



**LETTER OF RECOGNITION**

**SILVIO D. DI LORETO**  
**"Founding Member"**  
**City of Santa Barbara**  
**Rental Housing Mediation Program**

*WHEREAS, Silvio D. Di Loreto has served the Santa Barbara community in countless ways, including his invaluable leadership and outstanding dedication and service as an original volunteer City Council appointed mediator, chair, and trainer for the Rental Housing Mediation Program, (formerly the Rental Housing Mediation Task Force), for the past forty years; and*

*WHEREAS, out of a "grass roots" effort recognizing a need for communication, conflict resolution, and improved relations between landlords and tenants, the Rental Housing Mediation Program was established. Silvio has provided the spirit, dedication, inspiration, and leadership necessary for the Rental Housing Mediation Board and staff to accomplish its important work and success in the community, therefore, alleviating the burden of the courts; and*

*WHEREAS, Silvio's overall personal dedication, mediating hundreds of disputes within our community, confirms a true commitment to social responsibility and a deep compassion for people, exemplified by receipt of prestigious awards including the Santa Barbara News Press Lifetime Achievement Award and the Anti-Defamation League's Humanitarian of the Year Award; and*


*WHEREAS, Silvio's tireless efforts have been an essential link between government, the citizenry, neighborhood groups, real estate and the business community, social service agencies, low income families, the homeless, and senior citizens; and*

*WHEREAS, Silvio's proactive approach to addressing and responding to the aforementioned needs of our community has truly made our City a model for administering mediation and alternative dispute resolution services.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, HELENE SCHNEIDER, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Santa Barbara, do hereby honor and recognize **SILVIO D. DI LORETO** for his commitment, passion and visionary leadership and FORTY years of dedicated volunteer Mediation services to our community.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Santa Barbara, California, to be affixed this 29<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016.*



  
**HELENE SCHNEIDER**  
 Mayor