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OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY OF SANTA BARBARA WITH THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

WHEREAS, Robert G. Pearson is being honored by SBCAN after thirty-four years of distinguished service with the Housing Authority of the City of Santa Barbara; and

WHEREAS, Rob Pearson has served as the Executive Director of the Housing Authority of the City of Santa Barbara since 1988, and prior to that as its Deputy Executive Director for 6 years; and

WHEREAS, under Rob's leadership, the Housing Authority has had a tremendous impact on the Santa Barbara community by providing critically needed affordable rental housing to low-income seniors, families, disabled individuals, and the homeless; and

WHEREAS, Rob Pearson has contributed to his community through his service on the boards of Casa Esperanza (founding member), Coastal Housing Partnership, San Felipe Supported Living, Inc., Housing Trust Fund for Santa Barbara County (founding member), Garden Court, Inc., St. Francis Foundation, Gildea Foundation, Santa Barbara Housing Action Coalition, AIDS Housing Santa Barbara, Goleta Valley Community Hospital, Families ACT; and

WHEREAS, Rob Pearson's leadership and vision at the Housing Authority of the City of Santa Barbara is recognized on a national level as a model public agency, often termed 'the best public housing' in the nation, and currently provides over 3,200 units of low rent housing assistance to the greater Santa Barbara area; and

WHEREAS, with Rob Pearson's expertise and holistic approach to developing affordable housing, the community has been enhanced through the development of several projects including The Firehouse - a transitional housing facility for formerly homeless families with children, Casa de Las Fuentes – for Santa Barbara's downtown workforce, El Carrillo Studios – supportive housing for chronically homeless, Artisan Court – a housing complex that includes units for emancipating foster youth, workforce and disabled, and Garden Court - low income housing with comprehensive services for seniors; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors honors Robert G. Pearson for his significant contributions and commitment to bringing affordable housing to low-income members of the Santa Barbara community and advancing a diverse, more equitable community.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 21st day of April, 2015 by a unanimous vote of all members present.

Supervisor - 1st District

Supervisor - 3rd District

4th District Supervisor -

Supervisor - 5th District