

**Yolo County
Board of Supervisors**

Resolution No. 22-158

Resolution Commending Lautaro Echiburú Upon his Retirement from Yolo County

WHEREAS, Lautaro (Taro) Echiburú was first hired by Yolo County as the Director of Planning, Public Works and Environmental Services (later changed to the Department of Community Services) on June 30, 2014; and

WHEREAS, during Taro's career as Director, he managed the successful integration of Environmental Health Services into the newly created Department of Community Services, which helped to improve customer service and coordination with the other divisions within the department; and

WHEREAS, Taro also managed the integration of Natural Resources into the Department of Community Services to enhance synergy with Divisions that often work together in the Department of Community Services; and

WHEREAS, during Taro's career as Director, he has championed climate sustainability by spearheading the County's first Sustainability Plan and overseeing the creation of the Yolo County Climate Action Commission which put Yolo County on the path to achieving a carbon negative footprint by 2030. Taro has also overseen the construction of the County Road 40 Bridge, and the County Road 98 Bike and Safety Improvement Project; and

WHEREAS, his inclusive approach toward decision-making, along with his hands-off approach to managing many highly complex and technical programs, leaving technical decisions to those with the technical expertise, has created a highly efficient work environment with a high level of trust and mutual respect; and

WHEREAS, Taro is known for his infectious sense of humor, his authentic ukulele music, his impeccable sense of island fashion and Aloha spirit; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure Taro has personified the "Yolo Way" by truly making a difference in the quality of life in Yolo County; by connecting with people in a genuine and caring way, by seeking to understand individual and community needs, by using creativity to find innovative solutions, and by inspiring others to share ideas and implement opportunities for improving the delivery of services throughout Yolo County; and

WHEREAS, Taro is a long-time resident of Yolo County, and raised his children Tomas and Francisca in Davis; and

WHEREAS, Taro holds a bachelor's degree in marine science from the Universidad Católica del Norte in Chile and a master's degree in international environmental policy from the Monterey Institute of International Studies in Monterey; and

WHEREAS, prior to being appointed at Yolo County, Taro served as planning director for the City of Elk Grove. Prior to that, he was an associate planner with Monterey County; and

WHEREAS, upon his retirement, Taro will have more time to spend with family, play the ukulele, camp in the great outdoors and go on motorcycle rides.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Yolo County Board of Supervisors expresses their sincere appreciation and gratitude to Taro Echiburú for his years of service to the residents of Yolo County and wishes him well by stating it in three languages: congratulations, felicitades and ho'omaika'i'ana.

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