

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

Resolution No.:

Adopt a Resolution Commending County Counsel **Leslie J. Girard** Upon his Retirement After more Than 15 Years in the Office of the County Counsel and 42 Years of Dedicated Public Service.

WHEREAS, Leslie J. Girard received a Bachelor of Arts from San Diego State University, and a Juris Doctor degree from Georgetown University Law Center; and

WHEREAS, Leslie J. Girard started his law career working in the City Attorney's Office for the City of San Diego; and

WHEREAS, Leslie J. Girard while at the City of San Diego served as a Deputy City Attorney for 11 years, working on a variety of matters including civil advisory work, litigation, land use, and other complex cases; and

WHEREAS, Leslie J. Girard served as Chief Deputy City Attorney for Legislative and Public Affairs for the City of San Diego for two years and then as the Assistant City Attorney for Special Projects from 1998 through 2003; and

WHEREAS, Leslie J. Girard, as Assistant City Attorney, worked as a principal in the negotiation and implementation of the City's Ballpark and Redevelopment Project, a complex public/private partnership approved by the electorate in 1998 that resulted in the construction of Petco Park, home of the San Diego Padres, and that furthered the revitalization and redevelopment of downtown San Diego; and

WHEREAS, Leslie J. Girard, from September of 2003 through 2004, was acting Executive Assistant City Attorney, responsible for the on-going operations of both the Civil and Criminal Divisions of the City Attorney's Office and responsible for a number of other high profile, complex projects and lawsuits running the gamut of municipal law including negotiations with the (then) San Diego Chargers and fiscal matters affecting the City; and

WHEREAS, Leslie J. Girard, in 2005, joined the firm McKenna, Long & Aldridge LLP in San Diego working in the Government Affairs practice group; and

WHEREAS, Leslie J. Girard, in June of 2008, desired to return to public service and joined the Monterey County Counsel's Office as Assistant County Counsel and then Chief Assistant County Counsel, and, in those capacities assisted the County Counsel in overseeing all operations of the office; and

WHEREAS, Leslie J. Girard also advised the Civil Grand Jury, Local Agency Formation Commission of Monterey County, the Monterey Bay Air Resources District, and the Carmel Valley Recreation and Park District; and

WHEREAS, Leslie J. Girard was appointed County Counsel by the Board of Supervisors in October of 2019, and in that capacity, **Leslie J. Girard** continued to oversee all operations of the office and worked on a variety of other matters including advising the Board of Supervisors and County Administrative Office on labor, water, land use, and numerous other issues; and

WHEREAS, Leslie J. Girard was a driving force behind, and has been a primary participant in, the creation of the Joint Powers Authority (the Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency) that is the Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin; and

WHEREAS, Leslie J. Girard has been married to his wife, Lori, for 31 years and has two sons Nicholas and Leslie; and

WHEREAS, Leslie J. Girard has gained a reputation in the Monterey County legal community as a dedicated, knowledgeable and outstanding public entity attorney; and

WHEREAS, during the course of his career with the County of Monterey, **Leslie J. Girard** has developed and maintained strong friendships with his colleagues throughout the County family, served as an excellent mentor to younger attorneys while serving as County Counsel, and fostered a collaborative approach to County government; and

WHEREAS, Leslie J. Girard has decided to retire and deservedly spend more time with his wife and three golden retrievers, and undertake travel and other activities; and

WHEREAS, Leslie J. Girard will be missed by his colleagues not only for his legal skills and leadership, but also for his level-headed demeanor, problem solving abilities, openness, fairness, and witty humor.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all residents thereof, hereby acknowledge, commends, and thanks **Leslie J. Girard** for his 42 years of dedicated public service and his more than 15 years of service to the County of Monterey, and his many contributions to the citizens and residents of the County of Monterey. He is wished much happiness as he begins his retirement.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of December 2023, 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