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City Issues Pride Month Proclamation

Ojai Locals a Catalyst for Community Pride

OJAI, CA (June 14, 2022) In recognition of Pride Month and honoring the diverse contribution of the LGBTQ+ communities in the Ojai Valley and beyond, Ojai Mayor Betsy Stix issued a Pride Month Proclamation on behalf of the City at its Tuesday evening City Council meeting.

Local musician and transgender activist Michelle Rosenblum was joined by long-time Ojai residents Helen Allen and Lynne Doherty, two early voices for the local LGBTQ+ community and--Doherty shares--the first same-sex couple to join the Ojai Valley Athletic Club. They offered a visual history of Ojai Pride; starting with the early Pride walks nearly 30 years ago and moving to a wide range of outreach, education, awareness, advocacy, and community-building work.

Mayor Stix followed with the Proclamation recognizing the anniversary of the Stonewall Riots of 1969 as a catalyst for LGBTQ+ rights, and the City's commitment to protecting these rights, celebrating diversity, supporting fairness, and fighting discrimination.

The 2022 Ojai Pride Walk will take place on June 26, 2022, meeting at 11 a.m. at the Libbey Park fountain. Rosenblum encourages all to join the casual, 30-minute walk to celebrate LGBTQ+ pride and the vibrant Ojai Valley community.

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