

Donna R. Ziegler

WHEREAS, County Counsel **Donna Raylene Ziegler** will have her last day of employment with the County of Alameda on Friday, March 27, 2026; and

WHEREAS, **Ms. Ziegler** has been an attorney with the Office of the County Counsel since January 2000; and

WHEREAS, **Ms. Ziegler** began her career in the County as a Deputy County Counsel, during which time she worked on advising on and litigating labor and employment matters and training County management in effective supervision and discipline of employees; and

WHEREAS, while still a Deputy County Counsel, **Ms. Ziegler** was assigned to be contract general counsel for the Alameda County Medical Center (now called the Alameda Health System), where she advised on a broad range of legal issues impacting a public hospital authority, including drafting contracts and policies and procedures, overseeing outside counsel in litigation, and advising on medical privacy and medico-legal issues; and

WHEREAS, while general counsel for APMC, the Office of the County Counsel promoted **Ms. Ziegler** to the position of Senior Deputy County Counsel within that Office; and

WHEREAS, in August 2005, the Office promoted **Ms. Ziegler** to Assistant County Counsel, putting her in charge of the Office's Public Protection/Adult Protection/Healthcare Division. In that role, she had direct supervision and oversight of attorneys assigned to advise the Sheriff's Department, District Attorney, Adult Protective Services, Public Administrator, Health Care Services (including Behavioral Health and Public Health), Registrar of Voters, Information Technology Department, and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, and directly represented the Public Defender and the Probation Department; and

WHEREAS, in May 2010, the Office promoted **Ms. Ziegler** to Chief Assistant County Counsel, in which role she continued as the Division Head of the Public Protection/Adult Protection/Healthcare Division and as general counsel to the Public Defender and Probation, but also took a more direct management role and took charge of the Office when the County Counsel was unavailable; and

WHEREAS, in October 2011, the Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to appoint **Ms. Ziegler** as County Counsel, making her the first woman and first African American to serve in that role in the County; she is now one of one of two African American women County Counsels in California; and

WHEREAS, **Ms. Ziegler** has served with distinction as the County Counsel for the last fourteen and one half years, and has a longer tenure in that role than any other currently sitting County Counsel in California; and

WHEREAS, during her entire tenure with the Office of the County Counsel, **Ms. Ziegler** has demonstrated exceptional legal acumen, providing expert counsel to the Board of Supervisors, the County Administrator, County Department Heads, and County staff on a broad range of complex legal issues; and

WHEREAS, as County Counsel, **Ms. Ziegler** has demonstrated extraordinary intellect and leadership, often developing creative, practical solutions to complex legal issues; and

WHEREAS, **Ms. Ziegler's** adherence to the highest standards of ethical conduct has ennobled public service; and

WHEREAS, **Ms. Ziegler** has been a leader in the County Counsel's Association, with a prominent role on the Association's Litigation Oversight Committee, which helps guide state-wide involvement in significant litigation.

NOW THEREFORE, this Board of Supervisors, County of Alameda, State of California does hereby commend **Donna Raylene Ziegler** for her 26 years of exemplary legal service to the County of Alameda and for her fourteen years of service as County Counsel; and

FURTHERMORE, this Board of Supervisors recognizes Friday, **March 27, 2026** to be "**Donna R. Ziegler Day**" in the County of Alameda.

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