



LETTER OF RECOGNITION

**In Honor of Rental Housing Mediation Task Force
Board Member Barbara Smith Sherrill**

September 20, 2011

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Rental Housing Mediation Task Force is to provide neutral, confidential, and compassionate mediation services for rental owners and residents when conflict arises, welcoming all people of all backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, the Rental Housing Mediation Task Force by its efforts keeps cases out of the courts, keeps people off the streets and in safe and secure housing, and the other offices and branches of government from having to attend to these crises;

WHEREAS, BARBARA SMITH SHERRILL served on the Rental Housing Mediation Task Force from June 2004 to June 2011, served in all officer positions, secretary, vice-chair, and two terms as chair, creating a forum for open, honest, and civil discourse and training sessions, assisted in outreach and funding presentations, participated in many mediations, serving all with patience, maintaining an impartial air, holding true to the law and spirit of the mediations, and successfully bringing to a just conclusion the will and desires of the participants, one and all;

NOW THEREFORE, I, HELENE SCHNEIDER, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Santa Barbara, California, do hereby offer gratitude and appreciation to BARBARA SMITH SHERILL for serving the community through the Santa Barbara Rental Housing Mediation Task Force, bringing relief, comfort, and peace of mind to our residents.

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 20th of September, 2011.


HELENE SCHNEIDER
Mayor

