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COUNCIL MEMBER BARBARA SPECTOR RECEIVES YWCA TWIN AWARD

Los Gatos, CA – On Monday, May 12, Council member Barbara Spector was one of 38 executive women to be recognized by the YWCA Silicon Valley as a TWIN Honoree. This year is the 30th anniversary of the TWIN program, and the YWCA has honored more than 1,200 executive women from high tech, medical, education, law, finance, real estate, and non-profit organizations over this period. Los Gatos and San Jose are the only cities that have participated in the program.

The TWIN award recognizes women who are leaders in their professions and companies and are exceptional role models for other women transitioning into executive positions. They are nominated by senior level representatives in the organizations. Council member Diane McNutt nominated Council member Spector, stating that “The Honorable Barbara Spector served effectively, efficiently and ethically as Mayor of Los Gatos during an exceptionally challenging year for the Town. Her inclusive leadership, disciplined focus, and wise decision-making helped achieve consensus and compromise whenever possible. The entire Town was fortunate to have Ms. Spector as Mayor in 2013.”

Ms. Spector offered the following advice to women for a successful life: “Recognize all girls’ potential, encourage them to follow their dreams, and speak out against gender-based injustices.” This message was on a Proclamation issued by Mayor Barbara Spector declaring “Day of the Girl” in Los Gatos.

Ms. Spector was joined at the Los Gatos table by her husband, Ira, Mayor Steven Leonardis, Vice Mayor Marcia Jensen, Town Manager Greg Larson, Town Attorney Rob Schultz, Assistant Town Manager Pamela Jacobs, Police Chief Scott Seaman, Human Resources Director Rumi Portillo, and former Community Development Director Sandy Bailey. Ms. Jacobs and Ms. Portillo are former TWIN Honorees.

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