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REMEMBERING FORMER MONTEREY MAYOR PETER CONIGLIO Honorably Served as Mayor From 1973 to 1977

Monterey, Calif. – The City of Monterey is mourning the loss of a huge champion of Monterey, former Mayor Peter Coniglio. Mayor Coniglio passed away early Sunday morning at the age of 94, surrounded by his wife, Rochelle, and family. “He loved Monterey and was honored to be a leader in the community,” she remarked. A celebration of life mass will take place on March 6, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at San Carlos Cathedral, 500 Church Street.

Mayor Coniglio served on the Monterey City Council from 1970 and as Mayor from 1973 to 1977. Prior to his time on the City Council, he served on the Parks & Recreation Commission as well as the Planning Commission, where he played a pivotal role in the Window on the Bay (WOB) project. The WOB project transformed former buildings along the waterfront on Del Monte Avenue into open space, providing public access to our waterfront that millions of people enjoy each year.


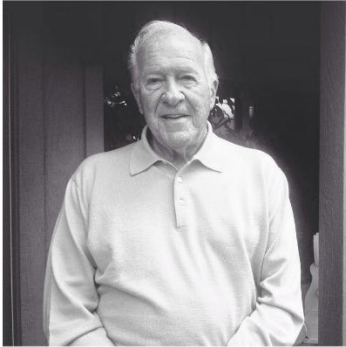
Mayor Tyller Williamson said, “While the community grieves this local hero and lifelong public servant, let us celebrate the honorable and generous work he did for our city and region. His vision and love for Monterey will always be remembered. On behalf of the City of Monterey, we send our love and condolences to his beautiful family.”

As Mayor, Mr. Coniglio was the original driver of building the Monterey Conference Center. Former Mayor Clyde Roberson remembers, “During the Urban Renewal Period of the 1970s, Peter saved downtown. After 40 acres in the core of downtown was leveled, in a location that was to be a JC Penney store before they backed out of the deal, he envisioned the Monterey Conference Center, and saved downtown.”

Mayor Coniglio will be remembered also for transforming Monterey from a fishing capital to a thriving, hospitality-driven economic leader in the region.

The City of Monterey will create a collage of photos to share in his memory. Mr. Coniglio participated in the Monterey 250th Birthday Celebration on June 3, 2020, during the COVID-19 pandemic, in a recorded live discussion with all the other living Mayors of Monterey at the time: Dan Albert Sr., Clyde Roberson, and Chuck Della Sala. The recording is posted on the City's YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/live/8tBQPeBCkws?si=CYWRCtUCkDv2KTsZ> and a [few slides in PDF from the presentation](#).

A MAYOR'S PERSPECTIVE



Former Mayor Peter Coniglio: Served on the Council from 1970 And as Mayor of Monterey 1973 - 1976.

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