

A RESOLUTION HONORING MAYOR HOLLY SIERRA UPON HER RETIREMENT FROM THE BUELLTON CITY COUNCIL AFTER 14 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE

WHEREAS, Mayor Holly Sierra moved to Buellton 24 years ago with her husband Frank; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Sierra worked as the postmaster for Buellton for 14 years and retired from the United States Postal Service in 2016; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Sierra served two terms as a Councilmember, three terms as Mayor, including becoming the first voter-elected mayor in 2016. She was first elected to the Council in 2008, re-elected in 2012, elected Mayor in 2016, 2018, and 2020; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Sierra represented the City of Buellton on regional boards including: SBCAG, APCD, LAFCO, and the Library Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Sierra is a strong advocate for improved social infrastructure and some of her proudest accomplishments for improving the social fabric of Buellton include: acquisition of the historic Willemsen Dairy property and subsequent approval of the site for the new City Library; work toward the establishment of the Santa Ynez River Trail; creation of the City's Arts and Culture Committee; the creation of Village Park and PAWS Park; the acquisition of the Zaca Creek Golf Course; and ongoing support for Santa Ynez Valley Outreach (formerly the Buellton Senior Center) and the many seniors it serves; and

WHEREAS, other significant accomplishments in the City of Buellton during Mayor Sierra's tenure include: infrastructure and commercial improvements on Avenue of the Flags; roadway safety improvements, especially on HYW 246; and support for clean energy programs; and

WHEREAS, while Mayor Sierra will retire from the Buellton City Council, she will continue sharing her passion for the wellbeing of Buellton citizens through service as the President of the Friends of the Buellton Library and plans to join the Board of Santa Ynez Valley Community Outreach to continue serving the people of her community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County does hereby honor Mayor Holly Sierra upon her retirement from the Buellton 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.