



60th Anniversary City of Camarillo

WHEREAS, this year marks the 60th Anniversary of the incorporation of the City of Camarillo, a city that now boasts nearly 70,000 residents and spans roughly 20 square miles; and

WHEREAS, in 1963, an incorporation committee comprised of seven Executive Members and 46 additional members, formed in order to determine the proposed City boundaries and begin the incorporation process. On September 29, 1964, residents voted 85% to 15% to incorporate the City of Camarillo and elect five City Council members to represent them; and

WHEREAS, on October 5, 1964, the Board of Supervisors canvassed the returns of the election and declared the territory be incorporated as the City of Camarillo, as well as declared the persons receiving the highest number of votes as Camarillo's new representative body; and

WHEREAS, the original City Council included: Earl Joseph, a shoe store owner; Stan Daily, a local teacher; Ned Chatfield, a fireman; Guy Turner, an accountant; and Edith (Twedy) Rouez, a community volunteer; and

WHEREAS, on October 22, 1964, the City filed their incorporation papers with the Secretary of State in Sacramento, and as of 8:00 PM, were no longer covered under the laws of Ventura County. The Council held their first meeting that night at the former Pleasant Valley Grammar School Auditorium; and

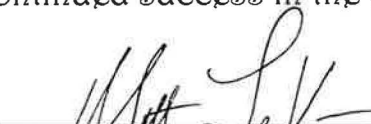
WHEREAS, for six decades, Camarillo has been recognized as an ideal place to live, work and play with more than 300 sunny days annually and an average temperature in the low 70s. Located less than 10 miles from the coast, Camarillo offers an appealing mixture of rural and suburban lifestyles, and is consistently ranked as one of the safest communities in Ventura County; and

WHEREAS, some notable highlights in Camarillo's 60 year history include: the first traffic light was installed on the corner of Arngill and Las Posas Roads in 1964; in 1969, the Camarillo Health Care District was established, and the Pleasant Valley Hospital was approved and opened its doors in 1973; the Camarillo Boys & Girls Club was founded in 1967; in 1977, the General Plan for the City was drafted by a committee of 100 residents; in 1985, the Pleasant Valley Historical Society Museum and Garden was built; the new Camarillo Public Library opened in 2007; in 2023, the North Pleasant Valley Desalter began producing a local source of high-quality drinking water; the groundbreaking of the Dizdar Park Renovation and Expansion Project took place in 2024; while, throughout the years, numerous service clubs and organizations have served the Camarillo Community; and

WHEREAS, observance of this milestone provides the opportunity to acknowledge the leadership and guidance of the City Council and staff for providing residents with a progressive community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ventura County Board of Supervisors takes great pleasure in honoring the City of Camarillo on the occasion of its 60th Anniversary and is pleased to work collaboratively with the City to better serve all residents, acknowledging the City's motto, "*Las Personas Son la Ciudad!*" Furthermore, the Board extends its best wishes for continued success in the years to come.

Presented on this 8th day of October 2024


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