and players that live in the San Pablo and Richmond communities;*

WHEREAS, *The Lions Coaches and Team Manager strive to create a soccer family with each player and their own family and have built a strong and united communal bond where they fundraise for tournament fees and equipment for our own youth;*

WHEREAS, *in fall of 2021, the San Pablo Lions won the Silver Division of NorCal Premier Soccer;*

WHEREAS, *in the spring of 2022, the San Pablo Lions won the Gold Division and the team is now moving up to NorCal's State Premier Division, which is a much higher level of competition, one with well-established Academies in higher-income cities in the Bay Area;*

WHEREAS, *while the SPUYSC is not a City of San Pablo-run program, the team plays every game representing the City of San Pablo and the San Pablo community and the players and coaches are very proud of where they live;*

WHEREAS, *the Lions team hopes to continue to receive support from SPUYSC and the City of San Pablo as they embark on a new competitive journey;*

NOW THEREFORE, *I, Rita Xavier, Mayor of the City of San Pablo, and on behalf of the San Pablo City Council hereby deem it an honor and pleasure to extend this Certificate of Recognition to the San Pablo Lions Soccer Teams Coaches: Jose Leon, Jorge Menjivar, Morlin Cortez and team Manager Rosie Hernandez, and Players (Angel Leon-Hernandez, Jorge Menjivar, Alejandro Velazquez, Gabriel Joel Leon-Hernandez, Diego Ortega, Erick Cervantes, Francisco Rugama, Henry Navarro, Juan Elias, Joshua Bautista, Emmanuel Dominguez, Oswaldo Franquez, Mathew Zalas, Alexis Guevara, Victor Alba, Marlon Ruiz, Mateo Kanh, Geovanni Gaytan, and Francisco Ceja with sincere congratulations on the Gold Team Championship and best wishes for future success in NorCal's State Premier Division and beyond.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of San Pablo to be affixed this 1st day of August, 2022.

Rita Xavier, Mayor