

# The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

In the matter of honoring William R. Weidinger  
upon his retirement after 31 years of service to  
Contra Costa County

RESOLUTION NO. 2012/3

WHEREAS, Bill Weidinger received his B.A. in Sociology from Maryknoll College, Chicago in 1970, his M.A. in 1972 from Maryknoll Seminary, and his Master's in Social Work (M.S.W.) from Boston University in May 1977, followed in June of 1980 by his achievement of the designation of Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW); and

WHEREAS, after six years of service with non-profits including Abbott House in New York, Catholic Charities, New York, and the Brandon School for Emotionally Disturbed Children in Massachusetts, Mr. Weidinger began his public service career with Alameda County in 1977 as a Social Worker II and as a Child Welfare Worker II, and in October 1980 Mr. Weidinger was hired by Contra Costa County as a Social Casework Specialist II in Children's Services; and

WHEREAS, in 1985 through 1986 Mr. Weidinger was temporarily upgraded to the position of Social Work Supervisor I; followed by another temporary upgrade to Social Work Supervisor II from December 1986 through June of 1987, and received a permanent upgrade to Social Work Supervisor II in June 1987; and

WHEREAS, in 1991 Bill Weidinger received a promotion to Social Service Division Manager in Child Welfare Services; and, in November 1999 joined the newly formed Aging & Adult Services Bureau; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the exceptional work Mr. Weidinger has performed in his Division Manager's role, he was for many years the leader of the CWDA Adult Services Committee; Bill also was instrumental in working on the annual training conference on behalf of CWDA in collaboration with the California Association of Area Agencies on Aging (C4a) and other statewide associations serving adults and the elderly; and

WHEREAS, as a brief condensation of the many positive comments Mr. Weidinger's work with us has inspired, we wish to share what former supervisors of Bill's wrote about him; in May 1987 Mr. Gerald Stearns stated, "Mr. Weidinger is an open, direct person with a hands-on bent, a readiness to laugh, a willingness to work, and a substantial number of leadership skills. He can be a pleasure to work with, but is sometimes hard to keep up with. We're lucky to have him." In August 1989, Ms. Rose Manning said, "Mr. Weidinger's overall performance is outstanding. I cannot think of anyone who could have done a better job. Mr. Weidinger is an intelligent, committed professional who is known and loved throughout the Department for his ability to work with and value others. These qualities have served him well in this difficult and challenging assignment. It is a pleasure to have him coordinate this project and to supervise him." In October 1992, Ms. Rose Manning stated "I have known Mr. Weidinger since his first day with the

Department in 1980. For seven of those twelve years, we have worked together. His professional standards and ethics, his commitment to service for clients, his genuine caring for people, his intelligence and delightful sense of humor has made him a pleasure to supervise." In 2006, Mr. Robert Sessler wrote, "Mr. Weidinger has become a statewide leader in working with the CDSS to develop new statewide policy. He regularly demonstrates thorough knowledge of both In Home Supportive Services eligibility and service delivery issues and consistently strives to impart this information to both his subordinate staff and his colleagues throughout the state. Mr. Weidinger treats others with dignity and respect and is a consistent advocate for equitable treatment of his staff. He presents a positive outlook to motivate his staff and regularly recognizes and acknowledges superior performance among his staff with letters of commendation."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Contra Costa County express its appreciation to Mr. William R. Weidinger for sharing himself, his talents and exemplary work with Employment & Human Services for the last thirty-one years. To quote, "We were lucky to have him."

PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 17<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2012.

MARY N. PIEPHO

Chair

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