

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

*Resolution of Commendation for District Attorney
Investigator Paul Zelis upon his Retirement from
the County of Santa Barbara District Attorney's Office*

WHEREAS, Paul Zelis retired from County service on March 31, 2023, having faithfully served the citizens of Santa Barbara County for 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Paul began his career in 1993 with the Santa Barbara County Marshal's Office, and became a Sheriff's Deputy in 1996 when the Marshal's Office consolidated with the Sheriff's Office. Paul remained with the Sheriff's Office until he was hired by the District Attorney's Office in 2016 as an Investigator; and

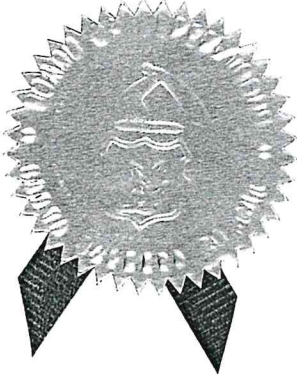
WHEREAS, Paul has worked in the Courts and Civil units as a Deputy Marshal. As a Sheriff's Deputy, he was assigned to Patrol and later promoted to Detective, where he spent 15 years investigating thousands of crimes against persons and property crimes including homicide, attempted homicide, robbery, kidnapping, child molestation, assault, domestic violence, burglary, narcotic and drug violations. As a District Attorney Investigator, Paul was assigned to the general felony and misdemeanor caseloads in Santa Maria working with various Deputy District Attorneys to assist with everything from homicide cases to misdemeanor DUIs; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Paul provided the employees of the District Attorney's Office with positive leadership, and served as a positive representative of the District Attorney's Office and the law enforcement profession as a whole. Paul was a recipient of the H. Thomas Guerry award in 2000 for conflict resolution, as well as the Santa Maria Elks' award for outstanding service in 1994 and 2021. Paul was also awarded Investigator of the Year by the District Attorney's Office in 2017 and 2022; and

WHEREAS, Paul served the citizens of Santa Barbara County with extraordinary professionalism and sensitive law enforcement service while dedicating his life to the pursuit of justice, and Paul's knowledge, skills and experience contributed greatly to the overall professionalism and the goals of the Santa Barbara County District Attorney's Office and the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors commends District Attorney Investigator Paul Zelis for his faithful and distinguished service to the citizens of Santa Barbara County, congratulates him upon his retirement, and wishes him and his family many years of good health and happiness.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 9th day of May, 2023, by unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

Monique
Clerk of the Board

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