



# County of Sonoma

## State of California

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**Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma, State of California,  
Honoring and Commending Sheryl Bratton for 30 Years of Distinguished Public Service  
including nearly six years as County Administrator**

**Whereas**, Sheryl Bratton will be retiring from her position as County Administrator for the County of Sonoma in March 2023 after 30 years of steadfast and distinguished public service with the County including nearly six years as County Administrator; and

**Whereas**, Sheryl's first position within the County of Sonoma was serving as Deputy County Counsel beginning in 1992, followed by her appointment as Assistant County Counsel in 2010; and

**Whereas**, Sheryl was appointed County Administrator in 2016, overseeing more than 4,000 employees and an annual budget of roughly \$2 billion; and

**Whereas**, Sheryl served as County Administrator during a most challenging period in the history of the County of Sonoma, a timespan that included the Tubbs and Nuns Fires of October 2017, the Russian River flood and Kincade Fire of 2019, the Walbridge and Glass Fires of 2020 as well as the COVID-19 pandemic of 2020 to 2022; and

**Whereas**, Under Sheryl's leadership, the county secured more than \$35 million in state and federal grants for numerous disaster management and resiliency projects, including the installation of fire early warning cameras, flood elevations, seismic retrofits and many hazard mitigation and fuels reduction projects; and

**Whereas**, Sheryl marshaled the creation of the county's Department of Emergency Management, which is now considered by industry leaders to be one of the most respected emergency management departments in the state; and

**Whereas**, Sheryl oversaw the strengthening of the County's financial position by leading a transition to a structurally balanced budget process, adopting a deferred maintenance policy to address future capital building replacement needs, bolstering county reserves, and identifying

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implementable ways in which the Board could pay down unfunded pension and other post-employment benefits liabilities; and

**Whereas**, Sheryl shepherded the adoption of a new five-year Strategic Plan for the County of Sonoma, the creation of the Office of Equity as part of the county's commitment to racial equity work, and a landmark series of agreements that, with a commitment of \$9 million in County general fund support, will improve the effectiveness and sustainability of fire services across Sonoma County by consolidating fire agencies from 43 separate agencies to 23; and

**Whereas**, Sheryl has provided calm and unwavering guidance and leadership in times of crisis and has been a stabilizing influence and voice of reason during the most sensitive and controversial of policy discussions while serving with distinction in overseeing the many departments and divisions within the County of Sonoma and the County Administrator's Office; and

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved** that the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors hereby honors and commends Sheryl Bratton for her 30 years of distinguished service to the people of Sonoma County; and

**Now, Therefore, Be It Further Resolved** that the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors congratulates Sheryl on her many accomplishments, wishes her well in her next adventure and expresses its deepest appreciation for her many years of public service, creative thinking, positive energy, persistence and sound judgment.

**Supervisors:**

Coursey:

Rabbitt:

Hopkins:

Gorin:

Gore:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

**So Ordered.**