

# The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

In the matter of recognizing Mary Ann Mason's  
retirement, from Contra Costa County.

Resolution No. 2023/174

**WHEREAS**, Mary Ann McNett Mason graduated with distinction from the University of California, Berkeley, and received her law degree from the University of California College of the Law, San Francisco; and

**WHEREAS**, Mary Ann began her career with Contra Costa County on May 4, 1987, in the County Counsel's Office as a Deputy County Counsel, was appointed as an Assistant County Counsel in December 2010, was appointed as Chief Assistant County Counsel in July 2016, and was appointed by the Board of Supervisors as County Counsel on May 18, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, during her career, Mary Ann worked her way through the alphabet of client assignments, from Agriculture to Veterans Services, and as Assistant and Chief Assistant County Counsel, supervised the General Government Unit of the office's General Law Division; and

**WHEREAS**, for many years Mary Ann was the primary legal counsel to the Contra Costa County courts and the Grand Jury, chief counsel to the Contra Costa County Office of Education and Board of Education, and district counsel to Delta Diablo; and

**WHEREAS**, Mary Ann was the resident expert on laws pertaining to retirement and employee benefits, conflict of interest laws for public officials, the Public Records Act, the Better Government Ordinance, the Brown Act, and the County's Election Campaign Ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, as Chief Assistant and as County Counsel, Mary Ann skillfully and compassionately led the office through some of the most challenging times in the office's history, including through the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, Mary Ann is a long-time member of the 1st Northern California Credit Union, originally named the Contra Costa County Employees Federal Credit Union, and has served on its Board of Directors since 2007; and

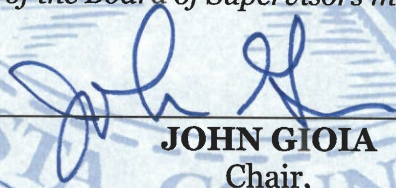
**WHEREAS**, Mary Ann was well-versed in the history and traditions of the County Counsel's Office and the County in general, was sensitive to other perspectives and viewpoints, and was highly-regarded by colleagues and clients; and

**WHEREAS**, Mary Ann's presence in the County Counsel's Office will be missed not only for her leadership and commitment to public service, to the office, and to Contra Costa County, but also as a role model, mentor, and friend to all who have worked with her; and

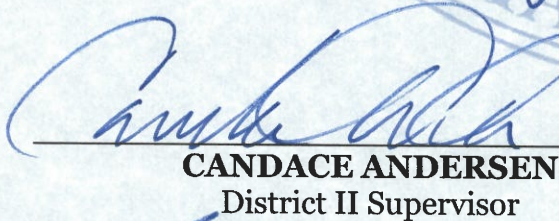
**WHEREAS**, we are proud to celebrate this professional milestone in Mary Ann's career, and to honor her and thank her for her leadership and dedicated service to Contra Costa County and the County Counsel's Office; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby congratulate Mary Ann McNett Mason on her retirement and extends its sincerest thanks to Mary Ann for her 35 years of distinguished service to Contra Costa County.

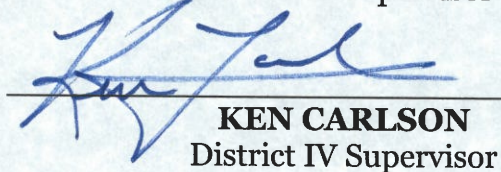
*PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 16<sup>th</sup> day of May 2023.*

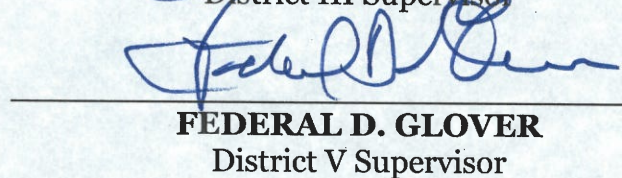
  
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Chair,  
District I Supervisor

  
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District II Supervisor

  
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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: May 16, 2023

MONICA NINO, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and County Administrator

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