

County of Santa Barbara

RESOLUTION NO. 26-69

RESOLUTION HONORING MINDI BOULET UPON HER RETIREMENT FROM THE
PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE

WHEREAS, Mindi Boulet has served as a Deputy Public Defender for more than 27 years and began her tenure with the County of Santa Barbara in 2002; and

WHEREAS, throughout her career she has tirelessly advocated for hundreds of clients, securing access to rehabilitation programs, conducting more than 40 jury trials, obtaining dismissals, and negotiating reduced charges, and stands as the only attorney in the Public Defender's Office to have twice received the Robert Betzenderfer Memorial Award for "Most Valuable Lawyer;" and

WHEREAS, she litigated a suppression motion challenging the warrantless search of her client's home and, although denied by the trial court, she created a record that enabled appointed appellate counsel to prevail unanimously in the California Supreme Court, closing a loophole relied upon by law enforcement to justify warrantless home searches and reinforcing the principle that safeguarding the Constitutional rights of the accused protects the liberty of all Californians; and

WHEREAS, she played a leadership role in organizing Deputy Public Defenders into SEIU Local 620, advocating for better wages and working conditions for her colleagues while serving as the South County union steward, and at the age of 54 she tried a case on behalf of an incarcerated client falsely charged with violent felonies and facing a mandatory life sentence, securing a full acquittal and ensuring that her client walked out of the courtroom a free man; and

WHEREAS, she looks forward to not working six days a week, but continuing to advocate for her community while spending more time with her wonderful husband of 31 years and their families in California and Quebec;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara hereby adopts this Resolution of Commendation honoring Mindi Boulet for her exemplary service and extends its best wishes for a well-deserved retirement.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 7th day of April, 2026, by a unanimous vote of all members present.



Mona Diaz

 ATTEST: Clerk of the Board

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 Supervisor - 1st District

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 Supervisor - 2nd District

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 Supervisor - 3rd District

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 Supervisor - 4th District

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 Supervisor - 5th District

