

**Before the Board of Supervisors in and for the
County of Monterey, State of California**

Resolution No.:

Adopt a resolution honoring **Rene Casas** for his role as a mentor to the Monterey Bay Central Labor Council on the Salinas Inclusive Economic Development Initiative (SIEDI).

WHEREAS, SIEDI is an important initiative started in 2021 with the support of The James Irvine Foundation and the Community Foundation for Monterey County; and

WHEREAS, SIEDI is funded by a \$3.3 million grant from The James Irvine Foundation in partnership with the Community Foundation for Monterey County to support nonprofits and community groups to influence inclusive recovery and economic development efforts, especially those related to the preservation and creation of quality, family-sustaining jobs in Salinas; and

WHEREAS, SIEDI will increase the number of family-sustaining, good jobs in Salinas and strengthen the Community Foundation for Monterey County's capacity to engage in inclusive economic development efforts; and

WHEREAS, SIEDI has been a place where leaders together explore and understand our current economy and discover how it can be redesigned to benefit more of the families they represent; and

WHEREAS, nonprofits selected to participate in SIEDI were each partnered with an individual mentor; and

WHEREAS, through their dedicated coaching and mentorship, SIEDI mentors have strengthened the leadership, strategic capacity, and collaboration of local nonprofits; and

WHEREAS, these mentors have guided participating organizations to develop shared strategies, analyze power structures, and elevate community voices—ensuring that inclusive economic development in Salinas is rooted in lived experience and collective vision; and

WHEREAS, the commitment and compassion of SIEDI mentors have left a lasting impact on the Salinas Valley by nurturing leaders who continue to champion dignity, fairness, and economic opportunity for all;

WHEREAS, **Rene Casas** was selected to be a SIEDI mentor because of his expertise, lived experience and knowledge; and

WHEREAS, **Rene Casas** was paired with the Monterey Bay Central Labor Council to serve as their mentor.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all residents thereof, honor **Rene Casas** for his role as a mentor to the Monterey Bay Central Labor Council on the Salinas Inclusive Economic Development Initiative (SIEDI).

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this ___ day of ___ 2025, upon motion of Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____ by the following vote, to-wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

I, Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book ___ for the meeting on _____.

Dated:

Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Monterey, State of California

By _____ Deputy