

IN THE MATTER OF HONORING SUPERVISOR
NAOMI SCHWARTZ UPON HER RETIREMENT FROM
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND DEDICATING
THE NAOMI SCHWARTZ COUNTY OFFICE
BUILDING

WHEREAS, Naomi Schwartz was elected to the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors in November of 1992, reelected in March 1996 and reelected to a third term in March 2000 serving as a Supervisor of the First District for 12 years and Chair of the Board for 3 years;

WHEREAS, Naomi has served as the Board's representative to the California State Association of Counties, Chairperson of the First 5 Santa Barbara County Children and Families Commission, Chairperson of the KIDS Policy Council and member of the National Association of Counties' Environment, Energy and Land Use Steering Committee; and

WHEREAS, Naomi has served as a member and Chair of the California State Coastal Commission, and from 1982 to 1992 as Administrative Assistant to State Senator Gary K. Hart; and

WHEREAS, Naomi, has always fully appreciated the value of constituency, and accordingly was a founding member of Coastwatch (where deep roots were formed), the Fund for Santa Barbara and the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee; and

WHEREAS, Naomi has been a tireless environmental leader successfully advocating for the protection of the County's air, water and open spaces; and

WHEREAS, Naomi has carefully balanced environmental protection with long term strategic economic development exemplified by her role in establishing the County Economic Development and Local Vendor Outreach programs; and

WHEREAS, Naomi has been a compassionate champion of community programs and medical services for the homeless, the indigent, children and families, the mentally ill and those afflicted by alcohol and drug abuse; and

WHEREAS, Naomi has effectively improved County land use planning particularly in the First District by establishing the Montecito Planning Commission and Board of Architectural Review as well as adopting the Toro Canyon Community Plan; and

WHEREAS, Naomi has been a leader in providing for public safety as evidenced by her role in funding the Santa Barbara District Attorney Office Building, numerous Court Facilities, the Santa Maria Juvenile Hall, the Sheriff's Dispatch Center as well retirement enhancements for County public safety employees; and

WHEREAS, Naomi has tirelessly and productively served the public, consistently brought dignity to the Board of Supervisors and through her collaborative style of leadership, abundant grace, masterful conflict resolution and endearing humor has earned the title of "Madam Chair."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors does hereby commend Naomi Schwartz upon her retirement from the Board and dedicates the Naomi Schwartz County Office Building in her honor.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 14th day of December, 2004, by unanimous vote of all members present.