



**Resolution
of
The Board of Supervisors of Ventura County
Honoring
Suz Hughes**

County of Ventura, Senior Deputy Executive Officer for Government Affairs

Whereas, Suz Hughes has proudly served in the County Executive Office Government Affairs Division for 25 years, the last 8 as the Senior Deputy Executive Officer; and

Whereas, Suz has distinguished herself professionally, hired in the County Executive Office as a Management Assistant III and ascending the ranks to become our County's sole Legislative Analyst in January of 2006; and

Whereas, Suz is known for maintaining vital relationships with State and Federal legislators and their staff in the pursuit of good, sound government on behalf of the County of Ventura; and

Whereas, Suz assumed the role of Deputy Executive Officer in 2009, acting as the legislative liaison between the Ventura County Board of Supervisors, the County Executive Office, County departments and agencies, local, State and Federal legislators, and the County's contract lobbyists; and

Whereas, Suz has dedicated her life to public service, showing incredible innovation, thoughtfulness and perseverance not only in legislative matters, but also in the areas of water and energy; and

Whereas, Suz ambitiously pursued opportunities for Ventura County and was successful in being awarded four rounds of Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) grants in Proposition 84 totaling \$54 million, representing 26 project proponents across Ventura County and acted as the Chair of the Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County, a 60-plus agency IRWM Planning Committee; and

Whereas, Suz expanded her success in water grants into energy, taking an Executive Director role in the Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance IPA, which has led programs for residential energy efficiency and other grant funded energy programs; and

Whereas, Suz has successfully managed nearly \$82 million in water grants on behalf of 37 projects across Ventura County; and has overseen the development of the Regional Energy Network proposal to the CPUC, a 10-year, \$54 million effort on behalf of Ventura, San Luis Obispo, and Santa Barbara Counties; and Ventura County;

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, that the Ventura County Board of Supervisors expresses its gratitude and appreciation to Suz Hughes for her 25 years of dedication to public service, and wishes Suz Hughes happiness, and good health in the years ahead.

Presented on this 24th day of January 2023

Jeff Gorrell, Supervisor 2nd District

Kelly Long, Supervisor 3rd District

Chair of the Board of Supervisors
Matt LaVergne, Supervisor 1st District

Janice S. Parvin Supervisor 4th District

Vianzy Lopez, Supervisor 5th District