

RESOLUTION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
RESOLUTION HONORS AND COMMENDS

David Tom

Upon the Occasion of his Retirement from the County of San Mateo

WHEREAS, David Tom joined San Mateo County in May 1998 to manage the Business Operations of the Clerk-Assessor-Recorder & Elections Office (CARE). His first day began with an emergency move of the Real Property/Personal Property Offices due to the discovery of lead found in construction dust. The team worked all weekend to relocate the staff—it was a baptism by fire and the perfect start for a career of urgent deadlines, high pressure, and change to which **David Tom** proved to be adept at managing; and

WHEREAS, prior to joining CARE, **David Tom** served as the Division Manager for the City & County of San Francisco’s Department of Elections where he amassed a wealth of experience in the conduct of elections; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Warren Slocum, then Chief Elections Officer & Assessor-Clerk Recorder, realizing **David Tom’s** talent, made a special trip to his home to implore him to work for the people of San Mateo County—which he accepted; and

WHEREAS, David Tom quickly rose to the position the Deputy Chief Elections Officer-Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder responsible for the Elections Division. With his knowledge of elections, interest in technology, and heart for public service he introduced accessible language voting materials as required by the Voting Rights Act, helped to select and roll-out the County’s first electronic voting equipment as required by the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), and implemented the first verifiable vote application in California, authorized by legislation carried by then Assemblyman Jerry Hill, now Senator Hill; and

WHEREAS, David Tom is retiring after more than 25 years of most excellent and diligent public service to the people of San Mateo and San Francisco Counties where the offices implemented improvements to the conduct of elections in each year – always making sure that changes served the voter first before implementing operational efficiencies.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, does hereby honor, commend and thank **David Tom** for his years of excellent service, creativity, hard work, and for distinguishing the Elections Office with his professional leadership. We extend our very best wishes to him for good health, much happiness, and every success in the future.

Dated: June 28, 2016

SUPERVISORS:

WARREN SLOCUM, PRESIDENT

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Attest:

Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors