

Resolution of Commendation for Commissioner
Don Saylor

RESOLUTION № 2022-09

WHEREAS, Mr. Saylor was elected to the Board of Supervisors in June 2010, representing District 2, and is finishing his third four-year term as a Supervisor in December 2022, choosing not to seek reelection; and

WHEREAS, Saylor's public service spans over 45 years. In his professional career, he served in leadership, planning, and analytical roles in both the executive and legislative branches of California state government. Prior to joining the Board of Supervisors, Saylor served as a member of the Davis City Council from 2004 to 2010. He also served as an elected member of the Board of Trustees for the Davis Joint Unified School District from 1995 to 2003; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Saylor first became a Regular County Member to the Yolo Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) in February 2011, serving continuously for almost twelve years, including 4 years as Vice Chair; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Saylor was diligent in his review and research in all matters before LAFCo, asking pertinent questions, and providing valuable insight and momentum to the process; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Saylor considered and deliberated on a range of municipal service reviews and spheres of influence studies, including his forthright support of staff recommendations regarding the fire protection districts, and service reviews for joint powers agencies/authorities; and many proposals, including the significant reorganization of the West Sacramento and Lower Elkhorn reclamation districts; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Saylor consistently championed and remained passionate about shared services to fulfill LAFCo's mission promoting efficient government services and was eager to take on the additional responsibility and championed Yolo LAFCo as a valued, progressive partner agency leading shared services; and

WHEREAS, Don Saylor, a steadfast and progressive leader, was influential in developing collaborative, innovative, and creative solutions to local issues that go above and beyond LAFCo's legal mandate and add value for local agencies; and

WHEREAS, this added value included shared services, convening local leader summits called "Yolo Leaders" or "YEDTalks", providing MSR-like service reviews to JPAs that provide municipal services for oversight, and conducting annual agency website transparency scorecards to evaluate local agency websites for key transparency information as an indicator to agency health and accountability; and

WHEREAS, Saylor forged collaboration between Yolo LAFCo and the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) on shared services, working closely with its Policy & Innovation Committee; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, Don was the recipient of the California Association of LAFCos (CALAFCO) Outstanding Commissioner Award for consistently championing and recognizing Yolo LAFCos unique potential as a regional convener to expand its opportunities to assist local agencies with shared services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Yolo Local Agency Formation Commission commends and extends a heartfelt thank you to Don for his extraordinary commitment to Yolo LAFCo and its mission to provide professional, innovative, and proactive leadership in the implementation of its policies, and warmly wishes him the best in all future endeavors.

PASSED AND UNANAMOUSLY ADOPTED this 1st day of December 2022.

Olin Woods, Chair
Yolo Local Agency Formation Commission