Richard M. Adler

By the authority of the Orange County Board of Supervisors, the following resolution is hereby issued:

**WHEREAS,** Richard M. Adler began his outstanding and distinguished career with the County of Orange in 1977 and has decided to retire after more than thirty-seven years of service to the County; and

**WHEREAS,** Rich Adler worked as a Planner IV and Senior Planner in the Environmental Management Agency from September 1977 until November 1992, when he transferred to Harbors, Beaches and Parks (now OC Parks) to initially head up the newly-established Revenue Development Section, then the Harbors, Beaches and Parks Lease Management Section and finally OC Parks’ Real Estate Unit; and

**WHEREAS,** at the Environmental Management Agency, Rich Adler was the planning manager on several important but highly controversial projects, including the Foothill-Trabuco Specific Plan, the John Wayne Airport Land Use Compatibility Program/Santa Ana Heights Specific Plan, and multiple Environmental Impact Reports for County jail projects, including the successful expansion of the Theo Lacy Jail and the never-built Gypsum Canyon mega-jail; and

**WHEREAS,** at Harbor, Beaches and Parks, Rich Adler played a major role in the establishment of many new or expanded recreation amenities for Orange County residents and visitors, including Canyon R.V. Park, Strawberry Farms Golf Club, the Irvine Park Railroad, Mile Square Golf Course, Newport Dunes Waterfront Resort and Sunset Aquatic Marina; and

**WHEREAS,** as OC Parks Real Estate Manager, Rich Adler was responsible for overseeing both a large portfolio of leases generating over $9,000,000 in annual revenue for OC Parks and all real estate transactions involving OC Parks, including the Irvine Company’s donations of 20,000 acres of open space in 2010 and 2,500 acres of open space in 2014; the latter donation included the same land in Gypsum Canyon on which the mega-jail was proposed to be built twenty-five years earlier; and

**WHEREAS,** at OC Parks, Rich Adler took on many other assignments not related to real estate, including being the principal staff person for the Orange County Parks Commission and the lead staff person on all agenda staff reports submitted by OC Parks to the Board of Supervisors; and

**WHEREAS,** Rich Adler was a key member of the team that established and administratively supported the Orange County Parks Foundation; and

**WHEREAS,** Rich Adler’s professionalism, dependability and personable nature have sustained him well in all his dealings with people in both the public and private sector; and

**WHEREAS,** the County of Orange is fortunate to have been served by an individual of the caliber of Rich Adler and his dedicated service to the County of Orange is worthy of thanks and recognition as he enters retirement;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** does hereby congratulate Rich Adler on his retirement from the County of Orange, commend him for his more than thirty-seven years of outstanding and dedicated service, and offer him best wishes for a happy, healthy, and fulfilling retirement.

## **January 22, 2015**

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