



Item #09-8-7
Action

Government Relations & Public Affairs Committee

July 30, 2009

Resolution Recognizing Mary Brill

Issue: Resolution recognizing Mary Brill as SACOG names a new SACOG *Salutes!* Youth Excellence Award in her honor.

Recommendation: That the Government Relations & Public Affairs Committee recommend that the Board adopt the attached resolution for the August Board meeting.

Discussion: Mary Brill has been an active community advocate for land use and transportation planning that is inclusive of all stakeholders. She has worked to encourage youth to take more active roles in smart growth, land use, transportation planning and climate change. A new SACOG *Salutes!* award for Youth Excellence will be added to the categories for the annual award program.

Approved by:

Mike McKeever
Executive Director

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Attachment

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RECOGNIZING MARY BRILL ON HER CIVIC ENGAGEMENT ACHIEVEMENTS AND THE NAMING OF THE SACOG *SALUTES!* YOUTH EXCELLENCE AWARD IN HER HONOR

WHEREAS, MARY BRILL has been a tireless advocate for civic engagement, ensuring that every participant at community events has an opportunity to provide input; and

WHEREAS, MARY BRILL has helped organize dozens of community improvement organizations and projects, including the Sacramento County Alliance of Neighborhoods and was on the forefront of regional planning efforts, promoting active community engagement in smart growth and transportation planning projects; and

WHEREAS, MARY BRILL was an integral part of SACOG's Blueprint project, helping to ensure all populations be represented and participate in the ongoing dialogue on how we address growth in their communities and our greater Sacramento region; and

WHEREAS, MARY BRILL has been a staunch advocate for low-income and minority groups to have a voice in land use, transportation, housing and air quality planning; and

WHEREAS, MARY BRILL spearheaded many community improvement projects including the after school program Arts Kool (a program that developed after Mary brought youth, parents, and school district staff together); and

WHEREAS, MARY BRILL advocated for creation of the City of Sacramento's Planning and City Management Academies, the city's Strategic Planning Community Outreach Advisory Committee and the development of the city's two-tier fee structure for sewer connections and inclusionary housing ordinance; and

WHEREAS, MARY BRILL has been recognized by numerous organizations for her many contributions to our community, including her being named by the Sacramento News & Review as the Best Woman Warrior Against Sprawl; and

WHEREAS, MARY BRILL is admired and respected by residents, policy makers, environmentalists and transportation, land use, air quality and climate change advocates;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Sacramento Area Council of Governments name the *SACOG Salutes!* Youth Excellence award in honor of Mary Brill for her stellar example of community leadership and civic engagement for all.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 20th day of August 2009, by the following vote of the Board of Directors:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Helen Thomson
Chair of the Board

Mike McKeever
Executive Director