

Resolution No. 2024 –

RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECOGNIZING DISTRICT 1 SUPERVISOR ERIN HANNIGAN UPON HER RETIREMENT FROM THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AFTER 17 YEARS OF ELECTED OFFICE IN VALLEJO AND SOLANO COUNTY

WHEREAS, Erin Hannigan is a life-long resident of Solano County. Raised in Fairfield where her passion for volunteer work was fostered, she made Vallejo her home over 30 years ago, becoming an active member of the community. As the mother of two, Connor and Hannah, she understands the importance of the health and well-being of families, and has sought solutions to ensure those in need in our community are connected to essential services; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hannigan's public service career began serving on the Vallejo Community Development Commission, distributing Community Development Block Grant funds to neighborhoods and organizations in Vallejo. In 2007, Erin was elected to the Vallejo City Council and led Vallejo through difficult economic times. She supported a balanced approach to the budget deficit, striving to provide necessary services. She was influential in creating a citywide communication strategy, which gave City employees and the community transparency on the important information facing Vallejo; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hannigan was elected to the Solano County Board of Supervisors in November 2012. Sworn into office in January 2013, Supervisor Hannigan worked diligently to connect the services of the County to the community. The Supervisor focused on areas related to public safety, seniors, children, childcare, veteran's services, homelessness, human trafficking, health care, mental health services, regional parks, and the environment as areas of significant importance to our community. Supervisor Hannigan spearheaded a smoke free campus policy to improve the lives of County employees along with those we serve. Hannigan has remained a strong advocate for improving the County website; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Hannigan has represented the Board of Supervisors on more than 25 County, State, Regional and District boards and commissions, including, East Vallejo Fire Protection District, Solano Facilities Corporation and In-Home Supportive Services Public Authority, Legislative Committee, Solano360 Implementation Committee, First 5 Solano Commission, Solano Regional Park Committee, Public Art Committee, Lakes Water Policy Committee, Social Equity Committee, Law and Justice Committee, Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council, and founding member of the Commercially Sexually Exploited Children Steering Committee. Supporting the California State Association of Counties as a member of the Executive Committee, Legislative Committee, Suburban Caucus and Moderator for the New Supervisors Institute. She is a Board Member of the Solano County Water Agency Board, City County Coordinating Committee, Solano Economic Development Corporation, Northern CA Counties Tribal Matters Consortium, State Route 37 Corridor Policy Committee, and the Bay Area Air Quality Management District. The former Vallejo City Councilmember serves as Trustee to the Vallejo Flood and Wastewater District, Member of the Vallejo Interagency Committee; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Hannigan cultivated a partnership with the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation, now entering its eighth year, with contributions totaling \$7,750,000 to assist people in need in Solano County. The current programs that receive Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation funding include First 5 Solano, the Mobile Food Pharmacy, Probation and Vibe Solano. First 5 provides basic needs support to directly assist families in crisis by addressing immediate needs, and an ongoing financial commitment to providing programs related to Early Learning, School Readiness, Social Engagement & Peer Support as well as Community Resource Information at the First 5 Center in Vallejo. The Mobile Food Pharmacy and its Food Rx Program in collaboration with the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano Counties was an early inspiration in the partnership. Under the supervision of our Probation Department, funds are invested to help young people and youth in transition through and out of Probation by providing things from Professional Attire to Mentoring services. Vibe Solano reaches the community by building innovative prevention projects, this program is saving lives and supporting stronger partnerships throughout the community to ensure that people do not fall through the cracks; and

WHEREAS, in February 2020, Supervisor Hannigan, as Chairwoman of the First 5 Solano Commission on Children and Families, helped open Solano County's First 5 Center in Vallejo. This is the first Center of its kind in Solano County. The location was determined through an equity lens that identified risk factors of children living in poverty. As an advocate for family strengthening, she has raised millions of dollars for the First 5 Center and the Vallejo Early Learning Center; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, Supervisor Hannigan inspired a "Walking for Health" grant with Sutter Health, partnering with the Florence Douglas Senior Center in Vallejo to provide shoes for seniors. This program has given away over 3000 pairs of walking shoes and continues to offer opportunities to encourage walking and healthy lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, as Chair of the State Route 37 Policy Committee, Supervisor Hannigan has worked to plan for long term improvements that will strengthen this vital roadway long into the future and leading with equity; and

WHEREAS, through her positions as City Councilmember of Vallejo and Solano County Supervisor, Supervisor Hannigan has worked tirelessly to improve the lives of the community, including children ages zero to 5 years, to school age, to working families and retired seniors, Hannigan finds a way to help meet the needs of people throughout their lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Solano County Board of Supervisors congratulate Supervisor Erin Hannigan on her retirement as District 1 Supervisor, thank her for her many years of public service, 12 of them most recently the Solano County Board of Supervisors, and wish her well in her retirement.

Dated this 10th day of December 2024

MITCH H. MASHBURN, Chair
Solano County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
BILL EMLLEN, Clerk
Solano County Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Alicia Draves, Chief Deputy Clerk