

# The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

**In the matter of:** Congratulating the City of San Ramon on the occasion of its 40th Birthday.

Resolution No. 2023/615

**WHEREAS**, San Ramon was once home to the Seunen Indians, Ohlone/Costanoans who lived adjacent to the valley creeks. After 1797, it was Mission San Jose grazing land; and later it included Jose Maria Amador's 16,000 plus acre Rancho San Ramon, and

**WHEREAS**, American settlers first came to San Ramon in 1850 when Leo and Mary Jane Norris purchased 4,450 acres of land from Amador. Other early landowners were William Lynch, James Dougherty, and Major Samuel Russell. In 1852, Joel and Minerva Harlan bought land from Norris and built a house on what became the Alameda-Contra Costa County line in 1853, and

**WHEREAS**, With the arrival of the San Ramon Branch Line of the Southern Pacific in 1891, the name "San Ramon" permanently replaced all previous references. Crops and passengers could travel in and out of the area, no matter what the weather. Until 1909, San Ramon was the terminus for the line and boasted a two-story depot, the engine house and a turnaround for the locomotive, and

**WHEREAS**, In 1966, the new Interstate 680 freeway was completed from San Ramon through Dublin. In 1970, Western Electric purchased 1,733 acres of the Bishop Ranch and proposed a "new town" complete with a variety of housing, green belts, stores, and light industry; placed in the center of San Ramon. Eventually, part of the land became new homes and, in 1978, 585 acres became today's Bishop Ranch Business Park, a premier modern office development, and

**WHEREAS**, Forty years ago, in 1983, San Ramon voters decided overwhelmingly to incorporate as a separate city and took control over development, police, parks, and other services. A new library, community center, multiple parks, and hospital testify to the energy which the new city displayed, and

**WHEREAS**, Today, San Ramon is a dynamic young city, one of California's outstanding urban villages. It has a variety of homes, parks and stores, and a major employment center --- all in a setting of remarkable beauty. With the economic contributions of Bishop Ranch, the recent addition of the City Center shopping plaza, and the current development of City Village, adding more than 4,000 downtown housing units, San Ramon has become the southern jewel of Contra Costa County, and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby congratulate The City of San Ramon on the occasion of its 40th Anniversary.

*PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 28<sup>th</sup> day of November 2023.*



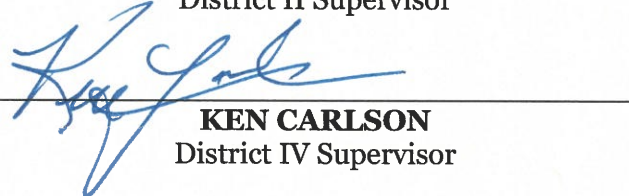
**JOHN GIOIA**  
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District I Supervisor



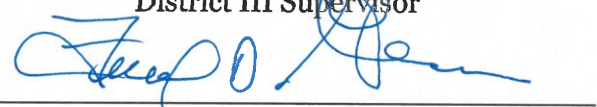
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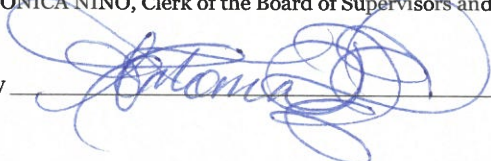
**FEDERAL D. GLOVER**  
District V Supervisor



I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown:

ATTESTED: November 28, 2023

MONICA NINO, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and County Administrator

By  , Deputy