

**ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS
EXECUTIVE BOARD**

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ABSTRACT

A resolution of appreciation for Karen Mitchoff, Supervisor, County of Contra Costa.

Further discussion of this subject is contained in the ABAG Executive Board Summary Sheet dated December 15, 2022.

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RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR KAREN MITCHOFF

WHEREAS, Supervisor Mitchoff joined the Executive Board as an alternate in January 2012, and then was nominated as a representative in the summer of 2012 and went on to serve as a member of the Housing Committee and the Joint MTC-ABAG Legislation Committee as well as to serve at various times as Chair of the Finance Committee, the Regional Planning Committee and the Advancing California Finance Authority Board; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Mitchoff was an engaged and very active member of ABAG's elected leadership team through a time of great change for the agency, during which her decades of public service experience proved invaluable in navigating such significant milestones as the 2017 staff consolidation with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and the 2018 creation of the *Advancing California Financing Authority*, which provides secure, low-cost and convenient financing for public agencies and their partners in the Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, under Karen's leadership the Regional Planning Committee advised on such significant ABAG planning initiatives as Plan Bay Area 2040, Plan Bay Area 2050 and the state-mandated Regional Housing Needs Allocation; and

WHEREAS, Karen has said that she can see life on the other side of her retirement, commenting in a recent interview that, "It's been an honor and privilege to serve. I have listened to all sides when making my decisions;" and

WHEREAS, prior to her 2008 election to a seat on the Pleasant Hill City Council and her 2010 term as Mayor, Karen served as a member of the Pleasant Hill Recreation and Park District Board of Directors and as a member of the city's Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Mitchoff began her public service career as an aide to former Sherriff-Coroner Richard Rainey; then as a staff assistant to former Supervisors Sunne Wright McPeak, who went on to serve as Secretary for the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency under Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and Mark DeSaulnier, who currently serves in the U.S. House of Representatives; and then worked as an administrative analyst at Contra Costa County's Employment and Human Services Department.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Board and staff are the ones who have been honored and privileged to work with Karen Mitchoff over this past decade, have appreciated her respectful, thoughtful and efficient style of leadership and her boisterous laugh, thank her for her many years of public service, pay tribute to her understanding of the Bay Area and its varied issues, encourage her to follow through on any travel plans she may have made, acknowledge that “retirement” may not be quite the right word for someone who has shared an interest in working on gun reform and women’s reproductive rights, and wish Supervisor Mitchoff all the best in each and every endeavor she pursues in the years ahead.

The foregoing was adopted by the Executive Board this 15th day of December, 2022.

Jesse Arreguin
President

Certification of Executive Board Approval

I, the undersigned, the appointed and qualified Clerk of the Board of the Association of Bay Area Governments (Association), do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Executive Board of the Association at a duly called and noticed meeting held in San Francisco, California, and at other remote locations, on the 15th day of December, 2022.

Frederick Castro
Clerk of the Board