

The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

**In the matter of: Honoring Valerie Barone on
the occasion of her retirement from the City of
Concord as City Manager.**

Resolution No. 2026-217

WHEREAS, Valerie Barone has devoted 38 years to public service, beginning her career with the U.S. Peace Corps in the Philippines and later serving in key leadership roles across the Bay Area, culminating in her tenure as Assistant City Manager and then City Manager for the City of Concord; and

WHEREAS, under Valerie's leadership, Concord experienced significant improvements to its infrastructure, including the repaving or rehabilitation of nearly every major roadway, stabilization of the pavement condition index, and the creation of a Residential Roadway Maintenance Crew to ensure long-term neighborhood investment; and

WHEREAS, Valerie championed innovative approaches to public safety and service delivery, supporting initiatives such as Drones as First Responders and leading the development of Concord's first Economic Strategic Plan to attract and grow local businesses; and Valerie played a crucial role in advancing the redevelopment of the Concord Naval Weapons Station, fostering collaboration with the U.S. Navy and Brookfield Properties to shape one of the region's most transformative future developments; and

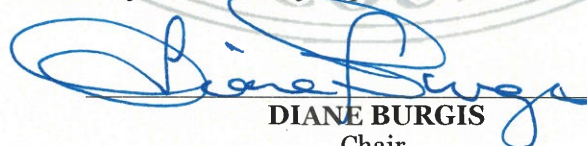
WHEREAS, her commitment to collaboration led to the creation of the A3 Community Crisis Response Program, which significantly changed how mental health crises are addressed countywide, reducing police involvement in involuntary mental health holds by 25% and ensuring more compassionate responses for individuals in crisis; and Valerie also helped lead the development of Concord's first Homeless Strategic Plan, supporting more than \$5 million in community investments and helping hundreds of residents move toward stability, contributing to a 43% reduction in unsheltered homelessness over a two-year period; and

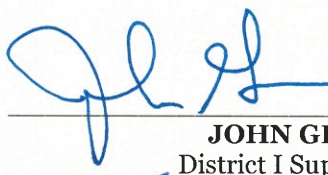
WHEREAS, beyond policy and infrastructure, Valerie has uplifted the heart of the community by championing public art, parks, cultural programming, and beloved traditions-from Music & Market at Todos Santos Plaza to the Creative Concord mural program-fostering a sense of place and pride cherished by residents; and

WHEREAS, Valerie's leadership, resilience, and love for community have left a legacy that will continue to shape Concord and the region for years to come; and as she retires in June 2026, we honor not only her accomplishments, but the spirit in which she achieved them-with generosity, wisdom, and a profound belief in the power of partnership; and

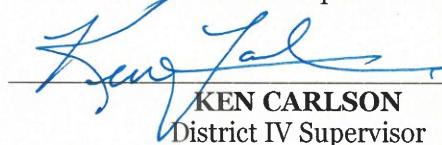
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby honors *Valerie Barone* for her remarkable service, her enduring impact on the community, and her unwavering commitment to public good.

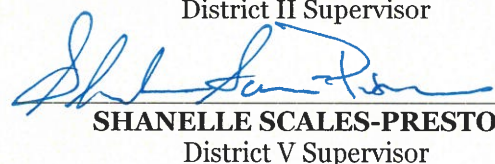
PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 9th day of June 2026.


DIANE BURGIS
Chair,
District III Supervisor


JOHN GIOIA
District I Supervisor


CANDACE ANDERSEN
District II Supervisor


KEN CARLSON
District IV Supervisor


SHANELLE SCALES-PRESTON
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: June 9, 2026

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

By , Deputy