



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: November 28, 2023

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

☐ 4/5 Vote Required

**Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma,
State Of California, Recognizing and Honoring Cynthia Murray Upon Her
Retirement From North Bay Leadership Council**

WHEREAS, Cynthia Murray has honorably served the people of the North Bay for over 30 years, with the last 17 years dedicated solely to her advocacy work at North Bay Leadership Council (NBLC); and

WHEREAS, Cynthia was called to leadership as a Novato City Council member and served one term as Mayor. During this time Cynthia headed the conversion of Hamilton Army Airfield from military ownership to private hands, making Hamilton Field the first successful base conversion of this type in U.S. history; and

WHEREAS, Cynthia was elected as the Marin County Supervisor of District 5 and served for eight years where during her tenure, Cynthia was always a forward thinker. She held public meetings to build support for the Marin County Fire Department's development of a countrywide Wildland Fire Prevention Plan, which was critical to saving lives almost a decade later; and

WHEREAS, as NBLC's President & CEO she was responsible for reinventing and rebranding the organization into one that seeks improvements to public policy especially concerning business issues. She did original research, recruited, and retained members, developed, and advocated for sound public policy, wrote monthly newsletters, spoke on leadership and business issues to other organizations and produced successful events; and

WHEREAS, by using her balanced approach, Cynthia has brought together environmentalists, farmers, ranchers, and businesspeople to achieve common ground. She acted as a bridge to fill the gaps of our communal needs by reaching sustainable solutions that supported both economic development and environmental preservation; and

WHEREAS, her passion for educating not only the community but also the future workforce has led to her being an adjunct professor at both Dominican University and Sonoma State

University. Cynthia spends her spare time preparing future leaders in once again aiding the North Bay in becoming more sustainable and prosperous; and

WHEREAS, Cynthia focused her energy, ability, and devotion to matters pertaining to the North Bay by serving on several boards and commissions, including agencies and associations that provided regional approaches and solutions. She created many collaborations and task forces to address short term and long-range goals; and

WHEREAS, during her years of service to the North Bay, Cynthia worked conscientiously, tirelessly, and with an exacting demand for quality, and her efforts are deserving of acknowledgement and praise.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of Sonoma County, California, does hereby recognize and honor Cynthia Murray for her outstanding leadership, advocacy, vision and dedication.

Supervisors:

Gorin:

Rabbitt:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Coursey:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

So Ordered.