



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Walnut Creek has made a substantial commitment to the development of the Arts, celebrating the value and importance of the Arts for the health of thriving communities.

WHEREAS, the Arts enhance our lives through education, enrichment, creative expression and entertainment, enabling diverse populations to explore history and culture, through voice, dance, music and the visual arts;

WHEREAS, the Arts create meaningful experiences for connection that embody so much of the wisdom, intellect, and imagination of humankind;

WHEREAS, creative arts organizations are vital sectors of our economy, providing new opportunities for the City, creating jobs, and supporting local restaurants and businesses;

WHEREAS, opera is a culmination of all artistic disciplines—music, language, dance, and the visual arts—enriching the presence of Walnut Creek as a regional hub for the performing arts; and

WHEREAS, Festival Opera celebrates its 32nd year of presenting professional opera in Walnut Creek with this production of Bizet’s CARMEN, and free Opera in the Park concerts as part of the Arts Around August festival.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Cindy Silva, Mayor of the City of Walnut Creek, on behalf of the Walnut Creek City Council, do hereby proclaim the week of August 20, 2023, as

FESTIVAL OPERA WEEK

in the City of Walnut Creek and call upon the community members to celebrate and promote opera in our community and specifically encourage greater participation by said community members in taking action for the arts in Walnut Creek.



Cindy Silva
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Mayor