

San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission

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RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE

GRACIELA GOMEZ

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Whereas, Graciela Gomez started her BCDC career just two months after graduating from high school on August 2, 1983; and,

Whereas, Gracie – as she’s known to all who have worked at BCDC since then – was hired as a “seasonal clerk” at that time because there was an ongoing budget freeze; and,

Whereas, that leads one to believe that the State’s current budget freeze may have been caused by Gracie’s retirement in December; and,

Whereas, Gracie’s positive outlook, quick smile, and her ability to get work done well were always on display at BCDC, allowing her to become BCDC’s Executive Secretary eleven years later; and,

Whereas, as the Executive Secretary, Gracie performed a myriad duties, from ensuring that publications were created correctly to assisting Executive Directors to herding the cats at BCDC referred to formally as Commissioners and Alternates; and,

Whereas, Gracie has always been ready for any and all tasks with a team approach, from the Friday evening mailings back in the day to supporting the Commission remotely during the Covid emergency; and,

Whereas, it is widely known that BCDC’s current Commissioners and Alternates will always open an email from Gracie prior to one sent by the current Executive Director, vividly demonstrating who’s really more important in the big scheme of things; and,

Whereas, as BCDC’s “Format Queen” Gracie’s real and virtual fingerprints have been on just about every important document in BCDC’s history; and,

Whereas, Gracie retired in December 2023, just over forty years after she was first hired by BCDC.

Therefore Be It Resolved that BCDC staff, Commissioners, Alternates, Advisory Board Members, and all interested parties already miss her “let’s go get this done” attitude; and,

Therefore, that BCDC will sorely miss her expertise and willingness to explain procedures, processes, forms, and everything that she has touched during her experience; and,

Therefore, that all those who have had any connection to BCDC during the past forty years wish her a lengthy and tremendous retirement with her family and friends, and thank her for all of her fine work helping to make BCDC the model of state coastal zone management agencies; and,

Therefore, that the Commission will adjourn its meeting today, February 1, 2024, in honor of BCDC’s Graciela Gomez.

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ZACHARY WASSERMAN, Chair

