

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

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2022/496

Recognizing Deborah "Debi" Cooper upon her retirement as Clerk-Recorder-Registrar in the Contra Costa County Clerk-Recorder Department.

WHEREAS, Debi Cooper has served Contra Costa County and the Clerk-Recorder-Elections Department for 33 years; first as an Executive Secretary from January 1990 until June 1997; as an Administrative Services Assistant III from June 1997 until May 2001; as an Administrative Services Officer from May 2001 until August 2012; and as Contra Costa County Deputy Clerk-Recorder from August 2012 until November 2019; and
WHEREAS, Debi was appointed by the Board of Supervisors to lead the Clerk-Recorder-Elections Department from 2019 until 2022 in the position of Clerk-Recorder-Registrar; and
WHEREAS, Debi, during her tenure with the County, used her knowledge and experience to provide outstanding service to the public, espousing a personal commitment to integrity and honesty; and
WHEREAS, Debi oversaw several elections as head of the department, including two primary elections, two general elections, and a gubernatorial recall election; and
WHEREAS, Debi, through her leadership, ensured that Contra Costa County residents had safe, secure, accessible, and transparent elections; and
WHEREAS, under Debi's leadership, the department saw a 16% increase in voter registration from the 2016 Presidential Election to a highwater mark of 703,021 registered voters during the 2020 Presidential Election; and
WHEREAS, Debi led the Clerk-Recorder-Elections Department side by side with essential staff through the COVID-19 pandemic and the 2020 election, which is regarded as the safest and most secure election in Contra Costa history and included the highest number of voters the County has ever seen; and
WHEREAS, Debi was the first female Clerk-Recorder-Registrar in Contra Costa County; and
WHEREAS, Debi helped design the current office building that houses the Clerk-Recorder-Elections Department; and
WHEREAS, Debi was the Contra Costa County Commissioner of Marriage, officiated many weddings, and initiated the County's highly touted Destination Weddings Program; and
WHEREAS, Debi was instrumental in the virtualization of the department's entire computing infrastructure and helped the Clerk-Recorder implement a new recording system; and
WHEREAS, Debi was involved in new outreach programs in Contra Costa communities for both the Elections Division and the Clerk-Recorder Division; and implemented the Certified Election Observer program; and
WHEREAS, Debi represented Contra Costa County Elections Division in being selected as a Center for Election Excellence by the U.S. Alliance for Election Excellence, and as part of the Bay Area Elections Officials Coalition from which she accepted the Democracy Award, which is the top award for innovations in elections from the Elections Center-National Association of Election Officials; and
WHEREAS, Debi has coordinated annual department staff picnics for over 25 years; and
WHEREAS, Debi always kept the Clerk-Recorder-Elections staff well-fueled with hot coffee, fresh donuts, homemade chili, and delicious barbecued meats;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby honor Debi Cooper for her dedication to Contra Costa County and congratulate her on a well-deserved retirement.

KAREN MITCHOFF

Chair, District IV Supervisor

JOHN GIOIA

District I Supervisor

CANDACE ANDERSEN

District II Supervisor

DIANE BURGIS

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: December 13, 2022

Monica Nino, County Administrator

By: _____, Deputy

