

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION HONORING DINAH PEREZ LOCKHART UPON HER RETIRMENT FROM THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

WHEREAS, Dinah Perez Lockhart is retiring from the Housing and Community Development Division of the Community Services Department after over 30 years of faithful, dedicated, and distinguished service to the local community— 11 of those working directly for the County of Santa Barbara.

WHEREAS, as Deputy Director of Housing and Community Development, Dinah's unwavering and compassionate leadership through unprecedented times has been a model and inspiration to her CSD family about how to persevere through adversity to help those who are most in need; and

WHEREAS, during Dinah's tenure with the County, the Homelessness Response System has served over 17,000 persons, with 5,047 people transitioning out of homelessness into permanent housing; and

WHEREAS, Dinah and staff negotiated with property owners and neighborhoods, and coordinated with a broad network of community partners to develop 730 new affordable housing units, advancing the County's aspiration of creating opportunities for every single person to experience the fundamental right to shelter; and

WHEREAS, Dinah has increased the Housing and Community Development budget from \$9,500,000 to \$72,000,000, engaged in federal and state advocacy and policy development, and facilitated countywide and municipal coalition building in order to better serve our most vulnerable residents through a comprehensive, care-based network;

WHEREAS, Dinah helmed the County's multi-year effort to serve as administrator of the Continuum of Care, launching the Homeless Management Information System and the Coordinated Entry System to enhance the effectiveness of housing and services for persons experiencing homelessness; and

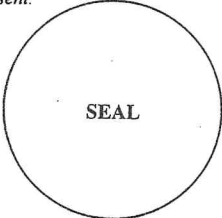
WHEREAS, amidst the helplessness and uncertainty of the Covid-19 pandemic, Dinah's assisted 4,040 households with emergency rent and utility arrears, and housing navigation services, through Emergency Rent Assistance programs; and


WHEREAS, Dinah embodies the principle of service above self, and has continued to hold the community's well-being as her north star. We are truly grateful for the impact and remarkable legacy she has made at the County of Santa Barbara; and

WHEREAS, Dinah is both a global and a local citizen. As a Lompoc Valley resident, where she lives with her husband, Jerry, and their 2 pugs, Zeus and Lulu, she is a constant volunteer and church elder. As a world traveler, she has visited over 13 countries, and we hope many more to come.

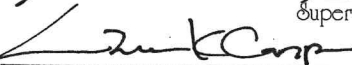
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors honors and thanks Dinah Perez Lockhart for her years of dedicated service to the residents of Santa Barbara County and congratulates her upon her retirement.

Pass and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this fourth day of April 2023 by unanimous vote of all members present.

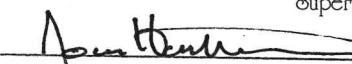





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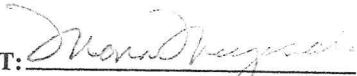
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Clerk of the Board