

RESOLUTION

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

Robert Jones

WHEREAS, **Robert Jones**, is retiring as Executive Director of EPA CAN DO and a long and distinguished career as a leader in housing development and education; and

WHEREAS, born in Warren, Arkansas and part of a large family which included six sisters and three brothers, **Robert Jones** moved to Southern California and there attended high school and began college; and

WHEREAS, **Robert Jones** graduated from San Jose State University with a Bachelor’s degree in Psychology and a Master’s degree in Counselor Education.; and

WHEREAS, in 1996, **Robert Jones** received an Non-profit Housing Association fellowship grant and was placed at Eden Housing, beginning his training learning the technical aspects of affordable housing development; and

WHEREAS, **Robert Jones**, one of the founders of EPA CAN DO, serving for seven years on their Board of Directors, became the organization’s Executive Director in March 2000. He also served on the Boards of OICW (now JobTrain), Community Legal Services of East Palo Alto, and the East Palo Alto Senior Center; and

WHEREAS, **Robert Jones’** tenure as Executive Director at EPA CAN DO encompassed the dot-com collapse and the great recessions that ensued. He created programs to work with homeowners in East Palo Alto to refinance their predatory loans and created a foreclosure intervention and counseling to assist 3,700 homeowners in saving their homes; and

WHEREAS, **Robert Jones** leadership saw the preservation of affordable housing and helped hundreds of East Palo Alto and Menlo Park residents to become homeowners.

NOW, therefore be it resolved that the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County hereby honors and congratulates **Robert Jones** on his retirement. We commend the example you set as an outstanding leadership and your tireless dedication to the residents of East Palo Alto and San Mateo County.

Dated: June 28, 2019

SUPERVISORS:

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Attest: Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors