

# Resolution

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

## Ken Cole

Upon His Retirement as

### Director of the San Mateo County Human Services Agency

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**WHEREAS**, Ken Cole was appointed to serve as the Agency Director of the San Mateo County Human Services Agency in 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, Ken Cole, a military veteran, has been a dedicated public servant of San Mateo County since 2015, previously serving as the Director of Housing and Housing Authority; and

**WHEREAS**, prior to joining the County of San Mateo, Ken served as the Executive Director of the County of Santa Cruz Housing Authority and the Director of Public Policy for Catholic Community Services of Western Washington; and

**WHEREAS**, Ken Cole’s extensive career in the delivery of safety net services and strong track record of success spans over 50 years with an intersection of human services, housing and health in responding to complex and changing community needs; and

**WHEREAS**, during his four-year tenure overseeing housing programs for the County of San Mateo, Ken Cole’s successes included managing an increasing pipeline of affordable housing projects and strengthening the County’s Housing Choice Voucher Program to increase utilization; and

**WHEREAS**, Ken Cole’s leadership during unprecedented times was instrumental in the development of non-congregate shelters for those experiencing homelessness, including the construction of the San Mateo County Navigation Center; and

**WHEREAS**, Ken Cole led the Human Services Agency through the COVID-19 pandemic towards recovery and successfully managed Care and Shelter emergency response activations during the CZU Lightning Complex fires and 2023 Winter Storms; and

**WHEREAS**, Ken Cole is recognized for his outstanding leadership during difficult and challenging circumstances and his unwavering commitment to serving those most in need.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, State of California, hereby honors Ken Cole on his retirement, and commends his dedication and compassion to the people of San Mateo County and his 50 years of service helping children, families, and adults.

**Dated: July 25, 2023**

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Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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