

# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

## RESOLUTION HONORING Larry Ferini for his service to the Santa Barbara County Planning Commission

**WHEREAS**, Larry Ferini, a dedicated lifelong resident of Santa Maria Valley, alumnus of Santa Maria High School and Cal Poly University, esteemed businessman, farmer, loving husband, father, uncle, and grandfather, has made indelible contributions to our community;

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Ferini has been a pillar in the agricultural sector, enhancing employer-employee relations, and upholding the highest standards of integrity and success in his business endeavors;

**WHEREAS**, his wide-ranging service includes leadership roles such as past chairman of the Grower-Shipper Association of San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara Counties, board member of the Santa Barbara County Farm Bureau, the Santa Maria Boys and Girls Club, and the Santa Barbara County Fair, significantly benefiting the region;

**WHEREAS**, from January 2013 to December 2023, Mr. Ferini, under the appointments of Supervisors Peter Adam and Bob Nelson, brought his wealth of experience to the Santa Barbara County Planning Commission, including terms as Chair in 2016 and 2021. His tenure was marked by a balanced approach to property rights and community needs, and strong advocacy for agricultural issues as a farmer;

**WHEREAS**, following in his footsteps of leadership, his daughter Rene Ferini and son Jake Ferini, along with daughter-in-law Sara Cossa-Ferini, have served in the office of the Fourth District Board of Supervisor, and his son, Brett Ferini, has emerged as a leading voice in agricultural issues, serving on the County's Agricultural Advisory Committee representing the Fourth District;

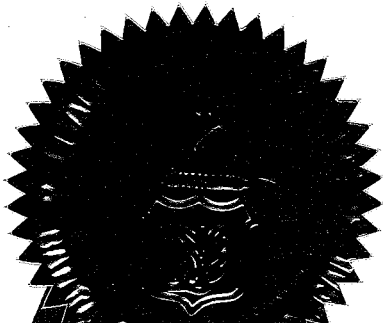
**WHEREAS**, throughout his decade on the Planning Commission, Mr. Ferini's collaborative spirit fostered strong relationships and earned the deep respect of peers, notably Commissioners John Parke and the late Dan Blough;

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Ferini is departing the Planning Commission to dedicate himself to mentoring the next generation, particularly his sons Blake and Brett, in managing their family business, Rancho Laguna Farms, and to spend more time with his wife Traci, their children, and grandchildren Lucas, Levi, Nora, and Enzo;

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Ferini's unwavering commitment, compassionate nature, and thoughtful decision-making have garnered the trust and admiration of the entire Santa Barbara County community;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County hereby extends its heartfelt commendation to Larry Ferini for his exemplary and dedicated service to the County;

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 28th day of November 2023, by a unanimous vote of all members present.



Supervisor - 1st District