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## STAFF REPORT

**SUBJECT:** Resolution of Appreciation

**MEETING DATE:** January 15, 2009

**AGENDA ITEM:** 8

**STAFF CONTACT:** Jim Kemp

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt resolutions of appreciation for outgoing board members Mayor Blum, Councilmember's Bennett and Hicks.

**DISCUSSION:**

Mayor Blum and Councilmembers Bennett and Hicks are leaving the SBCAG board. It is recommended that the board adopt resolutions of appreciation recognizing the service and contributions that these members have made while serving on the SBCAG board.

**COMMITTEE REVIEW:** None

***Marty Blum***

**MAYOR  
CITY OF SANTA BARBARA  
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
RESOLUTION NO. 10-04**

*WHEREAS, Marty Blum began her long commitment to public service in 1990 serving on the City of Santa Barbara Planning Commission (1990-1995), and*

*WHEREAS, Marty Blum was elected to the Santa Barbara City Council in 1995, re-elected in 1999 and elected as Mayor in 2001 and 2005; and*

*WHEREAS, Marty Blum also served as the President of the Santa Barbara Teachers Association, founding Board member of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Caucus, and President of the League of Women Voters, Public Education Fund, Oaks Parent Child Workshop, Monroe School PTA, and the Tri-County Task Force on the Environment; and*

*WHEREAS, Marty Blum also served on a number of National and State Policy Organizations including the U.S. Conference of Mayors, Environment Committee and the League of California Cities, Transportation, Communications, and Public Works Committee; and*

*WHEREAS, Marty Blum was appointed to represent the City of Santa Barbara as a member of the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) Board of Directors from 2006 to 2009; and*

*Whereas, Marty Blum served as an SBCAG representative to the LOSSAN Board from 2007 to 2009 where she advocated strongly for improved passenger rail service to Santa Barbara County; and*

*WHEREAS, Marty Blum has proven to be a valuable member of the SBCAG board as providing leadership, continuity, objectivity and insight on many difficult and complex issues; and*

*WHEREAS, Marty Blum has demonstrated her commitment to SBCAG's mission and for effective governance by advocating for regional solutions to transportation, land use and air quality challenges affecting the entire county; and*

*WHEREAS, Marty Blum contributed to the success of SBCAG including completion of many projects that will benefit county residents for many years including the passage of Measure A in 2008, construction of the Montecito Roundabout in 2009, the Milpas to Hot Springs Highway 101 widening project and enhanced regional transit services.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the members of the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments and staff express their individual and collective appreciation to Mayor Blum for her many years of service as a member of the governing board and wish her well in all future endeavors.***

***PASSED AND ADOPTED by unanimous vote of the members of the governing board on January 21, 2010.***

**ATTEST:**

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***Supervisor Salud Carbajal, Chair  
Santa Barbara County Association of Governments***

**Michael Bennett**  
**COUNCILMEMBER**  
**CITY OF GOLETA**  
**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**  
**RESOLUTION NO. 10-02**

*WHEREAS, Michael Bennett has a long commitment to community service, working for 36 years for the Santa Barbara County Fire Department and was instrumental in the successful incorporation of the City of Goleta in 2001-02; and*

*WHEREAS, Michael Bennett was elected to the Goleta City Council in 2006, serving as the city's Mayor in 2008; and*

*WHEREAS, Michael Bennett serves on the Board of Directors of the Goleta Valley Historical Society, Goleta Valley Beautiful, the Goleta Capital Campaigns for Girls Inc., the Foundation for Girsh Park, the Parks and Recreation Task Group and the South Coast Affordable Housing Task Force; and*

*WHEREAS, Michael Bennett was appointed to serve as the representative of the City of Goleta to the SBCAG Board of Directors from January 2008 until December 2009; and*

*WHEREAS, Michael Bennett served as Chair of the SBCAG's South Coast Subregional Planning Committee in 2008; and*

*WHEREAS, Michael Bennett has led efforts to protect the community's natural and historic resources and improve recreational opportunities; and*

*WHEREAS, Michael Bennett contributed to the success of SBCAG including the passage of Measure A in 2008 which will provide critical local revenues needed to maintain and improve the region's transportation infrastructure; and*

*WHEREAS, Michael Bennett has been a valuable member of the SBCAG board and has been an effective advocate for improving transportation and alternative modes, cleaner air, improvements for regional transit, environmental protection and maintaining the region's unexcelled quality of life.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the members of the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments express their individual and collective appreciation to Councilmember Michael Bennett for his service as a member of the governing board and wish him well in all her future endeavors.*

*PASSED AND ADOPTED by unanimous vote of the members of the governing board on January 21, 2010.*

**ATTEST:**

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*Supervisor Salud Carbajal, Chair*  
*Santa Barbara County Association of Governments*

***Russ Hicks***

**COUNCILMEMBER  
CITY OF BUELLTON  
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
RESOLUTION NO. 10-01**

*Whereas, Russ Hicks has a long commitment to community service, serving on the Buellton Incorporation Committee (1991), City of Buellton Planning Commission (1992-1994); and*

*WHEREAS, Russ Hicks was elected to the Buellton City Council in 1994, re-elected in 1998 and 2002 and appointed to serve as Mayor in 1997 and 2000; and*

*WHEREAS, Russ Hicks was appointed to represent the City of Buellton as a member of the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) Board of Directors from 1995 to 2002 and 2005- 2009, and served as SBCAG Chair in 1998 and 1999; and*

*WHEREAS, Russ Hicks served as the SBCAG representative to the California Association of Councils of Governments (CALCOG) from 1998 to 2002 and 2005 to 2009, and was elected to serve as President of CALCOG in 2007; and*

*WHEREAS, Russ Hicks has proven to be a valuable member of the SBCAG board as one of its longest serving members providing leadership, continuity, objectivity and insight on many difficult and complex issues; and*

*WHEREAS, Russ Hicks has demonstrated his commitment to SBCAG's mission and for effective governance by advocating for regional solutions to transportation, land use and air quality challenges affecting the entire county; and*

*WHEREAS, Russ Hicks effectively promoted the needs of small cities while working to build consensus and understanding among all agencies within the SBCAG region; and*

*WHEREAS, Russ Hicks has contributed to the success of SBCAG including completion of many projects that will benefit county residents for many years including the passage of Measure A in 2008, the Route 154 Operational Improvements, 101/154 Interchanges (North and South), and the Route 246/Avenue of Flags Intersection Reconstruction, and enhanced regional transit services.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the members of the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments and staff express their individual and collective appreciation to Councilmember Hicks for his many years of service as a member of the governing board and wish him well in all future endeavors.***

***PASSED AND ADOPTED by unanimous vote of the members of the governing board on January 21, 2010.***

**ATTEST:**

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***Supervisor Salud Carbajal, Chair  
Santa Barbara County Association of Governments***