

# Santa Barbara County of

## RESOLUTION HONORING DIANA ORNELAS AS THE FIRST DISTRICT COMMISSION FOR WOMEN 2026 WOMAN OF THE YEAR

**WHEREAS**, Diana Ornelas, Director of the Carpinteria Boys & Girls Club, has demonstrated exceptional leadership through her work with the United Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Barbara County by fostering a culture of safety, stability, and belonging for youth and families, including coordinating safe transportation to school, arranging grocery deliveries, and partnering with community nonprofits to build a network of support for families facing hardship; and

**WHEREAS**, her advocacy has helped establish the Carpinteria Boys & Girls Club as a trusted safe haven and a dependable source of affordable childcare, directly addressing one of the most pressing concerns facing women in Santa Barbara County: access to reliable, safe, and affordable childcare that enables women to remain in the workforce, pursue education, and support their families; and

**WHEREAS**, Diana has strengthened program quality and safety throughout Santa Barbara County by expanding Continuous Quality Improvement practices, mentoring club directors through site observations, and leading safety and trauma-informed care workshops that equip youth-serving professionals with the tools needed to support children experiencing adversity; and

**WHEREAS**, she is a Tier 3 National Trainer for Boys & Girls Clubs of America, Diana provides specialized training in Trauma-Informed Practices and Child Abuse Prevention, delivers workshops across the county and region, and contributes to national cohorts focused on youth impact, workforce readiness, and emerging leadership, helping ensure young people are prepared for healthy, successful futures; and

**WHEREAS**, Diana's commitment to equity and community service extends beyond her professional role through national leadership with the Latinos Unidos Movement Resource Group, advocacy for Spanish-language access to resources for families and staff, participation in initiatives that foster belonging and leadership development, and volunteer service through Rotary building homes in Mexico and supporting orphanages, reflecting her deep dedication to strengthening families and uplifting communities;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara does hereby acknowledge **Diana Ornelas as the First District Commission for Women 2026 Woman of the Year.**

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 10th day of March, 2026 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



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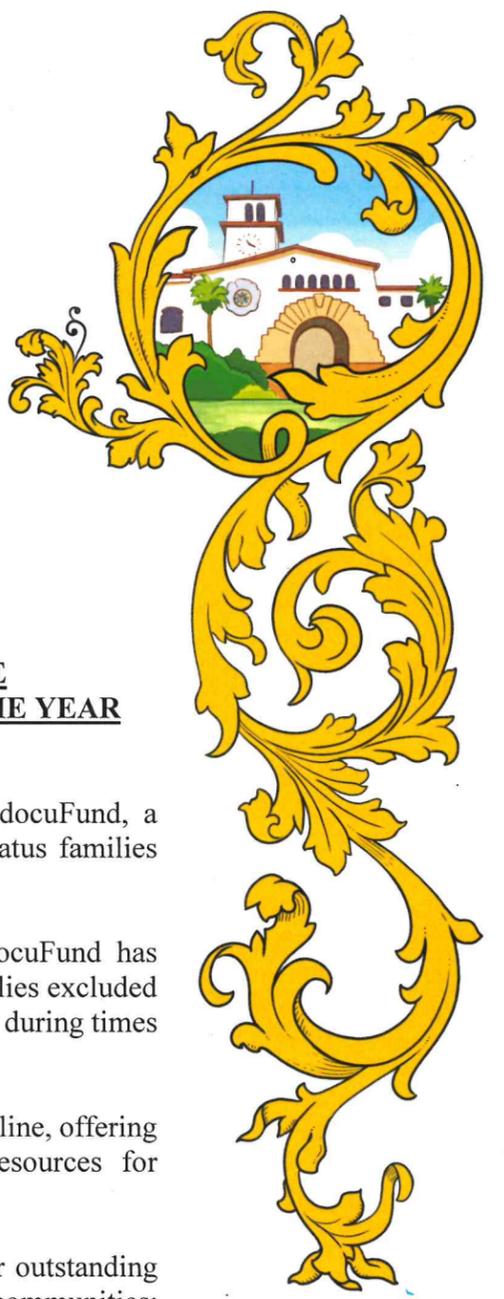
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## RESOLUTION HONORING PRIMITIVA HERNANDEZ AS THE SECOND DISTRICT COMMISSION FOR WOMEN 2026 WOMAN OF THE YEAR

**WHEREAS**, Primitiva Hernandez serves as the Executive Director of 805 UndocuFund, a community-led organization dedicated to supporting undocumented and mixed-status families across Ventura, Santa Barbara, and San Luis Obispo counties; and

**WHEREAS**, under the visionary leadership of Primitiva Hernandez, 805 UndocuFund has distributed more than \$9 million in direct emergency, disaster, and legal aid to families excluded from federal relief, ensuring that vulnerable community members are not left behind during times of crisis; and

**WHEREAS**, Primitiva Hernandez oversees the 805 Immigrant Rapid Response Hotline, offering real-time information regarding ICE activity, legal assistance, and critical resources for individuals facing hate crimes, labor violations, or detention; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission for Women recognizes Primitiva Hernandez for her outstanding leadership, compassionate service, and steadfast advocacy on behalf of immigrant communities; and

**WHEREAS**, her dedication, courage, and unwavering commitment to justice have strengthened the social fabric of the Central Coast and uplifted thousands of families in times of urgent need;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara does hereby acknowledge **Primitiva Hernandez as the Second District Commission for Women 2026 Woman of the Year.**

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 10th day of March, 2026 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



*Maria Rodriguez*

ATTEST: Clerk of the Board

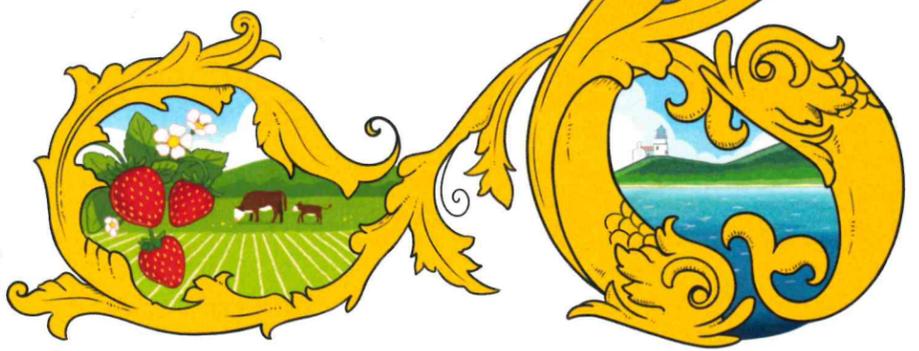
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**RESOLUTION HONORING VOCES SIN FRONTERAS-LOMPOC AS THE  
THIRD DISTRICT COMMISSION FOR WOMEN  
2026 SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENT**

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Barbara County Commission for Women seeks to recognize and honor individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to the well-being, equity, and advancement of women and families in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, Voces Sin Fronteras-Lompoc is a dynamic, youth-led grassroots organization founded to address the urgent needs and anxieties of the immigrant community in the Lompoc Valley, providing a vital voice for those who are often unheard; and

**WHEREAS**, Voces Sin Fronteras-Lompoc demonstrated exceptional civic leadership by mobilizing the community, organizing public assemblies, and courageously sharing personal stories to educate local leaders on the challenges faced by undocumented residents; and

**WHEREAS**, through their tireless advocacy and constructive engagement with the Lompoc City Council, Voces Sin Fronteras-Lompoc successfully spearheaded the adoption of a city-wide resolution that affirms support for undocumented immigrants, reinforces compliance with state protection laws, and fosters a safer, more inclusive environment for all families; and

**WHEREAS**, Voces Sin Fronteras-Lompoc exemplifies the spirit of service, courage, and community unity, ensuring that the contributions of the immigrant workforce and families are recognized and valued;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara does hereby acknowledge **Voces Sin Fronteras Lompoc as the Third District Commission for Women 2026 Service Award Recipient.**

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 10th day of March, 2026 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



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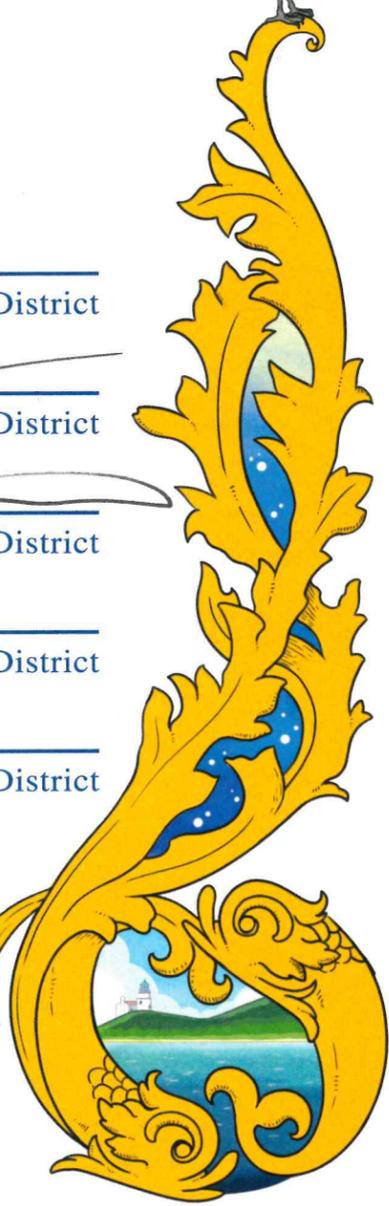
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## RESOLUTION HONORING DR. SUZANNE LEVY AS THE FOURTH DISTRICT COMMISSION FOR WOMEN 2026 WOMAN OF THE YEAR

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Suzanne Levy has devoted more than four decades to advancing education in Santa Barbara County, serving as Professor of Computer Science at Allan Hancock College from 1990 to 2003 and as Instructor of Computer Science at Santa Barbara City College and the University of California, Santa Barbara from 1981 to 1999; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Levy currently serves as Trustee of Allan Hancock College and has provided distinguished leadership as Commissioner for the Santa Barbara County Women’s Commission, 4th District, and through service as Past President of the Board of Directors of Awakening Giantz, Member of the OASIS Center Capital Campaign Committee, and Member of the Santa Maria Breakfast Rotary; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Levy has demonstrated sustained commitment to youth education and community enrichment as Coordinator of the North County Math Superbowl for eight years and as President and Board Member of the Santa Maria Valley Discovery Museum for eight years; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Levy earned a Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership and Change from Fielding Graduate University, where her dissertation, “Distance Learning – A Study of the Planning and Implementation in the California Community Colleges,” reflected her dedication to innovation and access in public higher education; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Levy’s sustained leadership, academic excellence, and humble commitment to service have strengthened institutions, expanded opportunity, and positively impacted generations of students and families throughout the Fourth District;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara does hereby acknowledge **Dr. Suzanne Levy as the Fourth District Commission for Women 2026 Woman of the Year.**

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 10th day of March, 2026 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



*Mona Diaz*  
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## RESOLUTION HONORING SUZETTE LOPEZ AS THE FIFTH DISTRICT COMMISSION FOR WOMEN 2026 WOMAN OF THE YEAR

**WHEREAS**, Suzette Lopez is a respected local DJ and the Executive Director of House of Pride and Equality (HOPE) in Santa Maria, a nonprofit organization dedicated to uplifting and supporting the LGBTQ+ community and allies in Santa Maria and surrounding areas; and

**WHEREAS**, as HOPE Santa Maria's first established Executive Director, Suzette has played a pivotal role in building, strengthening, and expanding the organization's reach and impact throughout Northern Santa Barbara County; and

**WHEREAS**, under Suzette's leadership, HOPE's annual Santa Maria Pride event has grown into a vibrant and inclusive celebration of diversity and community, with last year's event welcoming nearly 2,000 attendees from Santa Maria and neighboring communities; and

**WHEREAS**, through her work as a community leader, workshop facilitator, event organizer, and DJ, Suzette fosters joy, inclusive leadership, and meaningful connection, while creating safe, welcoming spaces for individuals of all backgrounds and identities; and

**WHEREAS**, Suzette's dedication representation and community engagement reflects the County of Santa Barbara's commitment to diversity, inclusion, and the well-being of all residents; and her leadership and service continue to strengthen the social fabric of Santa Maria and inspire others to lead with compassion, courage, and authenticity;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara does hereby acknowledge **Suzette Lopez as the Fifth District Commission for Women 2026 Woman of the Year.**

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 10th day of March, 2026 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



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