

**RESOLUTION
OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**



WHEREAS, on November 27, 2000 Paula Mushrush began her career as a Project Manager followed by appointment as Economic Development Coordinator for Housing within the Planning and Building Department and was ultimately promoted to Administrative Services Manager on July 2, 2017; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure as Project Manager and Economic Development Coordinator, Paula wrote and implemented Federal housing grants which led to the creation of 124 affordable rental housing units in Humboldt County; and

WHEREAS, Paula has represented Humboldt County by maintaining membership in various professional organizations that assist in the direction of future affordable housing development; and

WHEREAS, Paula started Humboldt County's First Time Homebuyer program which supports access to home ownership for lower income residents and through that program provided 63 First Time Homebuyer loans and 46 Owner-occupied Rehab loans; and

WHEREAS, Paula's work has brought in over \$30 million dollars to the County that directly impacts the health and wellbeing of its residents, with over \$22 million of that being loans which will be repaid and used for future affordable housing; \$1.8 million for brownfield remediation and a \$500,000 State Water Resources Control Board Grant to support the development of the Samoa Wastewater Treatment Facility; and

WHEREAS, Paula is also responsible for the County receiving funding for the Foodbank Truck, the Mac Center, CASA's community room, the teen center at Raven House, the All Faith Homeless Center in Arcata, the acquisition of the Easter Seal Facility, the CASA teen program, off-site improvements for Habitat, and a van for the Senior Resource Center in addition to a variety of studies identifying infrastructure, water, broadband, and housing needs in the County; and

WHEREAS, Paula has been an absolute joy to work with and a consummate professional: and

WHEREAS, Paula's skills, experience, and accomplishments were perfectly matched to the Department's reorganization needs, resulting in her selection to a new leadership position responsible for support and services across the entire Department: and

WHEREAS, Paula's ability to see and implement needed changes in personnel, processes, and products enabled the Department to streamline actions and become more efficient and effective across all programs while successfully integrating Cannabis and Code Enforcement activities: and

WHEREAS, Paula's concern for the needs of people, experience and skill as a supervisor, her broad areas of expertise, unfailing optimism and deep care for all of the communities for which she has worked have had a tremendous impact on people's lives and have shaped and influenced the Planning and Building Department well into the future; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors and citizens of Humboldt County hereby commend and thank Paula Mushrush for her dedication and service to the citizens of Humboldt County and wish her a long and prosperous retirement.

Dated: December 18, 2018


Ryan Sundberg, Chair