

County of Monterey

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 26-175

Adopt a resolution recognizing **Kate McKenna** for her distinguished)
service as Executive Officer of the Local Agency Formation)
Commission of Monterey County (LAFCO).....)

WHEREAS, Kate McKenna served with distinction as Executive Officer to the Local Agency Formation Commission of Monterey County (LAFCO) from July 2004 through June 2026, providing exemplary leadership to encourage the orderly growth of local government agencies, preserve agricultural lands, discourage urban sprawl, and ensure the efficient delivery of local government services; and

WHEREAS, Kate McKenna has dedicated more than four decades to public service as an urban planner and public agency executive, including 25 years with various city, county, and regional planning agencies such as the City of Cupertino, City of Sunnyvale, County of Monterey, and the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments, and 22 years with LAFCO of Monterey County; and

WHEREAS, Kate McKenna provided invaluable leadership and guidance to the Commission and the communities of Monterey County by achieving LAFCO's operational independence, facilitating agreements to establish permanent agricultural edges for Salinas Valley cities, overseeing annexations totaling approximately 5,000 acres to support balanced growth while preserving thousands of acres of prime and statewide important farmland, and advancing studies, reorganizations, and consolidations to improve fire protection and other public services; and

WHEREAS, Kate McKenna led the development and adoption of forward-thinking policies addressing agricultural land preservation, open space protection, climate change, and jobs-housing balance, including the award-winning 2024 Agricultural Preservation Policy Amendment, which provides clear and effective guidance for mitigating farmland impacts; and

WHEREAS, Kate McKenna has contributed significantly to the statewide LAFCO community through her service as a CALAFCO Deputy Executive Officer, leadership in the CALAFCO mentorship program, and recognition with CALAFCO awards for Distinguished Service, Outstanding LAFCO Professional, and Appreciation for 22 Years of Service; and

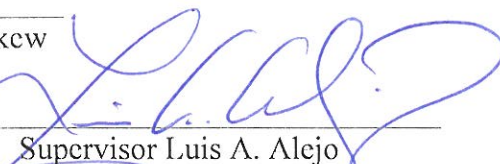
WHEREAS, Kate McKenna has throughout her distinguished career exemplified the highest standards of public service through her integrity, professionalism, vision, and dedication, continually mentoring colleagues and advancing the mission and effectiveness of LAFCOs throughout California.

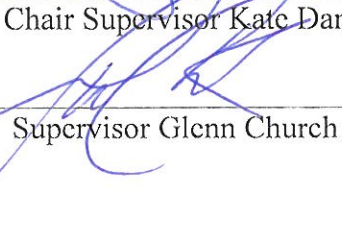
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all residents thereof, hereby recognizes and extends its profound gratitude and heartfelt appreciation to **Kate McKenna** for her exceptional leadership, indelible contributions, and faithful dedication to the Local Agency Formation Commission of Monterey County and to the people of Monterey County, and extends its warmest wishes for a rewarding and fulfilling retirement.

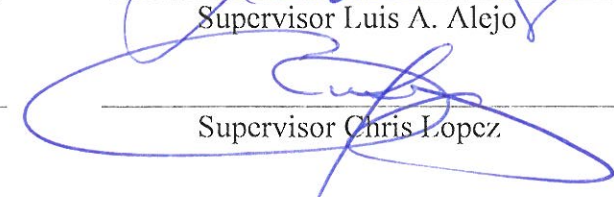
PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 23rd day of January 2026.


Chair Supervisor Wendy Root Askew


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