

**THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING**

Second Harvest of Silicon Valley

as the recipient of the

Community Award

at the San Mateo County Central Labor Council 42nd Annual COPE Banquet

WHEREAS, thousands of working families in the Bay Area are forced to skip meals due to economic situations, and people who must work more than one job, are unemployed or underpaid, single parents, disabled seniors, children, and at-risk populations face food insecurity every day in our region that is filled with an abundance of wealth and affluence; and

WHEREAS, before 1988, the County of San Mateo did not have a stable food bank until the smaller and nascent San Mateo County Food Bank merged with the larger Food Bank Inc of Santa Clara Valley to form the Second Harvest Food Bank of Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties - Second Harvest of Silicon Valley has since served food insecure families and individuals and ensured access to health and nutritious meals to countless residents of Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties; and

WHEREAS, Second Harvest of Silicon Valley has been a fierce and tireless advocate for those who need food in the County of San Mateo, and leverages all available resources of food, collaborates with community agencies and organizations, fundraises, provides food safety training & protective gear, recruits volunteers and sorts, boxes & delivers food to those in need; and

WHEREAS, Second Harvest of Silicon Valley has worked closely with the San Mateo County Central Labor Council for over 35 years through countless struggles such as recessions, fires, layoffs, lock outs, government shutdowns, strikes, times of high unemployment, and now a global pandemic and has proven to be a steadfast supporter of labor and of the working people and families of San Mateo County; and

WHEREAS, in 1993, Second Harvest of Silicon Valley and Letter Carriers Locals 1280, 214, and 1427 established the ongoing annual Letter Carriers Food Drive in San Mateo County, generating some 4,029,504 pounds of food to date, and joining a national campaign that has continued for decades; and

WHEREAS, since the pandemic began, Second Harvest Food Bank has proudly partnered with the San Mateo County Central Labor Council to help facilitate and put on the bi-monthly Union Food Distribution at the Machinists Local 1781 Hall in Burlingame. which has provided groceries to over 29,182 families and distributed over 1,673,289 pounds of food valued at \$2,465,924 to union and community members in San Mateo County, and is still going strong; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby recognizes, commends, and is grateful to Second Harvest of Silicon Valley for its years of dedicated service and commitment to people and families in need in the County of San Mateo.

Dated: July 26, 2022

Supervisors:

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Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

