

*Before the Board of Supervisors in and for the  
County of Monterey, State of California*

**Resolution No.:**

Adopt Resolution honoring **Registrar of Voters Claudio Valenzuela** upon his retirement from the Monterey County Elections Department and public service to Monterey County.

**WHEREAS, Registrar Valenzuela** has served in public service and leadership roles for 20 years and conducted himself with the highest degree of integrity in providing equitable access to the ballot and establishing the highest standards of transparency and security in elections for the voters of Monterey County; and

**WHEREAS, Registrar Valenzuela** joined the Monterey County Elections Department in 2001, as an Election Services Specialist, was promoted to the Assistant Registrar of Voters in 2006 and, after a nationwide recruitment, was appointed to the position of Registrar of Voters in 2014; and

**WHEREAS, Registrar Valenzuela** is credited for modernizing the Monterey County Elections Department. He is responsible for integrating the Department with the County Network, the installation of fiber, leading the Department through four voting systems changes, three election management system changes, the implementation of a vote by mail processing system, and the design of an election space that is the envy of election officials across the State of California; and

**WHEREAS, Registrar Valenzuela** has served in leadership roles for the California Association of Clerks and Election Officials as the elected Chair of the Bay Area and the Co-chair of the History and Awards Committee; and

**WHEREAS, Registrar Valenzuela** established himself as a renaissance man well before elections. First coming to the United States with an international traveling acting troupe and later becoming a naturalized citizen; **Registrar Valenzuela** was a prominent figure in launching Monterey County's first Spanish-language programming with KSMS-Channel 67; a leader in the tech industry on the international stage; and a featured character in the Oregon Trail II computer game as Captain Ernesto Munoz; and

**WHEREAS, Registrar Valenzuela's** leadership, expertise and vision in elections and county government has positioned Monterey County Elections to succeed in even the most challenging scenarios including conducting the 2020 Presidential General Election during an unprecedented COVID-19 Pandemic.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, on behalf of the County and all residents thereof, acknowledges, commends, and offers sincere gratitude to **Registrar Valenzuela** for his dedicated and distinguished service to the County of Monterey from 2001 to 2021.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_ day of June, 2021, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

I, Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book\_\_\_ for the meeting on \_\_\_\_\_.

Dated:

Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Monterey, State of California

By \_\_\_\_\_  
, Deputy