

# The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

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

Resolution No. 2022/496

**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, ensuring that Contra Costa County residents had safe, secure, accessible, and transparent elections and, under her 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, 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 the Contra Costa County Commissioner of Marriage, officiated many weddings, and initiated the County's highly touted Destination Weddings Program; 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 has always kept the Clerk-Recorder Elections staff well-fueled with hot coffee, fresh donuts, homemade chili, and delicious barbecued meats; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby honors Debi Cooper for her dedication to Contra Costa County and congratulates her on a well-deserved retirement.

*PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 13<sup>th</sup> day of December 2022.*

  
KAREN MITCHOFF

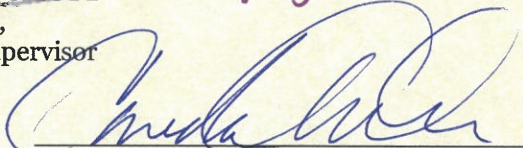
Chair,  
District IV Supervisor

Absent

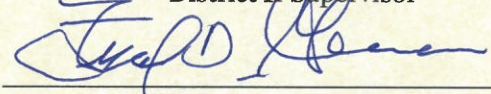
JOHN GIOIA  
District I Supervisor



DIANE BURGIS  
District III Supervisor



CANDACE ANDERSEN  
District II 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, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and County Administrator

By  , Deputy