

WHEREAS, Honorable Judge Les Nichols earned his BA from Stanford, where he met his wife Anita, and then went to the University of California, Hastings College of the Law; he has been a Mountain View resident since 1971, serving as a City Council member from 1977 to 1984, including as Mayor in 1979; and

WHEREAS, Judge Nichols began his legal career as a staff attorney for the San Mateo Legal Aid Society, and then went into private practice; he was appointed to the Superior Court in 1984; and

WHEREAS, Judge Nichols served from 1985 to 1987 on the Judicial Council of California, which is responsible for setting the direction and providing the leadership for improving the quality and advancing the consistent, independent, impartial, and accessible administration of justice; and

WHEREAS, Judge Nichols received the Santa Clara County Trial Lawyers Association Trial Judge of the Year award in 2002 for his judicial temperament, having earned a reputation among lawyers as a serious, hardworking, and thoughtful jurist; and

WHEREAS, Judge Nichols has developed an expertise in the area of land use and environmental matters and is highly respected for his thoughtful and careful decisions in that area (and others); and

WHEREAS, Judge Nichols is a Judge who epitomizes the best of the judicial system - he takes his role as a decision-maker seriously with an understanding that his application of the law will have enormous impact on the litigants;

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

Honorable Judge Les Nichols

for 25 years of exemplary service as a Judge of the Superior Court in Santa Clara County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this Nineteenth Day of May, Two Thousand Nine by unanimous vote.

Liz Kniss, President
Board of Supervisors

Donald F. Gage
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Attest: Maria Marinos
Clerk, Board of Supervisors