

RESOLUTION NO. 22-257

A RESOLUTION HONORING ROGER ACEVES UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE GOLETA CITY COUNCIL AFTER 16 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE

WHEREAS, Roger Aceves and his wife of more than 46 years, Debby, moved to the Goodland in 1983 and raised their son Tim; and

WHEREAS, Roger Aceves was first elected to Goleta City Council in 2006 and was reelected in 2010, 2014 and 2018, making him the longest serving councilmember in Goleta's 20-year history; and

WHEREAS, Roger served as Mayor in 2009 and again in 2012, and was the City's first Latino Councilmember and Mayor; and

WHEREAS, Roger worked in local law enforcement for over 32 years and retired in 2007. He began in the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department and finished his career with the City of Santa Barbara Police Department; and **WHEREAS**, Roger's civic participation and dedication to community runs deep. He is currently Board President of the United Boys and Girls Club of Santa Barbara County; previously, he served as El Presidente for Old Spanish Days in Santa Barbara creating the Goleta "Fiesta Ranchera" celebration; and is a former Governor's appointee to the board of the 19th Agricultural District that runs Earl Warren Showgrounds, where he served as President of the Board for four years; and

WHEREAS, Roger has served on many City committees and as the City's longtime representative to LAFCO, and has always prioritized public safety, city infrastructure, and maintaining a strong financial position; and

WHEREAS, some of the significant accomplishments in the City of Goleta during Roger's tenure include: approving and codifying the first City of Goleta Municipal Code in 2009; purchasing a permanent building for City Hall; acquiring a site for and initiating design of Fire Station 10 in Western Goleta; forming an independent municipal library; creating the Beautify Goleta program; creating the Motor Unit for the Goleta Police Department; establishing a Public Engagement Commission; development of a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) plan and establishing the Goleta Community Center and initiating construction of the Goleta Train Depot; establishing a Parks and Recreation Commission; constructing the Jonny D. Wallis Neighborhood Park; completing of a Parks Master Plan; adopting the Elthwood Mesa/Sperling Preserve Open Space Monarch Butterfly Habitat Management Plan; completing Phase I of the San Jose Creek Flood Capacity and Fish Passage Project; adopting a Historic Preservation Ordinance; approving a new Zoning Ordinance; adopting a Strategic Energy Plan; and maintaining Goleta's status as one of the safest cities in California; and

WHEREAS, while his steady leadership will be missed, in his retirement, Roger and Debby will bask in the glow of being first-time grandparents to Frankie Moon Aceves, a beautiful baby girl born in the fall of 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County does hereby honor Roger Aceves upon his retirement from the Goleta City Council.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 13th day of December, 2022 by a unanimous vote of all members present.