

**HUMBOLDT BAY HARBOR, RECREATION,  
AND CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-10**

**A RESOLUTION COMMENDING PATRICK HIGGINS FOR HIS SERVICE AS COMMISSIONER OF THE  
HUMBOLDT BAY HARBOR, RECREATION AND CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**WHEREAS**, Patrick Higgins was first elected by the voters of the Fifth Division on November 6, 2007; to a second term on November 8, 2011; and to a third term on November 3, 2015; and to a fourth term on November 5, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, Patrick Higgins chose retire his seat and not run for reelection in 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, Patrick Higgins served in various offices of the Harbor District, including its President in 2016; its Vice President in 2014 and 2015; and its Secretary in 2012, 2013, 2017, 2018, 2020, and 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, Patrick Higgins served honorably on Board of Commissioner Ad-Hoc and Standing Committees including the Executive Search and CEO Selection Committees, Economic Development Advisory Committee, Steering Committee for the Humboldt Bay Symposium, Budget Committee, Long-Term Sediment Management Ad-Hoc Committee addressing long-term sediment management addressing climate change and sea level rise, Redwood Region Economic Development Committee, Redwood Marine Terminal Advisory Committee, Mariculture Pre-Permitting Project Committee, Union Negotiating Committee, Humboldt Bay Development Association, Ordinance No. 7-Implementing Certain Portions of the Humboldt Bay Master Plan Subcommittee, the Dredging Ad-Hoc Committee, Shelter Cove and Resort Improvement Ad-Hoc Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, Patrick Higgins represented the Harbor District and Humboldt County in many areas including: the North Coast Local Agency Coastal Coordination Committee, Explore the North Coast, Eel River Trails Association, worked on the Collaborative Fisheries Venture benefiting the Marine Life Protection Act and working with the Pacific Fisheries Management Council, Timber Heritage Association, Humboldt Bay Harbor Working meetings, was active in Harbor District Strategic Plan Meetings, attended Citizens for Prosperity meetings and Monitoring Enterprise-related meetings, attended Humboldt Bay Action Plan meetings, was involved with Rails to Trails; and

**WHEREAS**, Patrick Higgins dedicated efforts to improve Humboldt by being an early advocate for addressing Sea Level Rise, was actively involved in the Marine Life Protection Act, met with tribes on the Klamath River dam removal project, attended conferences on Klamath River water quality, and started working on the Humboldt Bay Power Plant decommissioning in the 1970's; and

**WHEREAS**, Patrick Higgins met with representatives from the Timber Heritage Association regarding the ERTN on the Samoa Shops Complex and worked on the grant for the Shelter Cove Fish Cleaning Station; and

**WHEREAS**, Patrick Higgins dedicated time and energy to protect wildlife, improve habitat, and remove invasive species in the Woodley Island Wildlife Area; and

**WHEREAS**, Patrick Higgins was a part of the Harbor District team that negotiated the purchase of the Freshwater Tissue Company Pulp Mill (later named Redwood Marine Terminal 2), effected the clean-up of the Redwood Terminal 2 property, avoiding a potential catastrophic event for Humboldt Bay, whereby allowing economic development and the creation of jobs; and

**WHEREAS**, Patrick Higgins was a vial part of the Harbor District team that lead the way for the Port of Humboldt Bay to emerge as west coast leader in supporting offshore wind with the pending development of the Humboldt Multi-purpose Heavy Lift Marine Terminal; and

**WHEREAS**, Patrick Higgins fulfilled his duties of office with passion, knowledge and consideration; and

**WHEREAS**, Patrick Higgins became a friend, mentor, and respected colleague; and

**WHEREAS**, Patrick Higgins cannot be mentioned without acknowledging his love of sport fishing and his tireless dedication to the Eel River Recovery Project; and

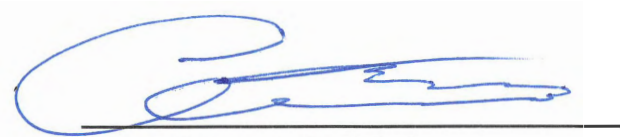
**WHEREAS**, Patrick Higgins has left a lasting legacy with numerous positive accomplishments around Humboldt Bay and Uncle Pat will be sorely missed.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE HUMBOLDT BAY HARBOR, RECREATION, AND CONSERVATION DISTRICT DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:**  
**That the Commissioners of the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District do hereby express our heartfelt appreciation for the best efforts and contributions of Patrick Higgins as a Commissioner and herein wish him the best in all his future endeavors.**

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District Board of Commissioners at a duly called meeting held on the **14<sup>th</sup> day of November 2024** by the following polled vote:

**AYES:** Benson, Dale, Higgins, Kullmann, Newman  
**NOES:** 0  
**ABSENT:** 0  
**ABSTAIN:** 0

ATTEST:



**Aaron Newman, Secretary  
Board of Commissioners**



**Greg Dale, President  
Board of Commissioners**

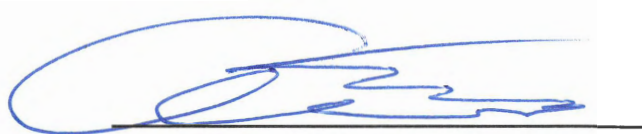
**CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY**

The undersigned, duly qualified and acting Secretary of the HUMBOLDT BAY HARBOR, RECREATION AND CONSERVATION DISTRICT, does hereby certify that the attached Resolution is a true and correct copy of RESOLUTION NO. **2024-10** entitled,

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as regularly adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the HUMBOLDT BAY HARBOR, RECREATION AND CONSERVATION DISTRICT, duly held on the **14<sup>th</sup> day of November 2024**; and further, that such Resolution has been fully recorded in the Journal of Proceedings in my office, and is in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this **14<sup>th</sup> day of November 2024**.



**Aaron Newman, Secretary  
Board of Commissioners**