

# RESOLUTION NO. XXXX-XXX

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF

## SIG SANCHEZ

IN COMMEMORATION OF HIS 100<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY AND PUBLIC SERVICE TO THE CITY OF GILROY, THE SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THE SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT (VALLEY WATER) AND THE SAN LUIS & DELTA-MENDOTA WATER AUTHORITY

- WHEREAS**, Sig Sanchez was born on November 11, 1920, in Hollister, California, to Julian and Anastasia Sanchez; and
- WHEREAS**, Sig Sanchez entered the field of agriculture as a grower in 1940, and branched out five years later into several businesses, including warehousing, commercial real estate, and real estate development; and
- WHEREAS**, From 1954 to 1958, Sig Sanchez served two terms on the Gilroy City Council; and
- WHEREAS**, From 1958 to 1963, Sig Sanchez served two terms as mayor of the City of Gilroy; and
- WHEREAS**, From 1963 to 1978, Sig Sanchez served four terms as a Santa Clara County Supervisor from District I, from 1969 to 1970, he served as President of the County Supervisors Association of California, and in 1978, he retired from the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors; and
- WHEREAS**, Beginning in 1980, Sig Sanchez was appointed by the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors to the Santa Clara Valley Water District for four terms, and he provided strong leadership and served with great distinction representing the county-at-large; and
- WHEREAS**, From 1990 to his retirement on December 15, 2009, Sig Sanchez served as a charter member of the Board of Directors of the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority, representing Division IV from the formation of the Water Authority in 1990 until his retirement on December 15, 2009; and
- WHEREAS**, After his retirement from public service, Sig Sanchez continued his career in community service, now outside of politics, as he served on several boards to benefit local organizations, including HOPE Rehabilitation, Wheeler Hospital, South Valley Hospital, Health Dimensions, Inc., the Odd-Fellows and Rebekah Children’s Home, assisting many of these organizations with capital campaigns; and
- WHEREAS**, During his tenure as mayor and as a county supervisor, the passion and perseverance of Sig Sanchez overcame several obstacles so as to allow the building of the Morgan Hill Bypass on State Highway Route 101 in the County of Santa Clara resulting in the naming of that stretch of state highway in his honor;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT JOINTLY RESOLVED that the City of Gilroy, the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, the Santa Clara Valley Water District, and the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority commend Sig Sanchez for an historic milestone in the year of his 100th birthday and for all his accomplishments during the last century.**

**City of Gilroy**

**County of Santa Clara**

**Santa Clara Valley Water District**

**San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority**

**MAYOR**

**BOARD VICE PRESIDENT**

**CHAIR**

**CHAIR**



**ATTEST: Shawna Freels, MMC**

**ATTEST: Megan Doyle**

**ATTEST: Michele L. King, CMC**

**ATTEST: Federico Barajas**

*Clerk, City Council*

*Clerk, Board of Supervisors*

*Clerk, Board of Directors*

*Secretary*