

PROCLAMATION
OF THE
MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF RETIREMENT
HONORING RICHARD SHOEMAKER FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE MENDOCINO
COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS, Richard Shoemaker has been a dedicated and well respected Board of Retirement Trustee, serving as the Alternate Retired Member for three terms and as the Retired Member for nearly two terms since being elected by his fellow retirees in 2011. Richard served previously as the Board of Supervisor's appointed representative from 1997 through 2005. His tenure vastly outlasting most trustees historically.

WHEREAS, Richard has been truly committed to his duties as trustee, often traveling from the coast to attend meetings, volunteering his time and expertise to consult with staff regarding Kings Court improvement projects, and asserting his leadership in times of debate over investments and asset allocation. His experience in contracting and project management, serving on multiple boards, and operating a local business for over 27 years, made him an asset to the board.

WHEREAS, Richard always put his fiduciary duties and responsibilities first and strived to protect Mendocino County Employees Retirement Association (MCERA) plan assets and preserve retirement benefits for its members and their beneficiaries. He actively participated in the Retirement Board's decisions, often expressing his opinion and encouraging meaningful discussions among fellow trustees regarding operational, financial and investment issues facing MCERA.

WHEREAS, Richard's down to earth personality, collegiality, and willingness to speak his mind have always been appreciated by fellow trustees and MCERA staff. His interest in affordable housing, real estate and investing introduced valuable board educational opportunities.

AND WHEREAS, Richard's many contributions to MCERA include, selection of Core and Core Plus Real Estate managers, participation in Request for Proposal (RFP) for Kings Court ADA upgrades and project completion, adoption of Article 8.4 and separate account division of community property interest, Historical Benefit Correction Project completion and receipt of agreeable IRS compliance statement, addition of Infrastructure to MCERA's investments, reduction in amortization of the Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability, adoption of a Strategic Plan, Board Work Plan, and Strategic Plan Calendar, among many others.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mendocino County Board of Retirement recognizes and honors Richard Shoemaker for his years of service and expresses sincere gratitude for his dedication to MCERA, its Board of Retirement, and members. Richard is wished a well-deserved retirement full of life and love, family and friends, and lots of adventures. His friendship and kindness will be truly missed.

Dated: January 21, 2026

Alex Land, Board Chair