



County of Monterey

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 26-016

Adopt a resolution honoring **Steven Adams** for his distinguished career in)
public service and congratulating him on his well-deserved retirement as)
City Manager of King City.....)

WHEREAS, Steven Adams is retiring after more than forty-three years of dedicated public service, including ten years as City Manager of the City of King City from 2015 until his retirement in February 2026; and

WHEREAS, Steven Adams holds a Bachelor’s degree in Political Science from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, and a Master’s degree in Public Administration from the University of Southern California; and

WHEREAS, during his career in municipal leadership, Steven Adams served in executive roles in the City of Westlake Village and as City Manager of the City of Arroyo Grande for over fourteen years, where he demonstrated effective governance, fiscal stewardship, and a collaborative approach to community leadership; and

WHEREAS, appointed during a challenging period for King City, Steven Adams provided steady leadership that restored public trust, stabilized city operations, and guided the community through recovery and growth; and

WHEREAS, under Steven Adams’ leadership, King City eliminated a five-million-dollar negative fund balance, established strong financial reserves, and achieved long-term fiscal stability; and

WHEREAS, Steven Adams advanced public safety and youth development by fully implementing the Comprehensive Plan to End Youth Violence, including the PRO Youth HEART after-school program, resulting in significant reductions in gang activity and shootings; and

WHEREAS, Steven Adams led the revitalization of downtown King City, advanced major infrastructure and transportation projects including the King Station Multimodal Transit Center, and helped secure more than one hundred million dollars in grant funding for infrastructure, housing, and community initiatives; and

WHEREAS, Steven Adams supported housing stability and community well-being by securing grants for the Homekey permanent supportive housing program, utility assistance, and rental assistance for residents in need; and

WHEREAS, Steven Adams played a key role in the success of Operation Santa by supporting King City’s role as fiscal agent, facilitating the receipt and management of funds, and personally ensuring the timely purchasing of food and toys, a level of hands-on fiscal support that led partners to affectionately refer to him as *Steve Money Man Adams* for his reliability and commitment to helping deliver holiday support to hundreds of families each Christmas season; and

WHEREAS, throughout his tenure in King City, Steven Adams actively supported civic engagement and community pride through his involvement with King City in Bloom, local service clubs, and volunteer activities, helping advance beautification efforts, community events, and a strong culture of public participation; and

WHEREAS, Steven Adams’ legacy is defined by collaboration, fiscal responsibility, and a deep commitment to community service that has strengthened the quality of life in King City and the Salinas Valley.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, on behalf of the County and all of its residents, hereby acknowledges, commends, and expresses its deepest gratitude to **Steven Adams** for his decades of dedicated service, his visionary leadership as City Manager of King City, and his lasting contributions to the community, and congratulates him on his well-deserved retirement.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 27th day of January 2026

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