



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: April 7, 2026

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

4/5 Vote Required

**Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California,
Honoring and Commending M. Christina Rivera for 30 Years of Distinguished Public Service
Including Three Years as County Executive**

WHEREAS, Ms. Rivera has exemplified extraordinary public service through her steadfast commitment to operational excellence, equity and thoughtful policy development in Sonoma County throughout her long and distinguished career; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rivera has served the County of Sonoma with dedication since October 1996, bringing three decades of institutional knowledge, continuity, and leadership across departments and functions; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rivera made history as the first Latina and first bilingual individual to serve as Sonoma County Executive, inspiring a new generation of inclusive public service leadership; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure as County Executive, Ms. Rivera oversaw more than 4,000 employees and managed an annual operating budget of approximately \$2 billion, guiding the County through periods of both opportunity and uncertainty; and

WHEREAS, throughout her tenure, Ms. Rivera has challenged and helped reduce a countywide job vacancy rate that had risen above 13 percent, implementing strategies to stabilize the workforce, strengthen recruitment and retention, and ensure that essential services remain staffed, responsive, and resilient; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rivera previously managed the County's \$165 million general fund non-departmental budget and five-year capital project plan, demonstrating long-standing expertise in fiscal strategy and responsible investment; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rivera's leadership in emergency operations—especially during wildfires, floods, and public health emergencies—was instrumental in stabilizing operations, supporting displaced residents, and equipping frontline staff and community partners with the coordination necessary for effective response; and

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WHEREAS, Ms. Rivera spearheaded organizational improvements that enhanced transparency, strengthened fiscal stewardship, and ensured that County resources were allocated strategically and equitably to meet the needs of Sonoma County's most vulnerable residents; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rivera's contributions extended beyond individual programs to fundamentally strengthen the County's capacity to deliver services with dignity, fairness, and accountability; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rivera's unwavering professionalism, high ethical standards, and leadership with compassion, humility, and humor have made a lasting impression on public servants throughout Sonoma County; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rivera has inspired an entire generation of public servants, paving the path for women and people from a wide range of backgrounds to become leaders in the County; and

Whereas Ms. Rivera's love for accuracy in accounting for every penny is only overmatched by her love for her family, the Warriors, and escape rooms;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors hereby honors and commends M. Christina Rivera for her outstanding leadership, transformative accomplishments, and enduring commitment to the well-being of Sonoma County residents and extends best wishes for a fulfilling and well-deserved retirement. Mil Gracias, abrazos, hasta pronto!

Supervisors:

Rabbitt:

Hopkins:

Gore:

Coursey:

Hermosillo:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

So Ordered.