



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA RESOLUTION COMMENDING DANIEL H. GIRA FOR HIS SERVICE TO SANTA BARBARA COUNTY CALIFORNIA

WHEREAS, Daniel H. Gira worked for the County for twenty years with great energy and enthusiasm, rising from the lowly rank of intern in the County's Division of Environmental Review to head the Comprehensive Planning Division; and

WHEREAS, Daniel H. Gira put his indelible print on the Summerland, Goleta, Los Alamos, Orcutt and Toro Canyon Community Plans, as well as the Greenhouse, Oaks, Grading and Trails Ordinances, and the Housing, Open Space, and Parks and Recreation Elements; and

WHEREAS, over the past two decades, Daniel H. Gira has been involved in nearly every County effort to protect wetlands, agricultural land, oak trees, creeks, and wildlife, as well as efforts to protect and develop coastal access, bikeways, trails, open space, and adequate park facilities; and

WHEREAS, Daniel H. Gira was instrumental in the development of the Goleta Growth Management Ordinance, which provides a system of allocating remaining resources, and favors projects which provide priority uses; and

WHEREAS, Daniel H. Gira worked to institute developer's fees that accurately reflect the cost of new projects, to insure that existing communities are not overly burdened by the costs of providing services to new development; and

WHEREAS, Daniel H. Gira wrote the County's significance thresholds for agricultural land and traffic, both of which have provided countywide environmental protection and mitigation for almost two decades; and

WHEREAS, Daniel H. Gira spearheaded the development of the Planning and Development Department's grant program, raising \$38 million dollars in less than a decade for habitat acquisition and enhancement, trails and coastal access, planning studies, and alternative transportation; and

WHEREAS, Daniel H. Gira never felt constrained by - or observed traditional protocol in - dealing with County Supervisors (or any other elected or high-ranking official), and was frequently known to just try to tell them what to do; and

WHEREAS, Daniel H. Gira developed his position of influence within the County by using his intellect, vision, and energy, rather than any "dress for success" formula, often presiding over meetings with the leaders of our community while wearing sandals and shorts, his unruly hair pulled back into a ponytail, shirt tails out, and his dog by his side; and

WHEREAS, Daniel H. Gira has always kept the volume up high in his life, taking early walks along the beach or in the mountains before focusing his prodigious energy on his life's work of keeping this County an exceptional place to live.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors commends Daniel H. Gira for his tireless efforts to preserve the beauty and resources of Santa Barbara County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 5th day of February, 2002 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

[Signature]
Clerk of the Board

Naomi Schwartz

Supervisor ~ 1st District
Lynn J. Rose

Supervisor ~ 2nd District
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Supervisor ~ 3rd District
Joni L. Gray

Supervisor ~ 4th District
Tom Urbanich

Supervisor ~ 5th District