

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

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2022/396

Recognizing El Cerrito Councilmember Janet Abelson for 23 years of dedicated public service to the San Francisco Bay Area

WHEREAS, Councilmember Janet Abelson has been a resident of El Cerrito since 1970; and earned a BA degree in English and a MBA in Management from San Francisco State University; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Abelson has been actively involved with El Cerrito High School parent groups over the years, and has served as the Oral Historian/ Biographer since 2005 for the school's Archiving Project Board; and

WHEREAS, she worked with Supervisor John Gioia to develop a student bus pass program to provide free bus passes to low income students in West Contra Costa; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Abelson was first elected to the El Cerrito City Council on November 2, 1999 and has served continuously for 23 years; and served five terms as the Mayor of El Cerrito in 2002, 2006, 2010, 2014, and 2017; and

WHEREAS, she has been a continuous advocate for the needs of the disabled and for improved accessibility in all modes of transportation and access through her many roles in local and regional government; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Abelson has been a Bay Area transportation leader, serving on the West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee for 20 years, the Contra Costa Transportation Authority for 18 years, and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) Advisory Council and the MTC Elderly and Disabled Advisory Committee for 12 years; and served on the Bay Area Rapid Transit District Accessibility Task Force for over 20 years, and on the AC Transit Accessibility Advisory Committee for over 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Abelson served the League of California Cities on several policy committees including the Housing, Community and Economic Development Policy; Governance, Transparency and Labor Relations; Administrative Services; and on Community Services; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Abelson has served multiple years as a city council liaison for each of the 13 city advisory bodies, serving continuously on the Committee on Aging for more than 17 years; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Abelson was an environmental advocate and active member of El Cerrito's Earth Day activities for many years, and played a lead role in the creation of El Cerrito's innovative Environmental Quality Committee; and

WHEREAS, she has been a leader in many civic organizations including the El Cerrito Democratic Club, Soroptimist International of El Cerrito, El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce, League of Women Voters, and California Walks.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims extreme gratitude and recognition to Councilmember Janet Abelson for her 23 years of dedicated public service to the City of El Cerrito, Contra Costa County, and the San Francisco Bay Area.

KAREN MITCHOFF

Chair, District IV Supervisor

JOHN GIOIA

District I Supervisor

CANDACE ANDERSEN

District II Supervisor

DIANE BURGIS

FEDERAL D. GLOVER

District III Supervisor

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: November 29, 2022

Monica Nino, County Administrator

By: _____, Deputy