

Resolution of Commendation for Commissioner

Wade Cowan

RESOLUTION № 2022-10

WHEREAS, Wade Cowan was first elected to the Winters City Council in June 2012 through December 2022, including over four years as Mayor, and has chosen not to seek reelection after serving over ten years in office; and

WHEREAS, prior to becoming a member of the Winters City Council, Wade served seven years on the Winters Planning Commission, served as chairman for the Winters Economic Development Advisory Committee, and is an active member of the Winters Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cowan first became a member to the Yolo Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) in January 2017 to fill a vacancy, serving fifteen months as a Regular City Member; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Cowan served as a conscientious LAFCo member with a steady hand, making an immediate contribution with his interest for LAFCo issues, had a practical approach to problem solving, and was continually a strong voice for the cities and efficient government within the County, always keeping a close eye on costs and the impacts on the tax payer; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Cowan was a participant in LAFCos Shared Services Workshops, approved updates to the LAFCo Shared Services Strategic Plan, and was instrumental in implementing the Yolo Local Government Transparency and Accountability Program; and

WHEREAS, Cowan was sworn in on May 28, 2020, serving two years as a City Member Alternate on LAFCo, and in May 2022, began serving as a Regular City Member up to the present; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Cowan was always prepared to discuss the issues of the day, ask pertinent questions, and provide valuable insight to the process; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Cowan considered and deliberated on numerous 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

WHEREAS, Mr. Cowan was a good communicator and proved himself to be a Commission member of foresight and dedication to LAFCo issues, providing insightful ideas to the LAFCo process; and

WHEREAS, on a personal level, Wade and his wife Kathy were the Theodore Winters award winners in 2012 and named Citizens of the Year in 2017; and

WHEREAS, Wade is a lifelong carpenter and general contractor, building his first house while still a senior in high school. Cowan obtained his general contractor's license in 1984 and has been building in Solano, Napa, and Yolo Counties for over 38 years; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Yolo Local Agency Formation Commission commends and extends a heartfelt thank you to Wade Cowan for his work, commitment, and valuable contributions over the years as a Yolo LAFCo Commissioner and warmly wishes him the best in all future endeavors.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 1st day of December 2022.

Olin Woods, Chair
Yolo Local Agency Formation Commission