

AC Transit District Director, Ward 4: Mark Williams

AC Transit District Director, Ward 5: Diane Shaw

Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) Director, District 4: Robert Raburn

BART Director, District 6: Liz Ames

Dublin-San Ramon Services District Directors: Ann Marie Johnson, Georgean Vonheeder-Leopold

East Bay Municipal Utility District, Ward 7: Frank Mellon

East Bay Regional Park District Director, Ward 5: Ayn Wieskamp

Eden Township Healthcare District Directors: Mariellen Faria, Roxann V. Lewis, Gordon Galvan

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Chabot-Las Positas CCD Trustee, Area 3: Genevieve Randolph

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Dublin USD Governing Board Member, Area 5: Dan Cherrier

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RECOGNIZING EILEEN GREB FOR THE 2018 MONTANA CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION

HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2018

Mr. GIANFORTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Eileen Greb of Butte, a recipient of the 2018 Montana Congressional Veteran Commendation for her service to her country and leadership in her community.

Mrs. Greb answered the call to serve in 1968 as a nurse in the United States Navy, where she cared for American servicemen and women at home and abroad. Mrs. Greb left active duty in 1984 but remained in the Individual Ready Reserve program until 1997, finishing her military career with the rank of Lieutenant Commander.

Mrs. Greb also answered the call to serve her community through numerous civic and veterans organizations in Butte. She serves as Chaplain for Silver Bow American Legion Post 1 and has been an officer in the local and state chapters of the Disabled American Veterans. Mrs. Greb has been a dedicated advocate for the Southwest Montana Veterans Home, which is slated for construction in 2019 after a long campaign to secure funding. On top of all this, she still finds time to assist in giving flu shots and working in her local YMCA's Medical Exercise Program.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in commending Eileen Greb for her dedication and service.

TRIBUTE TO HERBERT "HERB" SPIEGEL

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2018

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to my good friend Herbert "Herb" Spiegel, who passed away in California on Sunday, December 2, 2018. Herb, a devoted family man, served his nation in World War II, and volunteered with many organizations in his community. He will be deeply missed.

Herb and his family escaped war-torn Germany in May of 1939, immigrating to the United States and settling in New York. He served in the U.S. Navy as a Seabee in Kodiak, Alaska during World War II, and was honorably discharged in 1946. He met Flora Hirsch on a New Year's weekend in 1950 and had a whirlwind courtship, proposing on their first date. After she said yes on the second date, they were married on May 23, 1951. They returned to Kodiak as he continued to work as a civilian electrician with the Navy.

The Spiegels would eventually relocate to Corona, California, where they would raise a family and become active members of the community. Herb founded Corona Industrial Electric, Inc. and has been an active member of the National Electrical Contractors Association. Herb retired in 1994, after receiving numerous awards and recognitions in the electrical contracting industry, and became actively immersed in the local community. Herb had remained active with the Corona Chamber of Commerce; Corona Host Lions; Corona Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; a member of the Masonic Lodge as a Master Mason, and Shriner; Navy League and an active member and founder of Congregation Beth Shalom of Corona. I have seen firsthand how Herb's tireless passion for his family, community service and giving back has contributed immensely to the betterment of the community of Corona. Additionally, Herb was a co-founder and creator of a holocaust education forum to share and preserve the story of his life and other holocaust survivors with young adults in Southern California.

Herb is survived by three sons: Sam, Bobby, and Marc; seven grandchildren: Tanya, Rebecca, Rachel, Isaac, Josh, Jacob and Aaron; great grandson RJ, and many nieces and nephews from around the globe. I extend my heartfelt condolences to the Spiegel family, his friends, and everyone fortunate enough to know Herb. Although Herb may be gone, the many contributions he made to his country, community and family will have a lasting impact.

IN RECOGNITION OF PETER OHTAKI

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2018

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Peter Ohtaki of Menlo Park who is departing the city council after eight years in service to its residents. In 2010, Peter Ohtaki filed to run

for the council. These were some of the worst years of the Great Recession, and the city's budget was in distress. It would have been easy for Peter to wait for a less challenging time to run, but instead he stepped up to serve his community. He came in first among six candidates for three seats. He was subsequently re-elected in 2014 and has served twice as Mayor.

From 2007 through 2010, Peter was also elected to the Menlo Park Fire Protection District board of directors and served as the President in 2010. Peter served on the Finance Committee and oversaw a balanced \$32 million budget at the district. With Peter's leadership and financial background, the district paid down 78 percent of its \$13 million pension obligation, saving the district millions in interest costs.

The recession of 2010 was a heavy blow to the city's finances, but since that time the recovery of the national economy has brought traffic to a standstill at commute hours. There are no easy or inexpensive choices regarding traffic in a city growing due to global innovation and the physical expansion of this globe's pre-eminent social media company, Facebook. As Peter Ohtaki noted, 80 percent of all traffic in the city neither begins nor ends within its borders.

To improve mobility, he supported an undercrossing at the Ravenswood/El Camino Real intersection so that residents could bypass the wait at Caltrain. He supported housing along the transit corridor and improvements to signs so that traffic would be less likely to cut through the Allied Arts and Belle Haven neighborhoods. He was a strong supporter of the Downtown Specific Plan that will allow the city's businesses and tax base to thrive. Residents may take a short drive downtown instead of going to surrounding communities for services.

During his terms in office, Mayor Ohtaki was also known for his respect for all during public meetings, his commitment to community safety and improved emergency response capacities, his devotion to balanced budgets and prudent reserves, and his willingness to work with the fire protection district to enhance protection for all residents.

Peter grew up in Menlo Park, attending both La Entrada Middle School and Woodside High School. He graduated with a B.A. in Economics, magna cum laude, from Harvard University and an MBA from Stanford University's Graduate School of Business. Peter and his wife Julie have three children, Robby, Nicolee and Trey, in Menlo Park public schools. Now that he is leaving public life, he may spend more time with his family. We deeply appreciate their dedication to public life and are grateful that they allowed Peter to serve despite the sacrifices in time that every family endures when someone serves in public office.

Mr. Speaker, the people of Menlo Park are highly educated, passionate about their beliefs, and deeply engaged in national and local public affairs. Peter is a stellar example of that. He may look back at where he started—with the budget in tatters and basic services in retreat—and relish that he helped guide Menlo Park through recovery and into prosperity. I wish him well in his next adventure during the years ahead.