

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

In the matter of:

**Resolution No. 2023/77**

**Recognizing the contributions of Aruna Bhat on her retirement and for 31 years of service to Contra Costa County.**

WHEREAS, Aruna Bhat began her career with Contra Costa County on June 1, 1992, as a Planner I with the Public Works Department, working on CEQA documents for Public Works projects; and  
WHEREAS, Aruna moved to the Community Development Department as a Planner II in January of 1993 and was promoted to Planner III in March of 1994; and was the Project Planner for the North Richmond area-wide P-1 development program, which was used as a prototype in other redevelopment areas of unincorporated Contra Costa County; and  
WHEREAS, while working as a Planner III she worked with the Pleasant Hill BART Steering Committee on the PH BART Specific Plan and was the Project Planner on several large projects approved and built in the '90s, including the Club Sport Renaissance as well as multiple family, office and retail projects in the area; and  
WHEREAS, Aruna was promoted to Principal Planner in May of 2000 and was the primary staff person for the San Ramon Valley Regional Planning Commission and East County Regional Planning Commission; and worked on Dougherty Valley Specific Plan and several land use entitlements including compliance and mitigation monitoring of Dougherty Valley projects and managed EIRs on several large commercial, industrial, residential projects and worked on numerous zoning ordinance amendments including regulations such as the Sign Ordinance of Contra Costa County, which will protect the visual character of the County; and  
WHEREAS, Aruna received an Award of Excellence from the County Board of Supervisors in July 2007, for going beyond the call of duty, striving for and maintaining the highest standards in reviewing CEQA documents for the Lower Walnut Creek Channel project;  
WHEREAS, as the Zoning Administrator for the County, she heard numerous projects, took public testimony and made decisions regarding land use entitlements; and  
WHEREAS in January 2009, Aruna was promoted to Deputy Director and has mentored planning staff throughout her career; and  
  
WHEREAS, she has served as staff to the County Planning Commission for the past 14 years; and  
WHEREAS, Aruna's blend of knowledge, intelligence, passion, fair-mindedness and wisdom have made her an outstanding asset to the County and its residents; and;  
WHEREAS, her leadership has had a significant and lasting impact on the physical form of the County and on the people that make up this Department.  
NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize and honor Aruna Bhat on her retirement and for her 31 years of dedicated service to Contra Costa County, and for the high quality of work performed by her during her career.

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**JOHN GIOIA**

Chair, District I Supervisor

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**CANDACE ANDERSEN**

District II Supervisor

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**DIANE BURGIS**

District III Supervisor

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**KEN CARLSON**

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 21, 2023

Monica Nino, County Administrator

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