



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: March 23, 2021

Item Number: _

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4/5 Vote Required

**Resolution of the Board of Supervisors, County of Sonoma, State of California,
Congratulating Pat Gilardi on her Years of Public Service and Retirement from her
Position as District Director for First District Supervisor Susan Gorin**

WHEREAS, After 13 years in public office with the City of Cotati, Pat Gilardi was hired by then newly-elected First District Supervisor Susan Gorin in 2013; and

WHEREAS, Pat Gilardi was appointed to the Cotati City Council in 2000 and elected in 2002, 2006 and 2010, served as Mayor and Vice Mayor, served as a director of Sonoma County Transportation Authority and the Regional Climate Protection Authority, served as president of the League of California Cities Northbay Division, working on behalf of not only her constituents but all of Sonoma County; and

WHEREAS, In her work on the City Council and the various regional bodies she served on, Pat Gilardi worked hard to balance economic growth with long term goals of sustainability, environmental responsibility, and stewardship of Cotati's community culture, and acted as a champion of smart growth, transportation solutions and safety for the Cototians she represented as well as the region as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Even before her time on the Cotati City Council, Pat Gilardi exemplified the best in public and community service, serving on both civic and community organizations, including as Cotati Urban Growth Boundary Citizen's Group, member of Cotati's Planning Commission for three years, serving one year as Chair, cofounder of the Cotati 4-H, Executive Board Officer of Sonoma County 4-H, Parent Teacher Association President at Thomas Page Elementary school, and a member of the Board of Directors of the nationally renowned non-profit Accordion Festival; and

WHEREAS, Cotati Chamber of Commerce awarded Pat Gilardi Citizen of the Year in 2006 due to her contributions to the community; and

WHEREAS, Pat Gilardi studied Journalism at College of Marin, and had a rewarding career with the Marin Independent Journal from 1987 until 2013 prior to joining Supervisor Gorin's team; and

WHEREAS, growing up in Marin County, Pat Gilardi married West Marin native Ed Gilardi in 1983 before moving to Sonoma County in 1984, where they raised two children, Anthony and Marissa, on a wonderful piece of rural property complete with a rotating cast of animals including dogs, cats, goats, chickens, and miniature horses; and

WHEREAS, since joining Supervisor Gorin's team in 2013, Pat Gilardi brought her varied experience in and knowledge of local government, private industry, civic engagement, community service, and issues facing the community to bear, training and mentoring new staff in the complexity of the County and the job, serving as the 'command center' of the office and exhibiting incredible grace under pressure; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure with Supervisor Gorin, Pat Gilardi has been integral to many large projects, including the planning process around the Sonoma Developmental Center and staffing the Sonoma Valley Citizen's Advisory Commission and mentoring Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, Pat Gilardi provided support and information to survivors of the 2017 Tubbs and Nunns fire, and was uniquely equipped to do so, as she lost an investment property in the fire. Pat's ability to speak to the experience of losing a home and going through the rebuilding process was an incredible asset to both constituents of the First District and Supervisor Gorin herself, who also lost her home in the 2017 fires; and

WHEREAS, Pat Gilardi has been a confidant, advisor, support system and friend to Supervisor Gorin through the first eight years of the Supervisor's elected service, always providing honest, calm, grounded counsel based on the knowledge gained through her lifetime of diverse experiences.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma do hereby congratulate and recognize Pat Gilardi for her years of extraordinary service to her community, the constituents of the First District, and her First District team.

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors, the First District team, and all of her colleagues across the County wish Pat Gilardi a restful and productive retirement, filled with working in her She Shed continuing her Mother's genealogy work, many sunny afternoons in the garden, weekend trips for antiquing, family camping trips to beautiful places across the State, and many cocktail hours and time spent with friends, family, and the menagerie of animals that share her little piece of heaven in Cotati.

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