

IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

____ day _____, 2016

PRESENT: Supervisors

ABSENT:

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING KEN TOPPING FOR EXEMPLARY PUBLIC SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS
OF SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY AND THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

The following resolution is hereby offered and read:

WHEREAS, from 1973 to 1986 Ken Topping was the Planning Director and Deputy Administrator of development services for the Environmental Public Works Agency, County of San Bernardino; and

WHEREAS, from 1986 to 1990 Ken Topping was the Planning Director of the City of Los Angeles where he oversaw preparation and implementation of significant plans and projects; and

WHEREAS, Ken has had his own consulting firm, moved to Cambria to become the General Manager of the Cambria Community Services District in 1997, and since 2001 has taught part-time at Cal Poly where he led a research team preparing the State Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, Ken has been recognized internationally for work integrating city planning with safety and sustainability and has advised on disaster mitigation and recovery in Australia, China, Korea, the Philippines, Taiwan, and Japan, as well as on rebuilding New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, he was co-principal investigator on a National Science Foundation study comparing post-earthquake redevelopment after the 1994 Northridge Earthquake and the 1995 Hanshin-Awaji (Kobe) Earthquake; and

WHEREAS, he has co-authored books on community resilience published by FEMA and the American Planning Association including *Planning for Post-Disaster Recovery: Next Generation* (2014), *Hazard Mitigation: Integrating Best Practices into Planning* (2010) and *Planning for Post-Disaster Recovery and Reconstruction* (1998); and

WHEREAS, he has authored a chapter on Southern California water supply in *Resilient Coastal City Regions* (2012), a book on climate change and the future of U.S. and Australian cities; and

WHEREAS, Ken has served with distinction as the District 2 representative to the Planning Commission since 2011, where he has rendered thoughtful and well-reasoned judgments on plans and projects large and small, whether they be widely popular or deeply controversial; Ken has spent countless hours in hearings on: the Carrizo Plain solar farms; Jack Ready Park; the Shandon Community Plan; the SLO County EnergyWise Plan; the Cold Canyon Landfill expansion; the Cambria CSD Fiscalini Ranch Development Plan; the Countywide Water Conservation Program; a behavioral health hospital in Templeton; the Santa Margarita quarry; and the Phillips 66 Rail Spur; and

WHEREAS, Ken has pioneered innovations in city planning, stakeholder participation, disaster management, economic development, local government, and natural resource conservation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Luis Obispo, State of California, does hereby recognize Ken Topping's extraordinary record of public service and his dedicated efforts toward making our communities safe, healthy, prosperous and livable, ensuring a better quality of life for present and future residents of San Luis Obispo County and the State of California; the Board extends to Ken its

sincere appreciation on his retirement from the Planning Commission and wishes him the best in future endeavors.

Upon motion of Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____, and on the following roll call vote, to-wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

The foregoing resolution is hereby adopted:

Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

BY: _____ Deputy Clerk

By: _____
County Counsel