

**Yolo County
Board of Supervisors**

Resolution No. 22-157

Resolution Commending Ramin Yazdani upon his retirement from the Department of Community Services for his Outstanding Service to Residents of Yolo County for more than 32 years

WHEREAS, Ramin Yazdani was hired by Yolo County on March 6, 1989 as an Assistant Engineer and has been promoted throughout his tenure; and

WHEREAS, Ramin is the Director of the Division of Integrated Waste Management in the Department of Community Services leading advisory committees, developing better solid waste management and recycling programs to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, implementing administrative process improvements, implementing health and safety training programs, and developing various collaborative research work with five universities; and

WHEREAS, Ramin also has extensive working relationships with federal, state, and local partners, community groups, internal and external teams/departments, universities, co-workers and other stakeholders, resulting in improved policy development and program implementation; and

WHEREAS, his long-term vision and leadership in solid waste management and recycling has identified Yolo County as a leader nationally and internationally; and

WHEREAS, Ramin and his team successfully completed the EPA's Project excellence and Leadership program (Project XL) in 2003. The "*Yolo County Accelerated Anaerobic and Aerobic Composting (Bioreactor) Project*" was a partnership between US EPA, Yolo County, and the State of California, to achieve superior environmental performance through demonstration of new bioreactor landfill technology to manager solid waste and received over \$3 million of grant funding; and

WHEREAS, EPA XL project lead to development of Yolo County's full-scale Anaerobic Composter projects which received further research funds (\$1 million) and was fully permitted and has been in operation since 2019, generating renewal electricity and compost for our communities; and

WHEREAS, as a result of his leadership in research and development, budget management and leading cross-departmental working groups Yolo County was ahead of schedule in meeting the requirement of Senate Bill 1383 in reducing organic waste from the landfill; and

WHEREAS, Ramin views waste as a resource and sees that in the future Yolo County Central Landfill will be transformed to a Renewable Treatment Facility, where excellent work will continue after his departure as other projects that he has worked on will be implemented. These projects include PV solar power production to power all on-site facilities and exporting electricity; in-vessel digester for treatment of organic waste and renewable energy production; renewable diesel production from landfill gas for on-site and off-site use; advanced measurement of GHG emissions and methods to reduce landfill methane emissions and priority pollutants; waste gasification for production of renewable fuels and elimination of landfilling; and

WHEREAS, Ramin holds a Ph.D. in Civil and Environmental Engineering with a minor in renewable energy and a Master of Science in Agricultural Engineering, both from the University of California, Davis and is a registered Professional Engineering in State of California; and

WHEREAS, Ramin is also a Professional Researcher at University of California's Air Quality Research Center where he is widely recognized for promoting the use of technology in several key areas to better manage solid waste and controlling GHG emissions; and

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WHEREAS, Ramin is also active in many local and international charity organizations. He is the president of Sahaya International, supporting healthcare, education, environmental and socio-economic grassroots programs in developing countries and the president of the Yolo Conflict Resolution Center, building community through dispute resolution and restorative justice services. He is also a Rotarian and the past president of the Davis Sunset Rotary club.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Yolo County Board of Supervisors expresses sincere appreciation and gratitude to Ramin Yazdani for more than 32 years of service to the residents of Yolo County and wishes him well in this next chapter.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of December 2022 by the following vote:

AYES: Villegas, Saylor, Sandy, Provenza, Barajas.

Angel Barajas, Chair
Fifth District Supervisor

Oscar Villegas, First District Supervisor

Don Saylor, Second District Supervisor

Gary Sandy, Third District Supervisor

Jim Provenza, Fourth District Supervisor