



# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

## RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION FOR STEVE MASON IN APPRECIATION FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

*WHEREAS, Steve Mason did lead the Administration Division through many organizational changes and budgetary challenges with the utmost integrity, unsurpassed compassion, and stalwart leadership – all with the ultimate goal of making the Department more sustainable; and*

*WHEREAS, his staunch and unwavering support to do what is right continues to be the guiding principle for his staff; and*

*WHEREAS, Steve Mason did provide guidance and leadership to the emerging Cannabis sector overseeing the Cannabis Code Enforcement Team from its inception; and*

*WHEREAS, his strong ethics, empathy for staff, and a natural curiosity to learn about the industry helped establish a unique trust and rapport with everyone involved including the cannabis team, project applicants, and concerned neighbors; and*

*WHEREAS, Steve Mason did serve in various capacities during his 35 years of resolute County service all with Planning and Development which includes a planner, an IT professional, Administration Deputy, Interim Building Official, Appeals Hearing Officer, and finally Assistant Director; and*

*WHEREAS, his versatility, sound financial acumen, and sharp wit will be sorely missed throughout the Department – his retirement will truly mark an end of an era for Planning and Development; and*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED, that this Board of Supervisors commends Steve Mason for his faithful and distinguished service to the citizens of the County of Santa Barbara, congratulates him on his much-deserved retirement, and wishes him and his family the best of health, and the best wishes as he closes this chapter of his life.*

**PASSED AND ADOPTED**, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021 by unanimous vote of all members present.



Supervisor - 1st District

Supervisor - 2nd District

Supervisor - 3rd District

Supervisor - 4th District

Supervisor - 5th District

**ATTEST:**   
Clerk of the Board