



# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

## RESOLUTION HONORING MR. NOEL LANGLE UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

**WHEREAS**, in 1978, Mr. Langle began his career with Santa Barbara County as a mapping intern and, in 1980 became a planner working on various projects in the Comprehensive Planning and Development Review Divisions, and in 1988 became the County Zoning Administrator and Deputy Director of the Zoning Administration Division of the Planning and Development Department; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Langle spent countless hours in hearings responding to difficult questions from decision-makers, such as one from a Planning Commissioner who asked him what was the meaning of 1:00 AM in the morning (in reference to the hours of operation of a proposed storage facility) and to which he deftly replied, "60 minutes after midnight;" and

**WHEREAS**, in 2000 (after coming to his good senses), Mr. Langle abandoned his decision-maker and managerial duties, and decided to utilize his extensive knowledge of the County Code to become "The Oracle," or the high-priest who provided planners with sage advice from the Zoning Gods regarding wise and just zoning regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, when planners sought his advice and examples for how best to draft ordinances and other official County documents, The Oracle wisely responded, "Remember—plagiarism is good government!" and would advise planners to copy from County Code; and

**WHEREAS**, following Mr. Langle's advice, good portions of this Resolution have been copied verbatim from past honorary resolutions for retiring County employees; and

**WHEREAS**, all joking aside, Mr. Langle honorably served the County as Zoning Administrator for 12 years; has been integral in drafting the zoning ordinances of Santa Barbara County; persevered throughout the Zoning Ordinance Reformatting Project; and has been invaluable in dealing with the vicissitudes of planning, such as when in 2014 he and County Counsel quickly assembled ordinance amendments regarding high intensity petroleum operations in the event that voters passed Measure P.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED** that this Board of Supervisors honors Mr. Noel Langle for his years of dedicated service to the citizens of Santa Barbara County and congratulates him upon his retirement.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 1st day of May 2018 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

*Monique Sato*  
Clerk of the Board

*Paul H. H. H.*

Supervisor - 1st District

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Supervisor - 2nd District

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