



# County of Sonoma

## State of California

Date: November 1, 2022

Item Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Resolution Number: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ 4/5 Vote Required

**Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma, State of California,  
Honoring and Acknowledging Max Mickelsen for Twelve Years of Exemplary Service as a  
Director on the Sonoma County Fair and Exposition Board**

**Whereas,** Max Mickelsen was appointed as a Director to the Sonoma County Fair and Exposition Board by Supervisor David Rabbitt, serving as Fair Board President 2019-2020; and

**Whereas,** Mr. Mickelsen grew up on his family's dairy in the Two Rock area, bringing to the Fair Board practical experience in agriculture through his background of dairy cattle, and an understanding and connection with the young people showing their animals through his own 4-H, and FFA participation as a young person; and

**Whereas,** during Mr. Mickelsen's distinguished tenure, he chaired the Racing Committee for many years, served as a member of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, Budget and Finance Committee, and helped navigate the difficult financial times of operating a Fair and public facility during the COVID 19 pandemic and further, takes pride in the major accomplishment of the building of Richard and Sara Lee's Barn, almost solely with private money; and

**Whereas,** Mr. Mickelsen brought to the Fair Board the unique and important ability to objectively weigh risk against benefit for the organization as was exemplified when the Fair researched the cost-effectiveness of leaving the California Association of Racing Fairs (CARF), where he asked needed difficult questions and thoroughly researched the financial information presented, and supported staff when the decision was made to change the operational

structure of the meet from live horse racing; and

**Whereas**, Mr. Mickelsen's professional background and ability to synthesize complex issues was of great assistance to the Fair Board and staff when faced with controversial issues and helped toward reaching compromise.

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved** that the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors does hereby honor and acknowledge Max Mickelsen for twelve years of exemplary service as a Board Member on the Sonoma County Fair and Exposition Board.

**Be It Further Resolved** that the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors sincerely thanks Mr. Mickelsen for his continued involvement in the Sonoma County Fair as an Honorary Fair Board Member.

**Supervisors:**

Gorin:

Rabbitt:

Coursey:

Hopkins:

Gore:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

**So Ordered.**