



**MEMORANDUM  
ASSESSOR**  
County of Placer

**TO:** Honorable Board of Supervisors **DATE:** June 21, 2022  
**FROM:** Matt Maynard, Assessor  
**SUBJECT:** Commendation | Kristen Spears, Retired Placer County Assessor

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**ACTION REQUESTED**

Approve a Commendation recognizing Kristen Spears on her retirement after twenty-four years of dedicated service to Placer County.

**BACKGROUND**

Kristen began her Placer County career in 1997 as an Assistant Auditor-Appraiser and quickly promoted through the ranks of Associate Auditor-Appraiser, Senior Auditor-Appraiser, Principal Auditor-Appraiser, Managing Appraiser, and Chief Appraiser, before becoming Assistant Assessor in 2004. Kristen was appointed Placer County Assessor in 2008 and was elected in 2011.

She was an active member of the Northern California Assessors' Association (NCAA) and the California Assessors' Association (CAA) and was CAA President in 2016. Kristen successfully led the office to a paperless environment and leveraged technology to increase the quality and efficiency of our operation. She directed the office through the difficult years of the great recession, substantially growing the roll while maintaining the same staffing levels for many years.

Kristen's retirement will be spent travelling and spending time with her family and grandchildren. Kristen has dedicated her life's career to Placer County and public service, and she is appreciated for her dedication and commitment to both.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

None

**ATTACHMENTS**

Commendation

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**IN THE MATTER OF A COMMENDATION RECOGNIZING KRISTEN SPEARS ON HER RETIREMENT FROM PLACER COUNTY AFTER 24 YEARS OF SERVICE**

**WHEREAS**, Kristen Spears has dutifully served the citizens of Placer County as the Placer County Assessor for 13 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Kristen began her Placer County career in 1997 as an Assistant Auditor-Appraiser and quickly promoted through the ranks of Associate Auditor-Appraiser, Senior Auditor-Appraiser, Principal Auditor-Appraiser, Managing Appraiser, and Chief Appraiser, before becoming Assistant Assessor in 2004; and

**WHEREAS**, Kristen was appointed Placer County Assessor in 2008 and was elected in 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, Kristen was an active member of the Northern California Assessors' Association (NCAA) and the California Assessors' Association (CAA), and was CAA President in 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, Kristen successfully led the office to a paperless environment, and leveraged technology to increase the quality and efficiency of our operations; and

**WHEREAS**, Kristen directed the office through the difficult years of the great recession, substantially growing the roll while maintaining the same staffing levels for many years; and

**WHEREAS**, Kristen's retirement will be spent travelling and spending time with her family and grandchildren; and

**WHEREAS**, Kristen has dedicated her life's career to Placer County and public service and she is appreciated for her dedication and commitment to both; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE KNOWN**, that the above COMMENDATION was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer, on behalf of the citizens of Placer County, at a regular meeting held June 21, 2022, gratefully acknowledging Kristen Spears for her many contributions to Placer County as a Placer County Assessor.

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Cindy Gustafson, Supervisor, District 5

Chair 2022