

*Honoring
Melissa Livingston
County Executive Office
45 Years of County Service*

Whereas, after 45 years of dedicated service, Melissa Livingston is retiring from the Ventura County Human Services Agency (HSA), where she has led with vision, compassion, and an unwavering commitment to the well-being of Ventura County residents; and

Whereas, Melissa began her public service career as a student worker in 1980 and ascended through leadership roles within HSA, serving as Deputy Director of Administrative Services, Deputy Director of Adult & Family Services, Chief Deputy Director, and Interim Executive Director of the Workforce Development Board before being appointed as Director of HSA; and

Whereas, throughout her tenure, Melissa has been a champion for social services, spearheading transformative initiatives that have enhanced access to food assistance, healthcare, workforce development, child and elder protection, and homelessness prevention. She played an instrumental role in the launch of the Ventura County Farmworker Resource Program, the development of a Child, Youth, and Family Wellness System, and the advancement of local disaster response and recovery strategies; and

Whereas, under her leadership, HSA successfully modernized public assistance delivery through the implementation of the CalFresh Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) system and the transition to the CalWIN and CalSAWS eligibility systems, improving efficiency and access for those in need; and

Whereas, Melissa has demonstrated an enduring commitment to workforce development, founding HSA's Emerging Leaders Program to cultivate the next generation of public service leaders and serving as a founding member of the County's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Task Force; and

Whereas, beyond her work within the County, Melissa has extended her leadership to the broader community through service on multiple boards and commissions, including Casa Pacifica, FOOD Share, Women's Economic Ventures, the American Red Cross, Gold Coast Medi-Cal Managed Health Care Plan, and the Ventura County Community Health Center Board; and

Whereas, her outstanding contributions have been recognized with numerous accolades, including the Ventura County Management Council Director's Award, the CEO's Good Government Award, and national recognition for her leadership in public assistance modernization; and

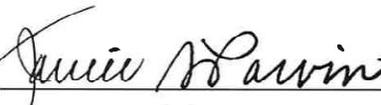
Whereas, Melissa's legacy extends beyond policies and programs—she has shaped an agency culture that is inclusive, human-centered, and responsive to the diverse needs of Ventura County residents. She has mentored and inspired countless individuals, positioning them for success while ensuring the voices of all are valued; and

Whereas, her lasting impact will continue to be felt in the communities she has served, the lives she has touched, and the systems she has strengthened;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Ventura County Board of Supervisors takes great pleasure in honoring Melissa Livingston upon her retirement and hereby expresses its deepest gratitude for her 45 years of dedicated and compassionate service to Ventura County. The Board further extends its best wishes for a fulfilling, joyful, and well-deserved retirement.

Presented on this day the 29th Day of April 2025


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