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Hello Future Contra Costa County residents,

It is 2022, and I am the County Supervisor for District 2 which includes the communities of Moraga, Orinda, Canyon, Lafayette, the Southern portion of Walnut Creek, including Rossmoor, Parkmead and Saranap, San Ramon, Danville, Diablo, Alamo, and Blackhawk.

I am a proud Danville resident and served as a Danville Town Councilmember and Mayor (2008 and 2012) before being elected as County Supervisor in 2012. I ran unopposed in 2016 and 2020, and plan to run again in 2024.

Our District 2 primary office is at 309 Diablo Road in Danville. We share the building with Bank of the West, and look out on to Danville's iconic Oak Tree, which is girded by metal supports to keep it standing. This tree is lit up each November, on the day after Thanksgiving, for a Christmas and Holiday celebration. Our office serves hot cocoa and homemade butterscotch brownies (I personally bake them, which is unusual, even back in 2022!) to approximately 500 guests who stop by our office during this event.

We also have a secondary office in Lafayette, at 3338 Mt Diablo Boulevard, and we share this Building with Contra Costa Fire Protection District Fire Station 15. There is talk of relocating the fire station because it is not tall enough to accommodate the ladder trucks needed as Lafayette buildings are built with more stories. It is likely that we will not have an office in the new Fire Station when it is built.

When I became the District 2 Supervisor, I decided that I wanted our office to be as "digital" as possible. I don't like filing papers into folders and didn't want my staff to either! We store very few paper documents, and when I receive paper correspondence, we scan it and save it in our electronic records. We use Dropbox to store our files. All my meeting preparation is done electronically, and I use a program called iAnnotate to open agendas on my iPad, which is currently an iPad Pro, running iPad OS 15.6.1.

We still have landlines into our office, but I use my iPhone (iPhone 11) for a lot of my communication – emails, text, voice conversations, and video calls through Zoom, FaceTime, or Microsoft Teams.

In my role as a County Supervisor, I serve on the following boards and commissions.

Board of Supervisors Standing Committees

- Contra Costa County Fire Protection District Board
- Contra Costa County Housing Authority
- Internal Operations Committee
- Family and Human Services Committee
- Mental Health Commission
- Public Protection Committee
- Transportation, Water, and Infrastructure

Other Boards and Committees

- Association of Bay Area Government (ABAG)
- Central Contra Costa Solid Waste Authority (Recycle Smart)
- Contra Costa County Employee's Retirement Association (CCCERA)
- County Connection (CCCTA)
- Dougherty Valley Oversight Committee (DVOC)
- East Bay Economic Development Alliance for Business (East Bay EDA)
- East Bay Regional Communications System Authority (EBRCSA)
- Greater Bay Area Economic Development District
- Hazardous Waste Management Facility Allocation
- Housing Advisory Council
- Innovate 680 Policy Advisory Committee
- Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO)
- Pleasant Hill BART/Contra Costa Centre JPA
- Southwest Area Transportation Committee (SWAT)
- Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council

Alternate Board Assignments

- Bay Area Counties Caucus
- First 5 Children and Families Commission
- Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA)
- TRANSPAC

In 2022, we are navigating the end of the COVID-19, Coronavirus Pandemic. In my capacity as Supervisor, we have had to learn as we go with vaccines, quarantining, masking, work from home vs office. There were strong beliefs on both sides of the topic, whether government, via un-elected Public Health Officers, should play a role in mandating all the regulations and rules that were being passed down.

Issues where I focus a lot of my energy include:

- Helping the mentally ill who cycle through our jails and homelessness shelters receive the proper treatment so that they do not endanger themselves, or in some cases, others. I also have participated in the national Stepping up Initiative and Familiar Faces efforts of the National Association of Counties (NACO) working on these issues
- Reducing the stigma of seeking mental health treatment and ensuring that it is widely available to all.
- Having safe communities with adequate police and fire staffing levels, and appropriate training of personnel.
- Identifying alternatives to police in a mental health crisis. I strongly supported the creation of our County's A3, Anyone, Anywhere, Anytime program.
- Creating a more innovative approach to reducing congestion on our freeways, and encouraging more people to utilize public transit, including better utilization of the Iron Horse Trail for active transportation by creating lane separation for cyclists who wish to go fast, and pedestrians and families with toddlers on bikes who might want to go slower.
- Building more housing in appropriate areas. We have an affordability crisis because we still do not have enough housing. However, we want to preserve neighborhoods and the small town feel

of many of our communities. The State continues to push to remove local control over housing decisions, which is frustrating to most cities and counties.

- Protecting our open space and agricultural lands. I am a strong supporter of our Urban Limit Line and have voted against projects in our County (Tassajara Parks) outside of that voter approved line.
- Being fiscally responsible with our County Budget, currently at \$4.4 Billion, and ensuring that our pensions are appropriately funded, and that laws are followed to ensure that pensions are not inappropriately spiked.
- Encouraging Economic Development and streamlining the process to help new businesses open.
- Supporting sustainability efforts that balance that benefit of the proposed methodology with its actual financial and environmental cost. I also believe residents should have some input in how they reduce their carbon footprint. We all need to be good stewards of our environment for the next generation.

District 2 is a unique and diverse area of the County, from the somewhat secluded and woodsy community of Canyon to the metropolitan cities of Walnut Creek and San Ramon. The beautiful 55+ senior living community of Rossmoor, to the hip and busy downtown areas with restaurants and shopping and entertainment.

San Ramon is the largest city in District 2, and in 2022, the population of San Ramon is 87,097. Danville's population is 44,933. Moraga's population is 17,040, Orinda – 22,046, Lafayette – 28,953. The unincorporated community of Alamo has a population of 15,462. Rossmoor, a senior community, within the city limits of Walnut Creek has population of approximately 9,200 residents. Most of Walnut Creek is in District 4, the population of Walnut Creek total is 71,317. Please enjoy the similar letters from each of these cities included here, except for Walnut Creek, which is included in the District 4 capsule.

Our new County Administration Building and Chambers were completed in 2020 when I was Chair of the Board of Supervisors. Plans for the Time Capsule were made back then, but it's not until now (October 2022) that we are back to meeting in person post-Covid and are completing our capsules.

I've always enjoyed serving the community, and it's a privilege to serve on the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors!

Best regards,



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