

Yolo County Board of Supervisors

Resolution No. 22-159

Resolution Commending Supervisor Don Saylor Upon his Retirement from Yolo County

WHEREAS, Don Saylor's public service career spans 47 years and includes 27 years in elected office, as well as administrative, planning, and analytical positions in local government at both the legislative and executive branches of California state government; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, Don was elected to the Yolo County Board of Supervisors and served from 2011 through 2022, representing District 2, which includes the cities of Davis and Winters, the campus of the University of California at Davis, and the farmland of southwestern Yolo County; and

WHEREAS, Don has represented Yolo County on regional boards including the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG), the Greater Sacramento Economic Council, the Regional Child Support Agency, the Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District, and the Metro Chamber's Capitol-to-Capitol Federal Advocacy Program; and

WHEREAS, Don has served as Chair of the Board for Yolo County Transportation District, Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority, Valley Clean Energy, Yolo Climate Compact, Yolo Solano Air Quality Management District, Yolo Habitat Conservancy, Sacramento Area Council of Governments, Yolo County Children's Alliance and First 5 Yolo; and

WHEREAS, Don has served Yolo Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) continuously since 2011, including four years as Vice Chair, and was instrumental in working to maintain LAFCo as a full-time agency, unwavering in his belief in the value of the Commission; and

WHEREAS, Don has been steadfast in establishing and sustaining effective and open communication, as well as a healthy partnership, with UC Davis by continuing to collaborate on several shared projects, such as infrastructure improvements, transportation, housing, food security, mental healthcare, and nurturing an overall strong community; and

WHEREAS, Don has served as a stalwart advocate on a range of topics including public health, food security, transportation infrastructure, climate action, mental health support, children and youth, improved access to needed services, poverty reduction, fire preparedness, tobacco prevention, COVID-19 safety, building a Hate Free Together partnership to combat the virus of hatred, and building a more just and equitable society; and

WHEREAS, as the representative from Yolo County to the Sierra/Sacramento Valley Regional Emergency Medical Services Agency, and in collaboration with the City of Winters, Don was a key leader in establishing the Yolo Emergency Medical Services Agency (YESMA), which has improved service in all areas of the County, literally saving lives; and

WHEREAS, Don worked to open Health and Human Services Agency Centers in Winters 2015 and in Davis in 2018, bringing immediate access to nutrition assistance, Medi-Cal and CalWORKs enrollment, and mental health services to these communities for the first time in history; and

WHEREAS, since its inception in 2004, there have been 17 Don Saylor's Soup's On gatherings, over 6,000 soup eaters, hundreds of sponsors and donors, and more than \$400,000 raised for local nonprofits; and

WHEREAS, Don has served as a member of the Yolo County Board of Supervisors with great commitment and passion over the last 12 years, including serving as Chair of the Board two times, and has worked hard to represent the residents of District 2 and all of Yolo County; and

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WHEREAS, throughout Don’s time in elected office, his actions have continued to impact the health and wellness of our residents, the strength and resilience of our community, the availability of and access to essential resources, the direction of our County’s path, and the fortification of the Yolo Way – that special, inimitable, intangible but extraordinary spice that is sprinkled throughout our County, weaving us all together and strengthening the fabric of our shared humanity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Yolo County Board of Supervisors does hereby recognizes and thanks Don Saylor for his longstanding commitment to the people of Yolo County and wishes him great happiness, good health, and never-ending delight in his retirement.

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