

County of Monterey

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 24-417

Adopt a resolution commending Mayor Kimbley Craig for her 12 years)
of dedicated service to the City of Salinas upon her retirement.....)

WHEREAS, Mayor Kimbley Craig was first elected to the Salinas City Council on November 2, 2010, to serve two, four-year terms as a District 5 Councilmember and was sworn-in on December 2, 2020, as Mayor of Salinas; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Kimbley Craig provided stability, leadership and guidance to the role of Mayor in a time of crisis; the death of Mayor Joe Gunter left the Salinas community in despair, amidst the global COVID-19 pandemic. The city was facing a \$14 million dollar deficit, no Mayor or City Manager, and no vaccines available for COVID. Mayor Kimbley Craig stepped into her leadership role with the new council by hiring a City Manager, and being a bold, loud voice for prioritizing vaccines for Salinas, as the city had over half of the County's COVID cases. Mayor Kimbley Craig embraced the opportunity to serve the people of Salinas with integrity, steadfastness, and grace

WHEREAS, Mayor Kimbley Craig became the second female Mayor in the City's 150-year history. Mayor Kimbley Craig was later re-elected to serve a second term in a landslide win and was sworn-in on December 13, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Kimbley Craig has served on numerous boards, committees and commissions over her 12 years as Councilmember and Mayor, including: Local Agency Formation Commission, Transportation Agency of Monterey County, Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority, Monterey County Convention and Visitors Bureau, Coalition of Homeless Service Providers, Community Alliance of Safety and Peace (CASP), Monterey One Water, the City's Finance Committee, Legislative Committee, Animal Shelter Joint Powers Authority, the City/County Memorandum of Understanding Committee, Rodeo Committee, Fireworks Committee, and also former city committees for Economic Development, Marketing, and Oldtown Salinas Association; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Kimbley Craig's advocacy for funding and construction of El Gabilan Library and the Salinas Police Services building, and the rehabilitation of Downtown Salinas, was instrumental to improving the quality of life for Salinas residents; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Kimbley Craig is known for her commitment to partner and collaborate with County Supervisors and the County of Monterey over addressing housing and homelessness, and most prominently, the SHARE Center – a local and state funded transitional housing facility with wraparound services for unhoused residents; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Kimbley Craig was instrumental in leading the city through the first line-of-duty death of a Salinas police officer in 80 years, working to rename the street where the police department is located after Officer J.D. Alvarado, for his service and sacrifice for the residents of Salinas; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Kimbley Craig was on the front lines of the Taylor Farms fire, a 225,000 sq.ft. facility that jeopardized the jobs of over 1,500 residents and she worked to ensure the city's planning and permitting was expedited for rebuilding to guarantee re-opening within one year; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Kimbley Craig has been a fierce champion for public safety, strongly advocating for the need for both police and fire to increase staffing, and ensuring the departments have the modern technology and equipment necessary to do their jobs well; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Kimbley Craig is also the President and CEO of Monterey County Business Council, leading the organization to specialize in forging cross-sector alliances between private, public, and nonprofit agencies. Mayor Kimbley Craig lives in Salinas with her partner, Bobby Robertson and her Corgi, Lucy.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all residents thereof, hereby recognize and commends the exemplary accomplishments, leadership, and dedication that Mayor Kimbley Craig has provided to the residents of the City of Salinas during her 12 years of distinguished public service, and wishes her success, good health, and happiness in all future endeavors. Mayor Kimbley Craig has truly made a positive difference in making Salinas a better place to live and work.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 3rd day of December 2024

Chair Supervisor Glenn Church

Vice Chair Supervisor Chris Lopez

Supervisor Luis Alejo

Supervisor Wendy Root Askew

Supervisor Mary L. Adams

