



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: September 12, 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 Congratulating The Mel Sanchietti Family As Santa Rosa Metro Chamber of
Commerce 2023 Leadership in Agriculture Awardees**

Whereas, Santa Rosa Metro Chamber of Commerce was established in 1906 with the mission of supporting, promoting, and advocating to create a vibrant, sustainable economy for all in our region; and

Whereas, the Santa Rosa Metro Chamber of Commerce partners with the Sonoma County Farm Bureau to present their annual leadership in Agriculture Award during the annual Love of the Land event; and

Whereas, the annual Sonoma County Farm Bureau Love of the Land is a mid-summer celebration honoring agricultural award winners who are leading the way to preserve Sonoma County's rich farming heritage; and

Whereas; for over 100 years, four generations of the Sanchietti family have done what it takes to stay on their land. Beginning in 1919, when Italian immigrants Luigi and Filomena Sanchietti settled their property on Irwin Lane, the family has been adapting and changing with the times to grow the kind of crops – from pears to pinot noir – which allowed them to keep doing what they love, farming; and

Whereas; over the last century on their land between Sebastopol and Santa Rosa, the Sanchietti family has produced prunes, apples, pears, walnuts, poultry, and wine grapes while

standing as pillars of the agriculture community; and

Whereas, the land and the Sanchiotti family have survived boom-and-bust markets, droughts, economic depression, and the impacts of global wars and political turmoil to keep farming. Today, the Sanchiotti family focus on farming more than 400 acres of premium wine grapes spread throughout western Sonoma County continuing the family farming tradition begun in 1919 when Luigi and Filomena established a bit of Italy on the rural landscape of the Santa Rosa plains; and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors does hereby honor and congratulate the Mel Sanchiotti family as the Santa Rosa Metro Chamber of Commerce 2023 Leadership in Agriculture Awardees.

Supervisors:

Gorin:

Rabbitt:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Coursey:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

So Ordered.