

**COMMENDATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF SARATOGA HONORING**

ORGANIZATION OF CHINESE AMERICAN WOMEN

WHEREAS, the Organization of Chinese American Women (OCAW) was established in 1977 in Washington D.C. and the Silicon Valley Chapter (SVC) was founded in 1986; and

WHEREAS, the goals of the OCAW-SVC are to integrate Chinese American Women into the mainstream of American society, help Asian immigrants to understand and adapt to American society, to work cooperatively with other organizations with similar goals, and to encourage engagement in community service; and

WHEREAS, OCAW-SVC members have participated in community service by organizing and participating in the Saratoga's Relay for Life, Building Bridges, Mustard Faire, and Lantern Walk, as well as lead sponsor of the Saratoga citywide Lunar New Year Celebrations; and

WHEREAS, members of the Organization of Chinese American Women–Silicon Valley Chapter have served on the Los Gatos-Saratoga Union High School District Board, the Saratoga Union School District Board, the Santa Clara Valley Water District Board, the Saratoga Library Commission, the Saratoga Heritage Preservation Commission, and the Saratoga City Council; and

WHEREAS, the OCAW-SVC Annual Youth/Adult Fashion and Talent Show provides the opportunity for model training and showcasing the talents of the community; and

WHEREAS, the OCAW-SVC has sponsored many community forums, including topics in education, finance, health, and self-improvement, as well as candidate forums for local elections; and

WHEREAS, members of OCAW-SVC have served as volunteers for many Saratoga school and community organizations, such as the Saratoga Education Foundation, Saratoga Music Boosters, Saratoga High School Foundation, for local PTAs, Boy Scout Troops, Girl Scout Units, Friends of Saratoga Libraries, and Saratoga Area Senior Coordinating Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Saratoga does hereby recognize the Organization of Chinese American Women –Silicon Valley Chapter as an integral part of Saratoga's Asian American community and celebrates its contributions to the City of Saratoga during Asian Heritage Month.

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF SARATOGA on this 21st day of May 2014.

Emily Lo, Mayor
City of Saratoga