



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

**RESOLUTION HONORING JUDGE FRANK J. OCHOA
UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE SUPERIOR COURT
OF SANTA BARBARA COUNTY**

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WHEREAS, Superior Court Judge Frank J. Ochoa is retiring after 32 years of service, including as Superior Court Judge since 1997; and

WHEREAS, Judge Ochoa was elected to the Superior Court in 1996. As Presiding Judge, he demonstrated great leadership and exceptional administrative skill by managing the court through the unification process by merging the Municipal Courts with the Superior Court. His achievements on the Court also include the initiation of two successful adult drug court programs in Santa Barbara, the Substance Abuse Treatment Court and the Clean and Sober Calendar as well as the Juvenile Drug Court Program; and

WHEREAS, in 1983, at age 32, he was appointed to the Municipal Court by Governor Brown, making him the youngest judge in the state at the time and the court's first Spanish surnamed judge in this century; and

WHEREAS, Judge Ochoa was appointed by the Chief Justice to serve on the California Trial Court Budget Commission and on the Judicial Council's Probation Services Task Force. He also served on the Executive Committee of the Presiding Judges Advisory Committee to the Judicial Council, and the Executive Board of the California Judges' Association; and

WHEREAS, Judge Ochoa has past and present legacy of commitment to community service including: founder of the Latina/o Lawyers Association of Santa Barbara; serving as the Executive Director of the Legal Aid Foundation of Santa Barbara County; Founding Trustee of the Santa Barbara Courthouse Legacy Foundation; Board President of Santa Barbara and Ventura College of Law; Board Member UC Davis School of Law Alumni Association; and as Judicial Coordinator for Santa Barbara County High Schools Mock Trial Competition;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors honors and commends Judge Frank J. Ochoa upon his retirement from the Superior Court of Santa Barbara County.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 24th day of March, 2015 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

Monroe Hays
Clerk of the Board

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