

RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 25-066

Adopt a resolution honoring **Francisco Barajas**, Staff Trainer II, for his dedicated service of 31 Years and 2 Months to the County of Monterey Department of Social Services upon his retirement...

WHEREAS, Francisco Barajas announced his retirement from public service as a Staff Trainer II for CalWORKs Employment Services. Department of Social Services, effective March 31st, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Francisco Barajas has served the people of Monterey County for over 31 years, having been hired on January 10th, 1994 at the Department of Social Services in the Community Benefits branch as an Eligibility Worker I, and promoted to Eligibility Worker II and III in July 1994 and March 1998 respectively. He was promoted to Employment and Training Worker II in February 1999 within CalWORKs Employment Services (CWES) and promoted again to Employment & Training Worker III in March 2005. From there, Francisco Barajas promoted to the position of Staff Trainer I in August 2007 and to Staff Trainer II in August 2008 serving as the only CWES Staff Trainer; and

WHEREAS, Francisco Barajas provided quality staff induction training on the Welfare-To-Work (WTW) Program services including Appraisals, Assessments, Exemptions, Job Search Workshop, WTW Plans, Employment & Education Goals, Supportive Services, Barrier Removal Services for substance use, domestic violence, behavioral health; Learning Disabilities Services; and Homelessness Services in the CalWORKs 2.0 framework that focused on goal, plan, do, review, revise model; and

WHEREAS, Francisco Barajas was a valued member of the CalWORKs Employment Services Analyst Team and worked tirelessly to coordinate external trainings with community based organizations. He planned, scheduled, and coordinated complex offsite all staff trainings in addition to helping develop and implement a branch service in the spotlight program focused on sharpening staff knowledge and skills monthly; and

WHEREAS, Francisco Barajas offered his time, experience, and humorous charisma to his peers and staff who sought his guidance and were inspired by his commitment to the mission of CWES, the Department of Social Services and the families served.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all of the residents thereof, hereby congratulates **Francisco Barajas** upon his retirement and wishes him success, good health, and happiness in all future endeavors.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 18th day of March 2025

Chair Supervisor Chris Logez

Vice Chair Supervisor Wendy Root Askew

Supervisor Glenn Church

Supervisor Luis A. Alejo

Supervisor Kate Daniels