

WHEREAS, Ann Miller Ravel has provided exemplary service to the County of Santa Clara for over 31 years; appointed County Counsel in 1998, Ann was the first woman to hold the highest office in any of the three Santa Clara County public law offices; and

WHEREAS, Ann Miller Ravel has been a superlative leader in the organization and a trusted advisor to the Board of Supervisors, elected County officials, and department heads, providing her legal knowledge, advice, and strategy in hundreds of significant and highly visible matters; and

WHEREAS, Ann Miller Ravel has transformed the Office of the County Counsel into a high-caliber legal office, respected statewide and nationally for its commitment to excellence and dedication to public service; and

WHEREAS, Ann Miller Ravel has been instrumental in establishing innovative programs in the County such as the Elder Financial Abuse Specialist Team, the Educational Rights Program, and most recently, the Impact Litigation and Social Justice team within the Office of the County Counsel to bring plaintiffs' litigation on behalf of the County and the citizens of the community; and

WHEREAS, Ann Miller Ravel has initiated groundbreaking litigation on behalf of the County and its residents for anti-trust violations, unfair business practices and false claims by companies such as wholesale electricity and natural gas suppliers, software and hardware manufacturers, and drug manufacturers; she was a member of the litigation steering committee in the lawsuit against the tobacco industry, which resulted in a \$500 million settlement for the County's general fund; and, she filed the first plaintiff's case in California for damages due to exposure to lead paint; and

WHEREAS, Ann Miller Ravel has given her time and wisdom to represent the interests of the County, the legal profession, and the community on numerous boards and associations; Ann was elected to and served as vice president of the State Bar Board of Governors, appointed to the California Judicial Council, and served as a Lawyer Representative to the U.S. District Court, Northern District of California, member of the State Bar's Committee on Professional Responsibility and Conduct, board member and president of the County Counsels' Association of California, chair of the U.S. District Court for Northern California Standing Committee on Professional Conduct, and member of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Task Force on Self-Represented Litigants; and

WHEREAS, Ann Miller Ravel has shared her insights and mentored a new generation of lawyers, serving as a Lecturer in Law at Stanford Law School and Santa Clara University School of Law; she developed cooperative relationships with Harvard Law School and U.C. Davis School of Law for students to participate in externships, internships, and clinical work with the Office of the County Counsel; and

WHEREAS, Ann Miller Ravel has been recognized for her contributions, named Public Lawyer of the Year by the California State Bar, Professional Attorney of the Year by the Santa Clara County Bar Association (SCCBA), and a Woman of Influence in the Silicon Valley by the Silicon Valley/San Jose Business Journal; she was awarded the Circle of Service Achievement by the California State Association of Counties, the State and Local Government Law Advocacy Award by the American Bar Association, and the Unsung Hero Award from the SCCBA's Minority Access Committee; and

WHEREAS, Ann Miller Ravel is highly respected for her vast knowledge and experience, high standards of ethics, political acumen, sound judgment and guidance, and exceptional abilities to quickly grasp issues at hand, solve problems and inspire and challenge others; she embodies a true sense of integrity, commitment and compassion and is admired and appreciated by the Board of Supervisors, her staff, and her clients;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Clara, State of California does hereby commend, congratulate and thank

ANN MILLER RAVEL

as she leaves the County to continue her dedication to public service in the United States Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors, County of Santa Clara, State of California, this Twenty-Fourth Day of June, Two Thousand Nine, by unanimous vote.

Donald F. Gage
Supervisor, District One

Liz Kniss, President
Board of Supervisors

George M. Shirakawa
Supervisor, District Two

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Supervisor, District Four

Attest: Maria Marinos
Clerk, Board of Supervisors