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Legislation Text

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Adopt and present a resolution honoring Larry Sly upon his retirement from the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano after serving 40 years as the Executive Director (Chairwoman Hannigan)

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

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION:

Supervisor Hannigan recommends the Board approve and present a resolution of appreciation honoring Larry Sly upon his retirement from the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano after serving 40 years as the Executive Director.

SUMMARY/DISCUSSION

After graduating from UC-Berkeley, Larry Sly joined the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano and quickly became the organization's Executive Director. He has guided the Food Bank's development from an organization that distributed 36,000 pounds of food in its first year to an agency that distributes more than 25 million pounds annually.

Larry has served as Vice Chair of the Board of Directors of Feeding America, the National Food Bank Network and on the National Council (NAC), an elected group of food bank leaders who serve as the voice of the network for Feeding America. He also served on the Board of Directors of the California Association of Food Banks and chaired the Emergency Food and Shelter board that allocates Federal funds to hunger and shelter agencies in Contra Costa County. Larry has served on State advisory committees on hunger and has served on task forces for Feeding America. He is also an active member of the Rotary Club of Concord.

For the past sixteen years, the Counties of Solano and Contra Costa have participated in a friendly food fight competition to help raise money for the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano to benefit the hunger insecure. Larry has played a key role in helping Counties participate in the friendly competition, including attending the Board of Supervisors meetings to help kick off the program and award departments for their tremendous work. Since the friendly competition began in 2004, the two Counties have raised nearly \$2 million dollars collectively.

The Solano County Board of Supervisors congratulate Larry Sly on his retirement as Executive Director of the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano, thank him for his more than 40 years of service and wish him well on all his future endeavors.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The costs associated with preparing the agenda item are nominal and absorbed by the department's FY2019/20 Adopted Budget. The costs associated with preparation and purchase of the resolution materials and plaque are included in the Board's FY2019/20 Adopted Budget.

CAO RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION