

City of San Pablo

Recognizing

Dr. Carol Weyland Conner's humanitarian contributions to the City of San Pablo and the County of Contra Costa

***WHEREAS;** in 2013, Dr. Carol Weyland Conner founded White Pony Express, the volunteer-powered nonprofit which delivers fresh, surplus food gathered from supermarkets and restaurants to the hungry throughout the county; and*

***WHEREAS,** Dr. Conner believed, "There is a simple solution that can end the problems of hunger and marginalization for good—a new paradigm: voluntary shared abundance. In this model of life, responsibility for helping the family of man is assumed by everyone, or in the phrase White Pony Express uses, 'all of us taking care of all of us!'" ; and*

***WHEREAS,** Over the last 10 years, White Pony Express has delivered millions of fresh, healthy meals and tens of thousands of clothing items to San Pablo service organizations who have distributed these items to San Pablo residents; and*

***WHEREAS,** Dr. Conner founded the nonprofit Following Francis, which has staged festive outdoor "fairies", musical plays, and other activities for nearly 15,000 children throughout the nation, including the children of San Pablo, California. Following Francis nurtures kindness, courage, and self-worth in children. Following Francis has distributed new clothing, groceries, holiday gift baskets, and envelopes of cash to families in San Pablo; and*

***WHEREAS,** Dr. Conner was the spiritual director of Sufism Reoriented, an American spiritual school founded by Meher Baba that honors all spiritual traditions and the essential unity of all life.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the City of San Pablo on September 18, 2023, hereby recognizes the impact of Dr. Conner's contributions and humanitarian efforts to serve under-resourced communities in Contra Costa County, specifically in San Pablo.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that we are deeply grateful for her compassionate heart, dedicated work, diligent hands, and exceptional leadership. Her legacy will live on through her nonprofits which serve food, clothing, and beautify our neighborhoods throughout the country.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of San Pablo to be affixed this 18th day of September, 2023.

Abel Pineda, Mayor