

Whereas, Jesse Graham is a native of the City of Santa Paula and a beloved member of the Ventura County community; and

Whereas, Jesse displayed *extraordinary interest* in the performing arts and a love of singing and dancing at an early age; and at the age of 12 became involved in the Rubicon Harmonix under the direction of Miriam Arichea and the Rubicon Theatre Company Summer Youth Program under Brian McDonald, where his special gifts were immediately recognized by his teachers, his fellow students and audience members; and

Whereas, Jesse has consistently been a *leader* and an example to his peers, working collaboratively and demonstrating extraordinary intelligence, insight, self-discipline, courtesy and kindness; and

Whereas, Jesse graduated from Pacific Conservatory of the Performing Arts, where he was recognized for outstanding dedication to academic excellence and exemplary professionalism as a company member; and

Whereas, Jesse has received acclaim as a professional actor in Rubicon productions of *My Fair Lady*, *A Christmas Carol*, and *Return to the Forbidden Planet*; has embarked on a successful career at theatres including La Mirada Theatre and The Givens Theater in North Carolina; and has already been offered a Broadway contract; and

Whereas, Jesse returned to Rubicon Theatre this summer as a choreographer for their educational program, showcasing his expertise and talent; and


Whereas, we are confident that Jesse will continue to shine as Rubicon's RISING STAR and bring honor to his family, friends and the citizens of Ventura County;

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Ventura County Board of Supervisors congratulates Jesse Graham on receiving Rubicon Theatre's RISING STAR award and commends him for his extraordinary accomplishments and leadership.

Presented on this 19th day of August 2023


Jeff Gorell, Supervisor 2nd District


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