

- WHEREAS,** James Stinger was a research engineer at Hewlett-Packard for more than 30 years, where his work in software development was awarded numerous patents which fostered the growth of “the HP Way.” His 2005 retirement allowed him to nurture other interests, such as watercolor painting, and to devote his time more fully to community service;
- WHEREAS,** he has tirelessly supported the YMCA of the Mid-Peninsula, the Challenge Learning Center, Avenidas, American Diabetes Association Tour de Cure, Palo Alto Community Child Care, the Society of West-Coast Artists San Francisco Chapter, and the Kiwanis Club of Palo Alto. His paintings have developed a fan following and are sought after at auctions held for philanthropic causes;
- WHEREAS,** Valerie Stinger spent 25 years of her professional career in marketing and development at Bay Area companies, such as Smith-Kline Instruments, Syntex Corporation, and Genentech;
- WHEREAS,** on her commute to work one day, Mrs. Stinger had a moment of revelation that it was time to give back, which jumpstarted a tour with the Peace Corps in Morocco, where she taught English at a business university and worked to develop a market for artisans. She continued to advise and mentor micro-businesses in developing countries in Africa, including Lesotho, Sudan, Malawi, Ghana, Tanzania, and Uganda, as well as women in the Middle East, and developed a business plan to transition a biological weapons facility into an environmental monitoring lab in Stepnogorsk, Kazakhstan;
- WHEREAS,** locally, she has served on community-focused commissions, such as the City of Palo Alto Library Advisory Commission and the Human Relations Commission; and,
- WHEREAS,** James and Valerie Stinger have two daughters and have lived in Palo Alto for 50 years.

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

## ***James & Valerie Stinger***

in recognition of their 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four by unanimous vote.

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Susan Ellenberg  
President, Board of Supervisors

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Supervisor, District Five

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