

- WHEREAS,** Eimi Okano has made great strides in reforming California textbook education and bringing awareness to drug and alcohol addiction. As a former elementary school teacher, she witnessed the lack of inclusion of California's ethnically diverse population in textbooks. She and Jeanette Arakawa prepared a report for the California State Board of Education advocating for change, which led publishers to diversify K-12 textbook content and illustrations;
- WHEREAS,** in 1973, she was one of the founders of Asian Americans for Community Involvement (AACI), an instrumental force in advocating for reparations for Japanese Americans after World War II and providing social services to Southeast Asian immigrants;
- WHEREAS,** as a County of Santa Clara employee, Ms. Okano established the award-winning County Learning Institute, which provides County employees with access to the most recent and effective drug and alcohol research; and,
- WHEREAS,** Ms. Okano is a longtime leader at the Palo Alto Buddhist Temple, also holding officer roles in the Buddhist Women's Association. She has lived in Palo Alto for 57 years and has three children and six grandchildren.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Clara does hereby honor and commend

Eimi Okano

in recognition of her receipt of a 2024 Avenidas Lifetimes of Achievement Award.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the Board of Supervisors, County of Santa Clara, State of California on this 7th day of May, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four by unanimous vote.

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