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RESOLUTION #25-46
IN REMEMBRANCE OF ROSE FILICETTI

WHEREAS, the Santa Cruz County Board of Education mourns the passing of former Trustee Rose Filicetti, whose steadfast commitment to public service, education, and community well-being left a lasting legacy across Santa Cruz County and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Rose's impactful career spanned government, education, banking, nonprofit leadership, and community organizing; and

WHEREAS, upon moving to Santa Cruz County, Rose soon emerged as a dynamic and influential community leader, dedicating herself to advancing opportunities for youth and improving the systems that support them; and

WHEREAS, Rose was a steadfast champion for digital equity across the Monterey Bay region, including through her leadership as a founding board member of nonprofit Digital NEST; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the need for stronger coordination among local organizations, Rose founded and led Nonprofit Connection Santa Cruz County — building a countywide network that strengthened relationships, empowered nonprofits, and streamlined support for students and families; and

WHEREAS, Rose served as the Area 4 Trustee on the Santa Cruz County Board of Education from 2017 to 2023, representing the communities of Live Oak, Soquel and Capitola and providing thoughtful leadership rooted in equity, public service, and collaboration; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure on the Board, Rose served as Vice President in 2020 and President in 2021, leading the Board through a critical period for public education while championing efforts that uplifted equity for all; and

WHEREAS, Rose was widely known for her ability to bring people together, build partnerships, and mobilize action, and is remembered by friends and colleagues as a mentor, connector, and force for social justice whose energy and drive inspired others to step forward and engage in meaningful work; and

WHEREAS, Rose's greatest pride was her family, including her husband, Neal, her three children, and the extended circle of loved ones who surrounded her; and

WHEREAS, Rose's passing is a profound loss for Santa Cruz County, yet her legacy endures in the programs she built, the leaders she guided, and the countless lives she impacted for the better;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Santa Cruz County Board of Education honors the life and service of Rose Filicetti, expresses its deep gratitude for her leadership and contributions, and extends heartfelt condolences to her family, friends, and all who had the privilege of working alongside her;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be entered into the permanent record of the Santa Cruz County Office of Education in remembrance of a remarkable community leader whose vision, commitment, and heart enriched public education and transformed our county into a more vibrant and equitable community for all.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Santa Cruz County Board of Education, County of Santa Cruz, State of California, this 20th day of November, 2025, by the following vote:

AYES: Kyle, Larson, Roth, Sanchez, Van Allen, Williams

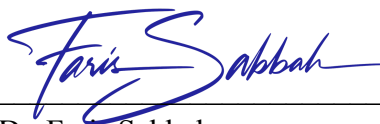
NAYS: None

ABSENT: Acosta

ABSTAIN: None



Abel Sanchez
Board President



Dr. Faris Sabbah
County Superintendent of Schools