

# Proclamation

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS | NAPA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

## Joelle Gallagher Chair of the Board of Supervisors – 2024

**WHEREAS**, in 2024, first district Supervisor Joelle Gallagher served as Chair of the Napa County Board of Supervisors, providing thoughtful leadership and working collaboratively with fellow Board members to achieve important milestones for the County; and

**WHEREAS**, Chair Gallagher has demonstrated unwavering commitment to vital social causes by initiating the inaugural Harvey Milk Day at the County Administrative Building, which featured the proud raising of the Pride Flag at both the County Administration and HHSA buildings, celebrating inclusivity and diversity within our community; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of the Board's ongoing commitment to inclusivity, Chair Gallagher supported the introduction of real-time Spanish language translation services at Board meetings, improving accessibility and participation for Napa County's diverse community; and

**WHEREAS**, reaffirming the Board's commitment to public safety, Napa County has made historic investments in wildfire prevention, including the largest wildfire prevention funding in the County's history—\$17.5 million in 2024—focused on increasing fire resilience and improving means of egress and fuel load reduction in at-risk communities; and

**WHEREAS**, recognizing the importance of safety-net services, Chair Gallagher led the Board in awarding \$15.8 million in Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement (MSA), Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), and Opioid Settlement Funds (OSF), to support community health projects addressing critical needs in health services, housing, behavioral health, and, and, and economic stability—ensuring Napa County continues to prioritize the health and well-being of its residents; and

**WHEREAS**, in a continued commitment to mental health services, Chair Gallagher supported the launch of the Mental Health Diversion Program, a collaborative effort between Napa County HHSA, the Court, Probation, Public Defender, District Attorney, and County Counsel to divert individuals with mental health needs from the criminal justice system to treatment and rehabilitation, ensuring sufficient oversight and maintaining the integrity of the diversion process; and

**WHEREAS**, Chair Gallagher and the Board supported the launch of the SHARE Program, a rental assistance initiative aimed at extremely low-income older adults, providing up to \$800 per month to help participants maintain stable housing and age in place with dignity and security; and

**WHEREAS**, recognizing the critical need for affordable housing, Chair Gallagher, in collaboration with the Board, supported the Farmworker Housing Needs & Impacts Assessment Report, the first-ever study of the unique challenges Napa Valley farmworkers face in accessing and maintaining housing.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, that this Board of Supervisors, County of Napa, State of California, on this 14th day of January 2025, does hereby commend and express sincere gratitude to **Supervisor Joelle Gallagher** for her exemplary leadership, collaborative spirit, and steadfast commitment to the County during her tenure as the Chair of the Board in 2024.

*Anne Cottrell*

Anne Cottrell, Chair

*Liz Alessio*

Liz Alessio, District 2

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Belia Ramos, District 5

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