



Honoring
Robert "Bob" O. Huber
County of Ventura, Fourth District Supervisor

Whereas, Robert "Bob" O. Huber was first elected as Fourth District County Supervisor in June 2018 and has served the residents of Ventura County in this role from January 2019 through December 2022; and

Whereas, prior to his election to the Ventura County Board of Supervisors, Supervisor Huber was self-employed as a private practice attorney for almost 40 years. Preceding his private practice, he served as a Deputy District Attorney, and as a Superior Court Judge Pro Tem since 1981. Additionally, he was the founder/owner of Huber Chapel Mortuary for nine years; and

Whereas, Supervisor Huber served the City of Simi Valley as the Mayor from December 2010 to December 2018 and as a Councilman from 1980 to 1984, during which time he focused on such issues as fiscal management, affordable housing, senior citizen services, and environmental and historic preservation; and

Whereas, as a candidate for County Supervisor, Supervisor Huber campaigned on the promise to be "Leadership that Listens," make public participation easier in County government, protect public safety, and improve access to County mental health services; and

Whereas, prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, Supervisor Huber hosted quarterly townhall meetings where directors of County departments and agencies were available to answer questions from the public. Additionally at Supervisor Huber's request, the County held Board of Supervisors meetings in East County - one in the City of Moorpark and the other in the City of Thousand Oaks, with plans for a meeting in the City of Simi Valley. However, those plans were postponed and eventually forsaken due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the rise of public participation via online video conferencing; and

Whereas, within a couple of months of the County's declaration of the COVID-19 Health Emergency Orders, Supervisor Huber assembled a Business Recovery Task Force that was comprised of members representing the City of Simi Valley, the City of Moorpark, the Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce, and the Moorpark Chamber of Commerce. The Task Force met weekly through the height of the State's and County's response to the pandemic and until all businesses were allowed to operate with no restrictions. Subsequently, the Task Force continued to meet monthly until last month with their last meeting being November 16, 2022, and was a valuable source of local business, economic and community information that was shared between the parties; and

Whereas, Supervisor Huber is proud to have worked together with his colleagues on the Board and with the guidance of County staff at the Public Health Department, Health Care Agency, and the County Executive Office, to shepherd the County through the economic and health crises caused by the global COVID-19 pandemic. As the County was developing its programs to assist Ventura County businesses through the pandemic, Supervisor Huber is proud of his part to ensure that all affected businesses, and not solely businesses drawn by a weighted lottery, were eligible to receive financial grants; and

Whereas, Supervisor Huber an advocate for those with mental illness, petitioned the County to secure funding for a County-run behavioral health facility to be placed in East County, created an ombudsman position with County Behavioral Health with discussions to expand the scope of services of an ombudsman, and secured funding for a comprehensive needs assessment for the County's behavioral and mental health needs; and

Whereas, at the request of Supervisor Huber, the County has improved a county-owned facility where the Simi Valley Free Clinic is based and continues to provide medical and dental care, counseling, and legal assistance to individuals and families in need; and

Whereas, during his tenure on the Board, Supervisor Huber hosted 10 blood drives partnering with the American Red Cross to provide nearly 400 units of life-saving blood. Additionally, Supervisor Huber has hosted a blanket drive for the County Animal Shelter, and numerous blanket and socks drive for local homeless service providers; and

Whereas, in 2019, the Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club recognized Supervisor Huber and commemorated his 50 years of membership and service to each organization; and

Whereas, Supervisor Huber's public leadership includes serving as an elected Trustee of the Ventura County Community College District from 2004 to 2010 (Board Chair 2009 & 2010), Co-Chair of the Boys and Girls Club of Simi Valley's Annual Auction from 2007 to 2009, member of the Simi Valley Community Foundation Board 2002-2011 (2010 Chair, and Founder/Co-Chair of the Mayor's Charity Dinner), President of the Rotary Club of Simi Valley (1992-1993), Community Chair for the Simi Valley Unified School District's 1989 school bond measure, founding Steering Committee member of the Simi Valley Education Foundation and Leadership Simi Valley (1988-1989), Chair of the United Methodist Church of Simi Valley Administrative Board (1972-1975), Chair of the Simi Valley Boy Scout District (1972-1973), President of the Southeast Ventura County YMCA (1971), and President of the Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce (1970 and 1971); and

Whereas, Supervisor Huber's legacy in leadership and work to improve the lives of residents in Ventura County, has been recognized by many public and private organizations, among them the Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center Foundation Pillar of the Arts Award (2016), Ventura County Bar Association Nordman Public Service Award (2009), Simi Valley Rotary Club Rotarian of the Year (2007), Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce Man of the Year (1970), Citizen of the Year (1989), and Strathearn Lifetime Achievement Award (2007), Simi Valley Boys and Girls Club Benefactor of the Year (1993), being named one of the "Five Outstanding Young Men" in California by the California State Jaycees (1973), the Ventura County 12th District PTA Council Honorary Service Award (1972), and the Simi Valley Jaycee Distinguished Service Award (1971).

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved that we, the Ventura County Board of Supervisors hereby honor the distinguished career and legacy of Ventura County Supervisor Robert "Bob" O. Huber and express our sincere gratitude for his years of public service and leadership in Ventura County and wish him and his family much happiness and success in their years ahead.

Presented This 13th Day of December 2022

Chair of the Board of Supervisors
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