**City Council Meeting**

**Councilmember Laurene Weste**

**Adjournment: Jeff Wheat**

**January 9, 2024, City Council Meeting**

* Tonight, I would like to adjourn in memory of a cherished community member and close friend – Jeff Wheat.
* Hailing from the state of New York, Jeff studied at the University of Rochester before moving to California in the 70’s.
* He chose the Santa Clarita Valley to put down roots in 1982.
* Jeff had an amazing career as a television cameraman and was honored with several Emmy awards and by the Directors Guild of America for his work on the popular series, “Friends.”
* His love for western history drew him to volunteer at the William S. Hart Museum and join the board of the Friends of Hart Park.
* He was a dedicated contributor to our Santa Clarita Cowboy Festival, promoting concerts and taking part in other fundraisers such as Silents Under the Stars and the Hart of the West Pow Wow.
* Jeff has also worked on the local SCV Boys and Girls Club auctions and the yearly Children’s Hospital of Los Angeles fundraisers.
* He has been recognized by Congress for his contributions to the American Folklife Center’s Local Legacies Project; by the American Red Cross for assisting earthquake victims; and he received the Patriotic Service Award from the Department of Treasury for his patriotism.
* Our thoughts are with his family and friends during this difficult time.