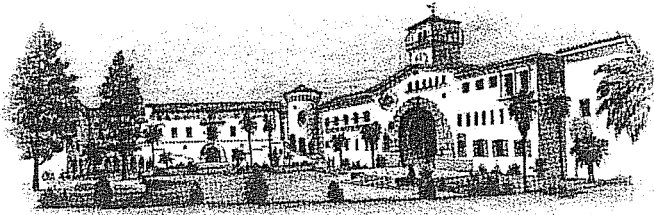


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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

**RESOLUTION HONORING WALTER HAMILTON
FOR HIS 30 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO
THE RESIDENTS OF SANTA BARBARA COUNTY**

WHEREAS, in 1980 Walter Hamilton started his thirty-year career in the American Labor movement organizing workers for the Public Employees Association of Ventura County (PEAVC) followed by his appointment as General Manager of Santa Barbara County Employees Association (SBCEA) in 1984 when the Association had 770 members and subsequently has experienced a growth to over 3,800 members today; and

WHEREAS, Walter Hamilton conceived and implemented the campaign to affiliate with the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) in 1988 and became a founding, charter member of Local 620; and

WHEREAS, Walter Hamilton was one of three original founding members of the "Coalition for a Living Wage" which won one of the highest wage standards in the nation at that time and eventually became the grass roots, community based organization now known as P.U.E.B.L.O. which organizes around social and economic justice for poor workers in our communities. Walt was also a founding member and member of the Board of Directors of Santa Barbara County Action Network (SBCAN); and

WHEREAS, Walter Hamilton negotiated the first public child care subsidies and facilities in public employee contracts; domestic partnership benefits and pay equity-comparable worth wage increases for women and working families in both Santa Barbara City and County; and

WHEREAS, during Walt's tenure as Executive Director, Local 620 was recognized as the fastest growing local union within SEIU in the nation, and Walt is recognized for negotiating the first 'agency shop' agreements for public employees on the Central Coast and subsequently oversaw dozens of successful agency shop election victories further strengthening Local 620;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors honors Walter Hamilton for a lifetime of civic activism and commends him for his significant contributions to improving the quality of life for all residents of the Santa Barbara County.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 23rd day of June, 2009 by unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

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