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Remembering Former Norco Mayor Kathy Azevedo

NORCO, CA: It is with great sadness that the City of Norco announces the loss of local hero, Horsetown USA® advocate and former Norco Mayor Kathy Azevedo. Kathy passed at her home in Norco, California on Thursday, May 20, 2021 surrounded by her loving family members. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family, friends and all those who knew her through her infectious smile and many acts of kindness.

Kathy’s legacy as a lifelong member of the community will have a lasting impact in Norco, and her impressive list of accomplishments during her 12 years on the Norco City Council will never be forgotten, including her contributions to the Norco Fair, the National Day of the American Cowboy, the Horsetown Parade of Lights and Christmas Festival, and SilverLakes Sports Park. As a Council Member, Kathy passionately supported the preservation of Norco’s rural lifestyle, sensible economic development projects and improvements throughout the region.

“I’m honored to have been Kathy’s friend and to have served with her on the Norco City Council, as well as many other community organizations,” stated Mayor Kevin Bash. “Kathy was a great advocate and warrior for our community throughout her life, and she will be greatly missed.”

Kathy attended Norco High School, where her role as a cheerleader for the Cougars prepared her to be the ultimate cheerleader for Horsetown USA®, a term that she proudly created. While many of her classmates left Norco after graduation, Kathy remained true to her hometown and tirelessly promoted and enhanced the City throughout her entire career as a public servant. Kathy was constantly informed and inspired by her experiences growing up in Norco and she never stopped giving back to her hometown.

Kathy is survived by her high school sweetheart and loving husband Danny Azevedo; Ellen Seiberling, mother; Lance Seiberling, brother; Stacy Azevedo Nicola, daughter; Chad Azevedo, son; Troy Nicola, grandson; Gracie Nicola, granddaughter; Reagan Azevedo, granddaughter; Evyn Azevedo, granddaughter; and many others.

Memorial service information will be forthcoming. In lieu of flowers and gifts, the family has requested that donations be made to Support Sisterz, a community-focused nonprofit organization comprised of breast cancer survivors with a passion to financially and emotionally empower women.

For more information, contact the City of Norco at info@ci.norco.ca.us.

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