

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

In the matter of:

**Resolution No. 2015/85**

**Honoring Patrick Roche on the Occasion of His Retirement**

**WHEREAS**, Patrick Roche began his career with Contra Costa County on December 17, 1990 as a Senior Transportation Planner in the Community Development Department Transportation Division; his duties included sub-regional planning under Measure C-1988 through the Contra Costa Transportation Authority; staffing two joint powers agencies (Transplan and the East Contra Costa Regional Fee and Finance Authority), which both have major political and financial impact; and successfully negotiating with Metropolitan Transportation Commission staff to have the expanded State Route 4 Bypass included in the 1998 Update of the San Francisco Bay Area Regional Transportation Plan, which at the time faced major opposition from Bay Area environmental preservation groups and several Bay Area cities and counties; and **WHEREAS**, Patrick was promoted on December 13, 1999 to Principal Planner and became manager in charge of the Advance Planning Division of the Community Development Department; has exceptional depth and breadth of knowledge related to the County General Plan, an extremely complex and politically sensitive document controlled by State statute, the County Ordinance Code and State law, as well as wealth of knowledge about past and present proposed projects and County policy initiatives; and **WHEREAS**, Patrick has been assigned especially complex projects and has been known for his insight and abilities to analyze and make recommendations upon the most complex and vexing issues, many of which were controversial and politically charged; has an outstanding ability to be professional and objective under the harshest of public meeting circumstances, which led to positive public perceptions of the County; and was awarded Contra Costa County 2005 Manager of the Year; and **WHEREAS**, Patrick brought numerous high visibility and high expectation projects to successful conclusion; managed the Urban Limit Line adjustments of 2000; was responsible for coordinating the County involvement in discussion with the 19 cities in the county regarding the establishment of a mutually agreeable Urban Limit Line; he completely revamped the County's process for the administration of the Williamson Act, which achieved the private aims of the landowner and the public purpose of the County in preserving and protecting agricultural land as well as saved the County substantial economic cost and potential negative public perception; performed environmental analysis of proposed amendments to the County's Industrial Safety Ordinance; and most recently, developed policies to promote and support urban agriculture in the North Richmond area and worked collaboratively on the Northern Waterfront Initiative; and **WHEREAS**, Patrick Roche has performed exceptional work for the Conservation and Development Department and the County with a personal commitment to integrity, professionalism and excellence over the past 24 years; has earned the respect and admiration of the people he has worked with by providing leadership, thoughtful guidance and mentoring, and the demonstrated ability to find solutions, work creatively, and uphold a high level of professional ethics; and exemplifies the caliber of employee that puts Contra Costa County in the forefront of good government. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize and express its appreciation for the career achievements and contributions of Patrick Roche, Principal Planner, Department of Conservation and Development of the County of Contra Costa, and offer congratulations on a well-deserved retirement from public service.

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**JOHN GIOIA**

Chair,  
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

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**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 10, 2015

David J. Twa,

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