

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

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2023/217

Recognizing Gail McPartland on the occasion of her retirement from Contra Costa County.

WHEREAS, Gail McPartland began serving as Deputy County Librarian on January 22, 2008; and

WHEREAS, very soon after in 2008, she led the effort to remodel the Martinez Library; and

WHEREAS, Gail received funding from the California State Library to create a market analysis model and tool called Predicting Success in order to anticipate customer needs when developing new library programs and services; and

WHEREAS, Gail developed a new and improved model of training all new staff that included both classroom and hands-on training; and

WHEREAS, she led the Library's effort in 2013 to create a new Strategic Plan, which included an online and printed community survey, 278 key informant interviews, and 28 public town hall meetings; and

WHEREAS, Gail led the work to make the Library a safer environment for staff and patrons with the creation of a new Patron Conduct and Suspension Policy; and

WHEREAS, in partnership with the City of San Pablo, Gail contributed unrelenting dedication and commitment in leading the the new San Pablo Library project that opened in 2017; and

WHEREAS, Gail is a 2017 credentialed executive of the California State Association of Counties Excellence in County Government program; and

WHEREAS, after a fire led to extensive damage of the El Sobrante Library, Gail led the rebuilding and remodeling effort which resulted in a new state-of-the art Library for the community of El Sobrante; and

WHEREAS, she led the Library's 2018 countywide Reader's Initiative that resulted in a significant increase in the community's use of the Library and its resources; and

WHEREAS, Gail created and implemented an equity algorithm to be taken into consideration when allocating materials budgets for branch libraries; and

WHEREAS, in preparation for the former Pleasant Hill Library's demolition, she ensured that all its special collections were relocated to appropriate organizations to ensure their preservation and access for the public; and

WHEREAS, she ensured and instituted an ethical and responsible process to handle library materials no longer needed in the collection; and

WHEREAS, Gail ensured the Library's adult literacy program, Project Second Chance, had a new home after the old Pleasant Hill Library was demolished; and

WHEREAS, in 2020 she created a logical, streamlined and much-improved process for generating estimates for cities for funding extra hours; and

WHEREAS, she also created a master framework for standardizing branch staffing; and

WHEREAS, Gail applied for and received more than \$657,000 in grant funds from the State Library of California to assist in securing the Library's network; and
WHEREAS, Gail guided, advised, and mentored Library staff in creating a groundbreaking tool and technique for assessing the diversity of the library's print collection; and

WHEREAS, Gail has contributed her expertise, wisdom, hard work, determination and keen intellect to countless other library initiatives and projects;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors does hereby honor and congratulate Gail McPartland for her 15 years of service to Contra Costa County on the occasion of her retirement on March 30, 2023.

JOHN GIOIA

Chair, District I Supervisor

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District II Supervisor

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District III Supervisor

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District IV Supervisor

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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: June 13, 2023

Monica Nino, County Administrator

By: _____, Deputy