



# Solano County

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## Legislation Text

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Adopt and present a resolution and plaque of appreciation honoring Dawn Polvorosa, Deputy Public Defender, upon her retirement from the Public Defender's Office, with over 28 years of dedicated public service to Solano County (Chair Vasquez)

Published Notice Required? Yes ☐ No ☒

Public Hearing Required? Yes ☐ No ☒

### **DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION:**

The Public Defender's Office recommends that the Board of Supervisors adopt a resolution and plaque of appreciation honoring Dawn Polvorosa, Deputy Public Defender, upon her retirement from the Public Defender's Office, with over 28 years of dedicated public service to Solano County.

### **SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:**

Dawn Polvorosa was hired on August 20, 1989 by the Office of the Public Defender as a Deputy Public Defender II. She was promoted to a position of Deputy Public Defender V on June 16, 1996. She served as a defense attorney in every unit of the Department and as a Misdemeanor Unit supervisor for many years. She worked as a felony trial lawyer until her retirement on June 9, 2018.

Ms. Polvorosa has proven herself to be a valuable asset in multiple positions in the Department throughout her career at the Solano County Public Defender's Office. Her contributions to the Department and to the County overall have been substantial, especially in assisting and developing younger attorneys who have joined the Department after her. Her tenacious litigation style made her a formidable advocate on behalf of her clients. The knowledge and training she possessed and provided has proved to be vital to many lawyers tasked with protecting the public by defending the Constitution.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

The costs associated with preparing the agenda item is nominal and absorbed by the department's FY2017/18 Adopted Budget. The costs associated with preparation and purchase of the resolution materials and plaque are included in the Board's FY2017/18 Adopted Budget.

### **ALTERNATIVES:**

The Board could choose not to adopt the resolution honoring Ms. Polvorosa. This is not recommended as Ms. Polvorosa has provided over 28 years of dedicated service to the County. This is an opportunity to recognize Ms. Polvorosa for her excellent work in providing the indigent citizens and defendants in this County with outstanding, detailed, and deep knowledge of the law and the circumstances of each of her clients and therefore exemplary representation.

### **OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:**

The County Administrator's Office has reviewed this item and concurs with the Department's recommendation.

**CAO RECOMMENDATION:**

APPROVE DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION