TOWN OF TIBURON
1505 Tiburon Boulevard
Tiburon, CA 94920

Town Council Meeting
October 19, 2016
Agenda Item: CC-2

STAFF REPORT

To:	Mayor and Members of the Town Council
From:	Office of the Town Clerk
Subject:	Recommendation to adopt resolution for 2016 Business Citizen of the Year
Reviewed By:	*4.C.*

BACKGROUND

The Tiburon Peninsula Chamber of Commerce has named Tom O'Neill as its Business Citizen of the Year for 2016. Tom and his wife, Peggy (owner of Hearts & Flowers), have lived in Tiburon for many years. He is best known for the annual Classic Car Show on Shoreline Park which he co-founded with former Mayor, Bruce Ross. Two years ago, O'Neill also launched the Irish Music Festival in honor of his great uncle, Chief Francis O'Neill. He is currently working on the Tiburon Peninsula Foundation's Trestle Trail Committee to further preserve the Town's railroad heritage. Tom is the founder of Reserve Analysis Consulting LLC, a company that does reserve studies for homeowners' associations.

Tom O'Neill was recognized at the 23rd Annual Spirit of Marin Awards luncheon in September. He will be presented with the Town's resolution at a luncheon in November at the San Francisco Yacht Club.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Council adopt the resolution commending and congratulating Tom O'Neill upon his selection as the 2016 Tiburon Peninsula Chamber Business Citizen of the Year.

Exhibit:	Resolution
Prepared By:	Diane Crane Iacopi, Town Clerk

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TIBURON
COMMENDING TOM O'NEILL UPON HIS SELECTION AS THE
TIBURON PENINSULA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
2016 BUSINESS CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

WHEREAS, Tom O'Neill, a Minnesota native, graduated from college in Colorado, and continued to work his way West to the Town of Tiburon in 1968;

WHEREAS, Tom met his future wife, Peggy, in Tiburon, where the two were married in 1970, purchased a home in 1977, and raised their son, Casey;

WHEREAS, Tom was captivated by the Town's beauty and began to look for ways to give back to the community he and wife Peggy had come to love;

WHEREAS, Tom, along with Steve Sears, served as co-chairs of the celebration to open Shoreline Park in 1986; the same year he became involved in the commercial construction business (he later founded Reserve Analysis Consulting LLC which does reserve studies for homeowners' associations);

WHEREAS, in 2001, Tom and former Mayor, Bruce Ross, invited three other vintage car owners to bring their so-called "garage treasures" down to Main Street during the celebration of its renovation; this created the spark to organize a classic car show with 32 autos the following year;

WHEREAS, after Ross passed away, Tom continued to pursue his vision for a Classic Car Show, which by now had been relocated to Shoreline Park and is now a highly anticipated event featuring over 100 vintage cars each year on Father's Day weekend;

WHEREAS, with his experience running the Classic Car Show, and having discovered his Irish heritage and connection to a local music folk hero on a trip to Ireland, Tom created the Tiburon Irish Music Festival in 2015 to honor and celebrate traditional Irish music amongst Tiburon residents and musicians from near and far;

WHEREAS, Tom was invited to join the board of the Tiburon Peninsula Foundation in 2015, and as a member of the Trestle Trail committee, is working to preserve Tiburon's heritage as a railroad town;

WHEREAS, Tom's says his philosophy of volunteerism comes from his "desire to give back some of the benefits that a wonderful community like ours provides for its residents";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Tiburon hereby commends Tom on his well-deserved selection as the Chamber's 2016 Business Citizen of the year, and expresses its sincere appreciation to Tom for his continued contributions to the quality of life in the Town of Tiburon.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 19th day of October, 2016, by the following vote:

COUNCILMEMBERS:

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ERIN TOLLINI, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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DIANE CRANE IACOPI, TOWN CLERK