

Resolution No. 2019 - 49

RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECOGNIZING CHABAD OF SOLANO COUNTY ON ITS TEN-YEAR JOURNEY TO CREATE A CHABAD CENTER FOR JEWISH LIFE AND SYNAGOGUE

WHEREAS, Jews came to Solano County as early as 1853 when Moses Blum and Bertha Koshland Blum settled in Vacaville as the first recorded Jewish settlers in Solano County. Over the next 150 years, small groups of Jewish residents attempted several times to form and sustain Jewish communities. However, previous efforts failed; and

WHEREAS, in September of 2009 – the year 5769 according to the Jewish calendar - Rabbi Chaim Zaklos, his wife, Aidel Zaklos and baby daughter Mussia, came to Vacaville to create a Chabad Center for Jewish life and Synagogue in Solano County. They reached out to the surrounding communities and connected with over 500 households – the foundation of today's thriving community; and

WHEREAS, in December 2014, Chabad of Solano County purchased an over 8,000 square foot building on East Main Street in Vacaville. Over the next four years, the congregation, under the leadership of Rabbi Zaklos and supported by local and worldwide Chabad community members and other supporters, raised nearly three-quarter of a million dollars in four intense one-day fundraising campaigns; and

WHEREAS, these campaigns provided the down payment for the building purchase, funded the furnishings for the Sanctuary, commissioned the first new Torah scroll in Solano County, remodeled the building including the social hall, and installed the first Solano public kosher kitchen; and

WHEREAS, funds also went into the construction of the Mikvah which will be dedicated in the month of Adar II, 5779 (March 2019). The ritual bath is an essential part of the observation of purity laws for members and a milestone in the development of the community; and

WHEREAS, Chabad of Solano County will continue to grow with its vision to be a “one-stop-Jewish-life” center that will serve the needs of both the Jewish community and all community members.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Solano County Board of Supervisors congratulates the members of Chabad of Solano County on its milestone achievements and wishes them all the best for the future.

Dated this 26th day of March, 2019



ERIN HANNIGAN, Chairwoman
Solano County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
BIRGITTA E. CORSELLO, Clerk
Solano County Board of Supervisors

By:
Jeanette Neiger, Chief Deputy Clerk