

**Yolo County
Board of Supervisors**

Resolution No. 24-155

Commending Karen Kawelmacher upon her Retirement from the County of Yolo

WHEREAS, Karen Kawelmacher is retiring after 17 years of remarkable and dedicated service to the County of Yolo, leaving behind a legacy of excellence in public procurement and unwavering commitment to the community; and

WHEREAS, Karen began her career as a Buyer II and, through her hard work, leadership, and dedication to her profession, rose to the esteemed position of Procurement and Contracts Officer at the County, demonstrating unparalleled expertise and professionalism at every step; and

WHEREAS, Karen devoted many years to advancing procurement practices within the County, fostering operational efficiency, transparency, and excellence in service delivery; and

WHEREAS, Karen has provided invaluable services to Yolo County by aligning procurement processes with the County's mission to enhance County residents' quality of life, ensuring best value for every dollar spent, upholding public trust through open and ethical practices, and fostering accountability and transparency in the use of public funds; and

WHEREAS, Karen played an instrumental role in the development of Invitation for Bids (IFBs) for some of the most significant and complex construction projects in Yolo County over the past two decades, contributing to the County's growth and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Karen's leadership, characterized by her collaborative spirit, mentorship, and commitment to professional development, has inspired her colleagues and elevated the standards of the procurement profession in Yolo County; and

WHEREAS, Karen's dedication to teamwork and her forward-thinking approach to research and resource expansion have left a lasting impact on the procurement operations and the wider community she served; and

WHEREAS, Karen's unwavering commitment to ensuring that procurement practices align with the County's mission to enhance the quality of life for its residents has been a cornerstone of her tenure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Yolo County Board of Supervisors hereby commends and congratulates Karen Kawelmacher on her 17 years of County service and commitment and dedication to the people of Yolo County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Yolo County Board of Supervisors extends its heartfelt and sincere wishes to Karen Kawelmacher for a long, happy, and healthy retirement.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 3rd day of December 2024 by the following vote:

AYES: Vixie Sandy, Provenza, Barajas, Villegas, Frerichs.

Lucas Frerichs, Chair
Yolo County Board of Supervisors