

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

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2011/51

Honoring Ralph Alvarado on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS Ralph Alvarado, Social Services Welfare Fraud Manager, Employment and Human Services Department, on the occasion of his retirement after thirty-eight years of County service; and

WHEREAS Ralph Alvarado is retiring from the Employment and Human Services Department after 38 years of service that began in January 1972; and

WHEREAS Ralph Alvarado's career with the County started as an Eligibility Worker I working directly with clients to grant benefits. His early evaluations state that he is a quick learner, well organized, works well with clients and co-workers and is cheerful, traits that he displayed throughout his career and that served him and the Department well in all his assignments; and

WHEREAS Ralph Alvarado demonstrated his commitment to continuing professional growth by obtaining his Bachelor of Arts degree from San Francisco State University in 1977 while working full-time for the Employment and Human Services Department; and

WHEREAS Ralph Alvarado advanced his career through several Eligibility Worker positions to Eligibility Worker Supervisor in 1990, Social Services Welfare Fraud Investigations Supervisor in 1992, and to Social Services Fraud Prevention Manager in 2004; and

WHEREAS Ralph Alvarado oversees several complex and active areas of work including fraud prevention, appeals, over payments, and collections, and he has been highly effective in all these areas; and

WHEREAS Ralph Alvarado's desire and ability to work with others and to embrace new assignments has been invaluable to the Employment and Human Services Department from the start of his career and throughout the increasingly significant assignments within the Department; and

WHEREAS Ralph Alvarado has been active in State-wide and regional organizations that provide professional development and networking opportunities to those engaged in preventing Welfare Fraud, including the California Welfare Fraud Investigator's Association where he currently serves as the State-wide President of the Association; and

WHEREAS Ralph Alvarado's career has been marked with numerous accolades for his significant contributions to work on behalf of the County and the Employment and Human Services Department.

NOW THEREFORE Be It Resolved that the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes Mr. Alvarado for his thirty-eight years of services and wish him every success for the future.

GAYLE B. UILKEMA

Chair,
District II Supervisor

JOHN GIOIA

District I Supervisor

MARY N. PIEPHO

District III Supervisor

KAREN MITCHOFF

District IV 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: February 8, 2011

David J. Twa,

By: _____, Deputy