

Ben de Mayo

By the authority of the Orange County Board of Supervisors, the following resolution is hereby issued:

WHEREAS, Ben de Mayo began his outstanding and distinguished career with the County of Orange in September, 1976 as Deputy County Counsel with the Office of the County Counsel of Orange County and he has decided to retire after thirty-two years of service to the County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. de Mayo demonstrated expertise, leadership abilities, and a strong work ethic in carrying out his duties with the County of Orange; he consistently excelled in fulfilling the important and awesome responsibilities of his work with the Office of the County Counsel of Orange County; Mr. de Mayo did an exemplary job of providing outstanding legal advice and representation to Orange County's Board of Supervisors, elected and appointed department heads, agencies, departments, staff, and board-governed special districts; and

WHEREAS, Mr. de Mayo's career is marked by many accomplishments which include working on several litigation cases; while his litigation cases are numerous, some of them stand out as the most noteworthy of them; the most striking of his litigation cases include the Santa Ana River Mainstem Project, Moseley v. County, Garden Grove Sanitary District v. County, Anaheim City School District v. County, Laguna Beach v. County, and Laguna Hills Annexation; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure with the Office of the County Counsel of Orange County, Mr. de Mayo undertook a multitude of assignments that dealt with a myriad of legal issues; the most significant of the assignments on which Mr. de Mayo worked encompass Public Facilities and Resources Department, Planning, Planning Commission, Local Agency Formation Commission, OC Flood Control District, OC Housing Authority, El Toro Marine Base Reuse Planning Authority, Supervisorial Redistricting Commission, Redevelopment Agency, Harbors, Beaches, and Parks County Service Area, Privatization Task Force, Charter Study Commission, Registrar of Voters, PA/PG, Probation, and Social Services Agency; and

WHEREAS, Mr. de Mayo graduated from the University of Southern California with a J.D. in 1975; he has been a member of the California State Bar since December, 1975; he also is a member of the County Counsel's Association, the Orange County Bar Association, and a myriad of committees that include the Ethics Commission; and

WHEREAS, Mr. de Mayo resides in Tustin, and he is blessed to have the strong and steadfast encouragement, devotion, and support of his lovely wife, Cathy and their outstanding and loving daughter, Devon; and

WHEREAS, the County of Orange is fortunate to have been served by an individual of the caliber of Ben de Mayo, who displays a special caring and concern for the welfare of his fellow County residents; his thirty-two years of devoted, conscientious, and faithful service to the County of Orange is worthy of thanks and recognition as he enters retirement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS does hereby congratulate Benjamin P. de Mayo on his retirement from the County of Orange, commend him for his thirty-two years of outstanding and dedicated service, and offer him best wishes for a joyful, adventurous, healthy, prosperous, and fulfilling retirement.

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