

City of Framingham
The City Council of Framingham



ORDER NO. 2021-110
REQUEST OF COUNCILOR CANNON

UPON THE REQUEST OF COUNCILOR CANNON, THE CITY OF FRAMINGHAM, THROUGH THE FRAMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL, IT IS SO ORDERED:

Resolution Honoring Mark Goldman

WHEREAS — Mark Goldman made his home in Framingham for fifty years with his beloved wife Marilyn. From his early days in Framingham, Mark crafted a legacy of volunteerism and community service in Framingham.

WHEREAS — Mark made countless contributions to the Framingham United Soccer Club. He was a referee, a coach, a board member, girls tournament director, and president. It was important to Mark for children to have the opportunity to play on safe, good quality fields. He was an integral part of a team that committed six years of effort to secure land for a “Field of Dreams” soccer complex in Framingham. The Merchant Road Fields were finally dedicated in October 2000. It delighted him to share soccer with his daughters and more recently, his grandchildren.

WHEREAS — While Mark shied from the spotlight and was the first to give credit to others, he was recognized with the “Salute to Framingham” award in 2001 – an event to honor community leaders who have made extraordinary commitments to the youth of Framingham.

WHEREAS — Mark was a member of the Framingham Parks & Recreation Commission, where he collaborated passionately on many projects including improving fields throughout Framingham, and helped to develop Cushing Memorial Park.

WHEREAS — Mark was an active member of Temple Beth Shalom, serving in myriad capacities; including as a head usher at high holy day services, a valued cook in the kitchen, and steady volunteer for youth activities and fundraisers.

WHEREAS — Mark’s latest community service focused on supporting Framingham’s older adults. He served on Framingham’s Council on Aging for six years, most recently as Vice Chair; and President of the Friends of Callahan Senior Center since 2014 where he successfully led multiple initiatives to support the senior community.

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WHEREAS — Mark was instrumental in transforming the Heritage Gallery at The Callahan Center, from a shop for secondhand items to a showcase of works by locals crafters and artisans; hosting a “Sports Fanatics” weekly meeting; securing the requisite funding for a new bingo machine; and advocating for computers and technology literacy for seniors to stay connected during the pandemic. He was a gifted fundraiser, fully committed to supporting older adults in his community.

WHEREAS — Mark’s powers of persuasion and influence served Framingham well when the seniors’ exclusive use of the Callahan Center was in jeopardy. He led the charge to craft an ordinance which protected the Callahan Center, preserving its exclusive use by seniors from such a threat in the future.

WHEREAS — The people of Framingham extend their profound sympathies to Mark’s beloved wife Marilyn, his daughter Risa Burgess and her husband Scott; daughter Laura Goldman-Pogson and her wife, Sarah; Mark’s cherished grandchildren, Max and Brooke, whom he absolutely adored; sister Marsha Soloway and husband Ed; sister-in-law Janice Hirsch and husband Mark; his extended family, friends and neighbors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED — That the City Council of Framingham, Massachusetts Honors our treasured friend, Mark Goldman, and is grateful to his family for sharing his talents, his leadership, and his courageous determination with the people of Framingham over the last five decades.

YEAS: Bryant, Cannon, Case, King, Leombruno, Long, Ottaviani, Shepard, Stefanini,
Steiner, Stewart-Morales
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: All members were present in person or via teleconferencing
PASSED IN COUNCIL: SEPTEMBER 23, 2021

A True Record, Attest:

9/28/2021
Date Approved

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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lisa A. Ferguson".

Lisa A. Ferguson, City Clerk
Emily Butler, Assistant City Clerk