

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

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2013/55

**RESOLUTION HONORING COMMISSIONER JOSANNA BERKOW on HER RETIREMENT FROM CONTRA COSTA SUPERIOR COURT**

WHEREAS,

Commissioner Josanna Berkow retired at the end of November 2012 from her service to the people of Contra Costa County, after having served with great distinction on the Bench of the Contra Costa Superior Court for twenty years; and

WHEREAS,

Commissioner Josanna Berkow has rendered justice in countless family law cases, contributing through her wisdom and fairness to the well-being of innumerable children and parents; and

WHEREAS,

Commissioner Josanna Berkow received her Juris Doctor in 1977 from the University of Baltimore School of Law; and

WHEREAS,

Commissioner Josanna Berkow's legal career has also included service to a United States Senator, the Federal Labor Relations Authority, and the California Attorney General serving as the statewide coordinator on issues of child support and child abduction; and

WHEREAS,

Commissioner Josanna Berkow has also served since 2009 on the faculty of the John F. Kennedy University College of Law; and

WHEREAS,

Commissioner Josanna Berkow has been widely and effectively involved in teaching and training for judges, attorneys; and others on the full range of topics in family law and domestic violence, authoring a valuable guide publication for the bar and litigants; and

WHEREAS,

Commissioner Josanna Berkow has been active with numerous organizations working to improve the family law justice system and the provision of adequate services to children of troubled families (including the CJA Family Law Committee, the Judicial Council Advisory Committee, and Kid's Turn); and

WHEREAS,

Commissioner Josanna Berkow has been a close personal friend of numerous Judges, Commissioners, and other employees of the Court; and can easily walk the entire length of Carquinez Scenic Drive blindfolded;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County congratulates Commissioner Josanna Berkow on the occasion of her retirement, thanks her for her dedicated service to the people of this county, and extends to her and her family its best wishes for continued health, happiness and prosperity in the years to come.

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**FEDERAL D. GLOVER**

Chair,  
District V Supervisor

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**JOHN GIOIA**

District I Supervisor

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**CANDACE ANDERSEN**

District II Supervisor

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**MARY N. PIEPHO**

District III Supervisor

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**KAREN MITCHOFF**

District IV 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: January 15, 2013

David J. Twa,

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