

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

Resolution No.:

Adopt Resolution in Honor and Recognition of **Chris Panetta** for His Dedicated Service to the Legal Community in the County of Monterey and Receiving the Monterey County Bar Association's Lewis L. Fenton Award for Excellence in Advocacy.

WHEREAS, Chris Panetta attended UC Berkeley, B.A History, December 1985; receiving high distinction in general scholarship, College of Letters and Science and High Honors, Dept. of History Honors Program. Phi Beta Kappa. served in the US Peace Corps, Kenya (1986-1988) as a volunteer - Water Resource Sector; and

WHEREAS, Chris Panetta attended the University of Pennsylvania; one year Ph.D. study in Modern European History, June 1990. He served as a teaching assistant at the University of Pennsylvania (1989-1990) teaching and grading student in Modern European History courses; and

WHEREAS, Chris Panetta attended UCLA School of Law, J.D., May 1994; receiving the American Jurisprudence Award, Constitutional Law, Judicial Extern, U.S. Bankruptcy Court and was a Moot Court Participant. Chris served as volunteer in the Labor Defense Network, Los Angeles, CA (1991) and volunteer/on-duty attorney for the Tenant Action Center, Venice, CA (1995-1996); and

WHEREAS, Chris Panetta has worked for the following firms: Parker, Miliken, Clark, O'Hara & Samuelian, Los Angeles, CA (1994-1995) Associate Attorney and Summer Associate (Summer 1993).. Riordan & McKinzie, Los Angeles, CA (1995-1996) Associate Attorney. Fenton & Keller, Monterey, CA (1996 – Present) Shareholder. Civil litigation, including labor & employment law and general business litigation; and

WHEREAS, Chris Panetta was admitted to the California State Bar in 1994, Litigation and Labor & Employment Law Sections. Since 1994, Chris has litigated a multitude of cases in state and federal courts, and has successfully tried cases before judges, juries, and arbitrators; and

WHEREAS, Chris Panetta's practice focuses on civil litigation, including labor & employment law and general business litigation. He represents both employers and employees before state and federal administrative agencies. He counsels employers regarding legal issues in the workplace, including discrimination, harassment, wage and hour law, disability accommodation, investigations, and the drafting of personnel policies and employment contracts. Chris also handles plaintiff cases representing employees in harassment, discrimination, and unpaid wage claims; and

WHEREAS, Chris Panetta's general business litigation practice covers a wide range of topics allowing for representation of individuals and businesses facing varied legal challenges. Chris represents large and small businesses in many of the local industries including the hospitality, healthcare, non-profit, and construction industries; and

WHEREAS, Chris Panetta also serves as a mediator and has successfully resolved hundreds of employment related cases. Chris' community service and membership include; Admitted to the United States District Court for the Northern District of California, Admitted to the United States District Court for the Central District of California, Admitted to Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, Monterey County Bar Association (Past President), Seaside Rotary (Past President), Gateway Center of Monterey County (Past Board Member), Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Monterey (Past President) and Central Coast Visiting Nurse Association (Board Member).

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 **Chris Panetta** for his contributions to the Monterey County and greater Central Coast legal community and wishes her much happiness and success.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 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 _____, 2023.

Dated:

Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Monterey, State of California.

By _____
Deputy