

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING KEITH ORR AND MARTIN CONTRERAS FOR  
THEIR YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE WASHTENAW COUNTY COMMUNITY

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

March 20, 2019

WHEREAS, Keith Orr and Martin Contreras are longtime local businessmen and activists, who have demonstrated great leadership for Ann Arbor and the LGBTQ community, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Orr is a graduate of the Interlochen Arts Academy, studied at Boston University, and received his bachelor's degree in music from University of Michigan; and Mr. Contreras studied at the University of Michigan and trained as a physical therapist; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Orr and Mr. Contreras founded /aut/Bar, a gay bar and restaurant that serves as a pillar of the LGBTQ community in the Ann Arbor area; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Orr and Mr. Contreras also founded Common Language Books, a LGBTQ bookstore that hosts authors and forums, and that is a social center for the gay community; and

WHEREAS, the couple has been very active in local and charitable causes, including support of UNIFIED- HIV Health and Beyond, an outreach service that provides care and prevention to individuals who are affected by HIV, participation in the Ann Arbor Downtown Development Association, and involvement with historic court cases regarding the right to marry and free speech, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Contreras and Mr. Orr's involvement in the LGBTQ community and greater Ann Arbor community has helped make the city a great place to live and work, contributing to the multicultural and welcoming environment of Ann Arbor.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners hereby honors and expresses its most sincere gratitude to Keith Orr and Martin Contreras for their service to Ann Arbor and the citizens of Washtenaw County.

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Jason Morgan – District 8  
Washtenaw County Commissioner  
Chair of the Board of Commissioners