

- WHEREAS,** Pro Bono Project is at the forefront of finding innovative ways of providing services to low-income citizens through pro bono efforts; in 2005 Pro Bono Project established the Domestic Violence Limited Scope Representation Program to provide justice for litigants in domestic violence restraining order matters in Family Court through free legal representation; Pro Bono Project honors advocates who have shown commendable dedication to individuals and families affected by domestic violence, such as 2009 Vision Award recipient Honorable Katherine Lucero, at its annual Access to Justice Silicon Valley Awards Reception and Presentation; and
- WHEREAS,** Honorable Katherine Lucero was first appointed as a Superior Court Judge in 2001 by the Governor of California; she was assigned to Family Court where she supervised approximately 1,100 cases involving dissolution, custody, visitation, child and spousal support, property division and domestic violence issues; during this same time period she started a Family Treatment Court, created to assist parents with substance abuse problems that had interfered with custody or visitation of their children; and
- WHEREAS,** Honorable Katherine Lucero was later assigned to both Juvenile Delinquency and Adult Criminal Court in 2005; in Juvenile Delinquency Court, she began a series of meetings to promote gender specific programming for girls in the Juvenile Justice System. She currently presides as Supervising Judge in Juvenile Dependency Courts, where she initiated the busy South County Dependency Court calendar; and
- WHEREAS,** Honorable Katherine Lucero has worked tirelessly for her community, especially for children who have suffered from abuse and neglect; she has served on numerous committees, panels, boards, councils, and projects, including serving on the Santa Clara County Child Death Review team for three years. She is a member and past chairperson for the Santa Clara County Domestic Violence Council, and she has also served as the President, Vice-President, and treasurer for the Santa Clara County La Raza Lawyers Association; and
- WHEREAS,** Honorable Katherine Lucero's efforts extend beyond the courtroom; she has trained and informed other judges and child welfare professionals at local, state, and national conferences on topics including the impact of domestic violence on children, the operation of family drug courts, immigration issues in dependency court, and the disproportionate impact of the child welfare system on children of color.

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

Honorable Katherine Lucero

for her tireless commitment to eradicating the effects of domestic violence on children and families and providing greater awareness of domestic violence to the judiciary, government, and the community.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this Twenty Ninth of September, Two Thousand Nine by unanimous vote.

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