



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: July 11, 2023

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

4/5 Vote Required

Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma, State of California, Honoring And Celebrating The Career And Retirement Of Dr. Frank Chong

WHEREAS, Dr. Chong, Superintendent/President of Santa Rosa Junior College, has been at the helm of the prestigious Santa Rosa Junior College for 11 years and is retiring in July 2023. He is the fifth president and first nonwhite president in SRJC's history to serve the 104-year-old college, and under Dr. Chong's leadership, in 2013 Santa Rosa Junior College adopted the district's first strategic plan, and one year later the college district's voters passed Measure H, the \$410 million bond to support new and updated technology and facilities; and

WHEREAS, Santa Rosa Junior College holds the highest University of California acceptance rate among all California community colleges, and in 2019 was listed in The Hispanic Outlook on Education magazine as one of the nation's "Top 50 Community Colleges for Hispanics"; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure at Santa Rosa Junior College, Dr. Chong initiated a new student housing development to provide much-needed affordable housing on the Santa Rosa campus; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Chong has a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of California, Berkeley, in Social Welfare and Asian American Studies, a master's degree in public administration from Harvard University, completed the Educational Management program at Harvard's Graduate School of Education, and earned his doctorate in educational administration, leadership, and technology from Dowling College in Oakdale, New York; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Chong is an experienced administrator of non-profit organizations and worked in Oakland as Director of Special Services for the Asian Community Mental Health Services and Executive Director of Asian Manpower Services; and

WHEREAS, as Special Assistant to Willie Brown, Speaker of the California Assembly, from 1987 to 1991, he created legislation in higher education, mental health, small and minority business affairs and local government. He was the Dean of Student Affairs at San Francisco City College, 1993-2003, President of Mission College in Santa Clara, 2003 - 2006 and President of Laney College in Oakland from 2006 to 2009. In 2009 he served the Obama Administration for two years as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Community Colleges at the United States Department of Education in Washington, D.C., shaping President Barack Obama's community college agenda.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of Sonoma County, California, honors, celebrates and appreciates the distinguished career and well-deserved retirement of Dr. Frank Chong.

Supervisors:

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Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

So Ordered.