



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING ALLEN BELL UPON HIS 20 YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE

WHEREAS, Allen’s planning career has spanned four decades across three states, spending the second half of that with the Planning and Development Department; and

WHEREAS, Allen has been a mentor and role model, thus fostering the next generation of public servants and leaders in the Department and always willing to share his institutional knowledge, experience, and the correct grammar for any situation; and

WHEREAS, Allen is always calm, cool and collected no matter how difficult or challenging the circumstances; and

WHEREAS, Allen has shown a great ability and willingness to work with very difficult customers, such as the applicant from Texas who referred to him in writing as “you little worm you”; and

WHEREAS, Allen’s planning acumen and expertise in housing helped steer successful adoption of the last two Housing Element Updates, including delaying his retirement to see the latest Housing Element Update through to the finish line; and

WHEREAS, Allen’s thoroughness in all of his work has been a tremendous asset to the Department, and he could always be counted on to proofread a document with meticulous attention to detail, whether you wanted it or not; and

WHEREAS, Allen somehow unlocked the fountain of youth and secrets to good health, having taken a total of only 11 sick days over his entire 20-year career; and

WHEREAS, Allen has an adventurous spirit. When Allen agrees to take a well-deserved vacation, he can often be found on an epic, week-long adventure exploring the Eastern Sierra, Canyonlands National Park, or remote locations through the American southwest; and

WHEREAS, Allen’s famous Asian salad became a staple of all staff potlucks and obtained legendary status, and any attempts to try something new were met with intense backlash; and

WHEREAS, Allen is a model commuter and has put thousands of miles on his bicycle commuting to and from work, often taking the long way home; and

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this first day of April, 2025 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST: Mona Diaz
Clerk of the Board

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