



Thomas Bruce Thaddeus Lord

April 26, 1966 - June 24, 2022

No obituary found for this tribute.

Previous Events

Service

JUL 7. 1:00 PM (PT)

Cypress Lawn Cemetery
Colma, CA

Tribute Wall

MM

“ *Mari Mendonca lit a candle in memory of Thomas Bruce Thaddeus Lord*



Mari Mendonca - July 03, 2022 at 03:27 AM

MM

“ *I just heard the news and I am filled with sadness. I met Thomas when I was appointed to the City of Berkeley Housing Advisory Commission. I was immediately impressed with his passion, care, knowledge and commitment to affordable and social housing as well as his extensive expertise around climate issues, especially as it pertains to housing. As a member of his subcommittee on climate and housing we explored ideas for how to reach City goals to be green by 2035 (when the City was lacking in the implementation of any real action that could possibly get us there...) I was sad when he ended up resigning from the commission but completely understood as respect levels on the commission were lacking. After a long absence from being connected I was blessed to have attended a mutual zoom meeting held just a few weeks ago. I noticed Thomas commenting in the chat and I jumped at the opportunity to acknowledge him for all of his contributions and let him know that I appreciated and respected him and his work and was happy to see him there. I will deeply miss learning from you and working to make this world a better more just place together. Rest now my friend in peace and power!! My deepest condolences to the family. All my love, respect and honor. Mari Mendonca*

Mari Mendonca - July 03, 2022 at 03:25 AM



“ [Memorial Trees](https://www.harrisfuneralhomeberkeley.com/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was purchased for the family of Thomas Bruce Thaddeus Lord.

June 29, 2022 at 01:23 PM



“ I am very sad to hear this news. Thomas was a champion for many progressive causes in Berkeley. He was one of the first political thinkers I came across when I moved back here 10 years ago. He had a tenacious will to debate opponents on important issues, eventually wearing them down as he brought his extensive knowledge and research talents to bare. I think he approached debate as one obsessed with winning at chess - and he was a master. However, I will remember him most for his endless efforts to knock some sense into our City Council about the imminent dangers of climate change - an existential threat to humanity that Thomas understood well. He and a few of us attempted to form a group a few years back in order to figure out how to impact local politics on the serious issues facing Berkeley (climate change, policing, housing and democratic participation). Unfortunately it didn't work out, but I did appreciate the discussions and the beers he supplied. I wish I had gotten to know him better - but he was a bit of a loner. Perhaps his past made it difficult for him to let his guard down between discussions of serious issues. Perhaps with a bit more time we could have morphed from just radical colleagues fighting the good fight to true friends able to laugh and cry about the tragic absurdity of our world. Sorry I missed my chance. James McFadden

James McFadden - June 29, 2022 at 03:24 AM

JM

Tom had a twitter account, @thomas_lord, and while I only met him a few times in real life, we interacted on Twitter a lot more. I posted a brief notice of his passing here, where you can see some responses by others to that announcement as well:

<https://twitter.com/jpmassar/status/1542201435391029254>

There are other posted comments as well:

<https://twitter.com/marindatanow/status/1542542939473121280>

<https://twitter.com/DanicaPriest/status/1542446286430937089>

<https://twitter.com/dondisappoints/status/1542413041584680960>

<https://twitter.com/reclaimuc/status/1542542945022246914>

JP Massar

JP Massar - June 30, 2022 at 02:37 PM



Thank you Thomas for all you did for your community.

Thank you Thomas for always reminding the council of the "climate emergency" we face.

Thank you for supporting my campaign in 2016 & 2020.

Thank you for being my appointee to the HAC.

Thank you for attending most of my monthly office hours.

Thank you for attending our events including the Climate Emergency Mobilization Task Force meetings and virtual summit series.

Thank you for all the delicious food you made and brought to the events enough for everyone.

Thank you for all your insight, knowledge and intellect you shared with us.

Thank you for all your emails and calls to share wisdom and keep me informed.

Thank you Thomas for taking good care of Trina.

You're amazing, you will be missed.

Rest in Peace, Rest in POWER!

*Cheryl Davila
Former Councilmember
COB*

Cheryl Davila - July 05, 2022 at 02:32 AM