

Resolution No. 2022-41

RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HONORING BIRGITTA E. CORSELLO, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, UPON HER RETIREMENT FROM THE SOLANO COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE WITH 36 YEARS OF DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVICE, INCLUDING 33 YEARS WITH SOLANO COUNTY AND THE LAST 11 YEARS AS COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

WHEREAS, Birgitta E. Corsello began her exemplary public sector career over thirty-six years ago as an Analyst with the County of Kern; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Corsello began employment with Solano County as a Management Analyst in the County Administrator's Office (CAO) in September of 1989; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Corsello earned several promotions during her initial stint in the County Administrator's Office, including the County's Budget Officer; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Corsello was appointed to several department leadership positions within the Solano County organization from 1993-2004, including serving as Assistant Director of General Services/Office of Emergency Services Director, Director of the General Services Department, Director of Environmental Management Department, and Director of Resource Management Department that resulted from the merging of the Departments of Transportation and Environmental Management, and in 2010, she returned to the County Administrator's Office as the Assistant County Administrator; and

WHEREAS, in 2011 Ms. Corsello was appointed by the Board of Supervisors as the County Administrator; and

WHEREAS, early in her term as County Administrator, Ms. Corsello led the County organization through a period of great fiscal challenges in the aftermath of the 2008 great recession, making necessary structural changes to address funding shortfalls while minimizing layoffs and establishing a solid fiscal footing, including establishing reserve funds for pension costs and capital projects, for rebuilding the County's fiscal stability and service delivery capabilities during economic recovery; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Corsello made it a priority to invest in County facility needs and maintenance, and has overseen completion of numerous significant capital projects, including but not limited to the construction of the Stanton Correctional Facility and Rourke Vocational Training Center at the County's Claybank campus, the Animal Care Shelter upgrades including construction of a new kennel building, remodels at all Veterans' Memorial Halls, completion of the William J. Carroll Government Center, construction of The Center for Positive Change and establishment of the Family Justice Center, initiation of the Comprehensive Energy Services Project and the Mental Health Diversion and Adult Board and Care Facilities, tenant improvements to facilitate relocation of the Child Support Services Department from leased space to the CAC, and many other maintenance projects to improve the lifecycle of County buildings and facilities; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Corsello during her time as Resource Management Director was responsible for completion of many important Countywide initiatives including the 2008 General Plan, the Suisun Valley Strategic Plan and the Middle Green Valley Specific Plan and formation of the Rural North Vacaville Water District, as well as numerous operational and procedural improvements to ensure high quality customer service to County residents; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Corsello's leadership skills have been notable throughout her time with the County but most evident during several natural disaster emergency events of which she successfully guided the County into recovery. These included several flood events in the 1990's, the mid-2000's and in 2017; the 2014 earthquake that caused significant damage to County buildings in Vallejo; several large wildfires, including the LNU Lightening Complex Fire in 2020 that caused significant property damage and loss of over 300 residential dwellings; and the COVID-19 pandemic that has spanned over two years and required many difficult operational and structural changes to protect the public's health while continuing to provide vital services to County residents; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Corsello's commitment to partnerships and collaborations have resulted in many successful projects including transportation projects with the Solano Transportation Authority on the Jepson Parkway, Suisun Parkway, the South Gate access road to the Travis Air Force Base, as well as extensive work with partner agencies in the County for protection of Travis Air Force Base through land acquisitions to establish buffer areas, adoption of land use compatibility plans, the Travis Sustainability Study and participation in the Travis Community Consortium; and

WHEREAS, despite her many responsibilities within the County, Ms. Corsello managed to find time to participate in several professional organizations, including a term in 2019 as President of the California Association of County Executives (CACE) and as an officer of the County Engineers Association of California (CEAC). In addition, she has served on the Executive Committee of the Board of the California Medical Services Program (CMSP); and

WHEREAS, Ms. Corsello's commitment to the County organization and the Solano County community has been reflected in the long hours she has put into her various roles and the high quality of work that has been produced with her oversight and direct involvement; and


WHEREAS, Ms. Corsello's incredible memory and knowledge of the entirety of County operations have been invaluable in her ability to pivot from one issue to another with a high level of technical expertise, judgment and decisiveness over a wide variety of topics and issues; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Corsello will officially retire on April 2, 2022, after providing more than 33 years of dedicated public service in a professional and responsible manner.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Solano County Board of Supervisors recognizes the truly remarkable 33-year career of Birgitta E. Corsello with Solano County, and her many contributions to County organizations and the quality of life to residents of Solano County. The Board wishes Birgitta the best of success in future endeavors and a long, happy, and well-deserved retirement.

Dated this 22nd day of March 2022




JOHN M. VASQUEZ, Chair
Solano County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

By: 
Alicia Draves, Chief Deputy Clerk