



Solano County

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Legislation Text

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Adopt a resolution recognizing Ben Espinoza, President of the Napa-Solano Building Trades Council, for his advocacy and commitment to bringing quality jobs to Solano County for over four decades

Published Notice Required? Yes ☐ No ☒
Public Hearing Required? Yes ☐ No ☒

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION:

Supervisor Vasquez requests that the board adopt the resolution recognizing Ben Espinoza, President of the Napa-Solano Building Trades Council, for his advocacy and commitment to bringing quality jobs to Solano County for over four decades.

SUMMARY:

For more than 40 years, Ben Espinoza has worked to secure living wage jobs with benefits for Solano County residents and their families, and for these efforts he should be honored upon his retirement.

DISCUSSION:

Ben Espinoza is a leader and local champion for working families in Solano County. His work has secured living wage jobs with benefits that Solano County residents can rely on to support themselves and their families. He has worked with Solano County to bring forward Project Labor Agreements that provide local jobs while helping county projects to be delivered on-time and on-budget.

Mr. Espinoza has spent his career promoting a better quality of life for Solano County residents. He has served as an advocate for local job creation and worker's rights in Solano County over the course of his forty plus years in the labor industry. As cement mason, a Business Agent for Cement Masons Local 400 and as President of the Napa-Solano Building Trades Council, Mr. Espinoza has dedicated himself to bringing quality jobs to the people of Solano County.

Mr. Espinoza's support and advocacy for apprenticeship programs in Solano County have created a pathway for people to gain access to certified training programs, offering them entry into the field of skilled labor, all while producing the highest quality worker who can earn a respectable wage with benefits that allows them to support themselves and their family.

Today, because of Mr. Espinoza's hard work and dedication to bring forward quality jobs, there are five training centers in Solano County, including Sheet Metal Workers, Carpenters, Plumbers & Steamfitters, Ironworkers and Insulators. These apprenticeship training centers help Solano County residents find meaningful employment and will continue to support and serve as the legacy of Mr. Espinoza well beyond his retirement.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The costs associated with preparing the agenda item are nominal and absorbed by the District 4 FY2018/19 Adopted Budget. The costs associated with preparation and purchase of the resolution materials are included in the Board's FY2018/19 Adopted Budget.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Board could choose not to adopt the resolution; however, this is not recommended because Mr. Espinoza has dedicated himself to bringing quality jobs to this county and it is Supervisor Vasquez's request that the board honor him through a resolution for that work.

CAO RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION