

*The Board of Supervisors of  
Contra Costa County, California*

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2009/117

**Honoring Deputy Public Defender III, Sally Martin To Commemorate Her Retirement**

WHEREAS, Sally Martin is retiring from the Office of the Public Defender after more than 19 years of service to the Department;  
WHEREAS, Sally Martin received her B.A. degree from Stanford University in 1976, her MSW in Social Work from the University of California at Berkeley in 1980, and her law degree from Hastings College of the Law in 1989;  
WHEREAS, she had worked as a psychotherapist and social worker in various settings providing help to children from 1978 through the time she entered law school, Sally Martin brought both her legal skills and her skills and interest in children’s issues to the Department when she joined the Office of Public Defender in Contra Costa County in 1989;  
WHEREAS, Sally Martin was first assigned to handle misdemeanor cases in West County and then felony cases in Central/East, Sally hit her stride and found the most ideal assignment for her talents and background in her passionate work on behalf of juvenile clients of the Department;  
WHEREAS, Sally Martin became a mainstay of the Department’s dependency practice for fourteen years, representing children and parents in difficult cases where the state sought to intervene in the family’s life and the rights and interests of both children and parents had to be protected;  
  
WHEREAS, Sally Martin has also represented many children in delinquency cases and brought to that aspect of the Department’s practice keen insight and professional passion; and  
WHEREAS, in addition to her contributions to the lives of many clients of the Department through providing zealous, caring and creative representation, Sally Martin has contributed to the individual lives of every staff member by being a good friend and a model for a socially concerned, ethical and effective deputy public defender;  
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors acknowledges and thanks Sally Martin for her dedicated service to the Office of Public Defender, the clients of that Office and the people of this county on the occasion of her retirement as an employee of Contra Costa County. PASSED and ADOPTED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 31st day of March, 2009

**SUSAN A. BONILLA**  
Chair,  
District IV Supervisor

**JOHN GIOIA**  
District I Supervisor

**GAYLE B. UILKEMA**  
District II Supervisor

**MARY N. PIEPHO**  
District III Supervisor

**FEDERAL D. GLOVER**  
District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: March 31, 2009

David J. Twa,

By: \_\_\_\_\_, Deputy