

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

Niel Locke

25 Years of Dedicated Public Service

The County of Nevada Board of Supervisors takes great pleasure in recognizing and expressing its gratitude to Niel Locke for 25 years of public service on the Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission and contributions to the community.

The County of Nevada Board of Supervisors recognizes Niel Locke for his long tenure of 25 years of leadership on the Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission (NCHLC). With one of the longest continuous tenures of any Nevada County committee or commission member, NCHLC has greatly expanded the County's recognition of historical landmarks across the county and the greater Nevada City area. His work has contributed, but is not limited to, the recognition of women's suffrage in Calanan Park in Nevada City for the work of Ellen Clark Sargent, recognizing the importance of early Black pioneers via designation of the The Alexander Family Homesite in Nevada City, raising increased awareness and community support for the local Nevada City Rancheria Nisenan Tribe, and the landmarking of Hirschman's Pond in Nevada City by recognizing the importance and contribution of early Jewish settlers.

While Niel is known within NCHLC as the "Go-To" local history expert his service goes well beyond the NCHLC and can be seen throughout the community. Specifically, Niel served as the elected Treasurer of Nevada City, and currently serves as the elected City Clerk. He also serves as the Chair of the California Heritage: Indigenous Research Project (C.H.I.R.P.). Over the years he has been a familiar face to the Nevada City community as the owner of Parent & Locke Antiques, Posh Nosh Restaurant and Java John's Coffee Shop in Nevada City. Additionally, Niel and his long-time partner John Parent served as Co-Grand Marshals of the Mardi Gras Parade in Nevada City – being the first in history to serve as co-marshals.

Therefore, the County of Nevada Board of Supervisors does hereby express its appreciation and gratitude to Niel Locke for 25 years of public service on the Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission and contributions to the community.

Susan Hoek, Chair

Heidi Hall, District I

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