

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

County of Santa Barbara
105 E. Anapamu St., Rm. 407
Santa Barbara, CA 93101



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RE: Resolution for Placement on Board of Supervisors' Agenda

Prepared on: May 4, 2017

Agenda Date: May 16, 2017

Staff Contact: Felicia A. Chavez

Subject: Resolution of Commendation

To be Sponsored by Supervisor: Peter Adam

This resolution WILL NOT BE PRESENTED at the meeting.

Honorary Resolution for: James Steels

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Additional Information:

- The last paragraph of the Resolution should include the agenda date, as follows:

"Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this [day] day of [month] 20[year], by unanimous vote of all members present."

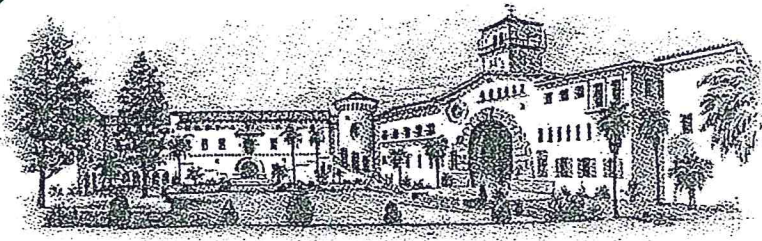
Mandatory Docketing Requirements:

- ✓ Docket original + 9 copies with the Clerk of the Board by the Docketing Deadline
- ✓ Scan final Resolution and e-mail to the Clerk of the Board at 'BoardLetters'
- ✓ Reduce the copies of the Resolution to 8 ½" x 11"
- ✓ Include Cover Sheet with all docketed Resolutions

Please Check if Applicable:

_____ A time certain of _____ o'clock A.M./P.M. has been approved by the Chair of the Board.

_____ A reception will immediately follow the presentation of the Resolution.



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION FOR
JAMES STEELS, SUPERVISING PROBATION OFFICER
FOR OVER 23 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE
TO THE CITIZENS AND COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

WHEREAS, James Steels, was raised in Santa Maria, and as a young man he played professional baseball for several major and minor league teams, and in 1990 after 15 years he retired from his favorite sport and returned to his home town. Upon the recommendation of a friend, he took a position with the Probation Department as an Extra-Help Probation Assistant in the Santa Maria Adult Supervision Unit.

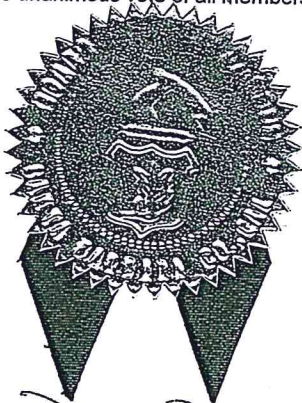
WHEREAS, James was hired as a full-time Juvenile Institutions Officer (JIO) in 1994 at the Los Prietos Boys Camp, and enjoyed 11 years as a JIO before he was promoted to Supervising Probation Officer at the Santa Maria Juvenile Hall (SMJH) in 2006. James was responsible for many of the programs and initiatives at SMJH, and quickly became an expert on the mandates governing facility operation; from State rules, environmental health requirements, equipment, facility upkeep, fire safety, training, policy and procedures, control room operations, and inspections. James became the go-to person for all things SMJH and maintained a historical perspective that served the facility well for many years.

WHEREAS, nothing lasts forever, not even in the Institutions Division, James was given oversight of the Lompoc Juvenile Field Services Unit in 2013. This represented a dramatic change in assignment and was new territory for James, he approached it with enthusiasm and confidence. Placed in charge of Officers who performed community contacts, James took it upon himself to become familiar with field practices and arming, and completed not only the Department's Field Officer Training program but also the requirements for arming. James accompanied Officers in the field, assisted in arrests, transported youth to court, appointments, and programs. In 2016, James was assigned to supervise the Department's Placement Unit and started to learn the many rules and laws affecting foster care for probation youth while also having oversight of the Juvenile Drug Court program and the more recent assignment as the Department reducing racial and ethnic disparities coordinator. During his career in Probation he also earned a Bachelor's Degree in Business from Western International University.

WHEREAS, James is looking forward to joining his wife Barbera, a retired Probation Officer, in retirement, and spending time with their son, Jake, and daughters Jaimi and Janae, and his many grandchildren. James will also be spending time on the links and may one day return to the sport of his youth and again swing the bat, only this time in training the players of tomorrow. Santa Barbara County is truly fortunate to have had James in its employ and will continue to benefit from James Steels, private citizen

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED, that this Board of Supervisors recognize James Steels for over 23 years of dedicated service to the citizens of Santa Barbara County and the Probation Department, and extend to him best wishes for a fulfilling, enjoyable, and rewarding retirement.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California this 16th day of May by the unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST: Monica Reyes
Clerk of the Board

Bob Williams
Supervisor - 1st District
Gary Wolf
Supervisor - 2nd District
Tom Bark
Supervisor - 3rd District
Pat K. Allen
Supervisor - 4th District
Steve Swain
Supervisor - 5th District