

YOLO COUNTY  
LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

*Commendation for Elizabeth Castro Kemper*

**RESOLUTION № 2009-04**

**WHEREAS**, Elizabeth dedicated over 31 years of her life to public service with the Yolo County Local Agency Formation Commission and Yolo County; and

**WHEREAS**, Elizabeth Castro Kemper was born, and raised on a farm, in Tracy, California; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Kemper graduated from California State University, Sacramento in 1976 with a degree in government; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1975 Ms. Kemper served as an Intern to Lt. Governor Mervyn Dymally's Education Advisor Joe Serna and followed that experience with an internship as a Management Trainee for Sacramento LAFCO; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1978 Ms. Kemper began her Yolo LAFCO career as an analyst and served as the LAFCO Executive Officer for the last twenty-two years; and

**WHEREAS**, from 1979 through 2009, Elizabeth simultaneously served as a Principal Management Analyst in the Yolo County Administrator's Office; and

**WHEREAS**, during that time Elizabeth worked with 23 members of the Board of Supervisors, 12 County Administrators, and provided valuable input on issues considered at over 700 Board meetings; and

**WHEREAS**, Elizabeth provided important knowledge, advice, and guidance to numerous elected officials, community and civic members, and County and LAFCO staff; and

**WHEREAS**, during her tenure with LAFCO, she has processed approximately 11 Formations, 40 Annexations, 72 Reorganizations, and the incorporation of the City of West Sacramento; and

**WHEREAS**, Elizabeth also prepared municipal service review and sphere of influence studies for the four cities and 54 special districts in Yolo County; and

**WHEREAS**, Elizabeth also helped develop important and innovative agricultural preservation initiatives, including the Yolo LAFCO Agricultural Conservation Policy and the LAFCO Land Evaluation and Site Assessment (LESA) Model; and

**WHEREAS**, Elizabeth served as the California Association of LAFCOs' Executive Officer from 1991-1994 and provided expert support for various CALAFCO legislative, administrative, and executive committees at different times throughout her LAFCO career; and

**WHEREAS**, Elizabeth has been integral in the effectiveness of this LAFCO, which received the 2000 CALAFCO Most Effective Commission Award for its innovation and initiative in implementing LAFCO programs; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2005 Elizabeth received the CALAFCO Distinguished Service Award for her long and renowned service; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2005, Elizabeth also received the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) Salutes Special Recognition Award for helping to create viable, living communities that adhere to the principles of smart growth; and

**WHEREAS**, Elizabeth is devoted to her husband of 28 years and her children, Samantha and Randall; and

**WHEREAS**, Elizabeth will continue to use her extensive knowledge, wisdom, and experience to mentor her staff.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Yolo County Local Agency Formation Commission expresses its gratitude to Elizabeth Castro Kemper for over 31 years of dedicated and distinguished service to LAFCO. We wish her well in her retirement and in all her future endeavors.

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