## FORT ORD REUSE AUTHORITY Resolution 17-12

## A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE FORT ORD REUSE AUTHORITY Acknowledging Ms. Donna Blitzer

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Fort Ord Reuse Authority (Authority) Board of Directors that:

WHEREAS, Donna Blitzer has been an active Monterey Bay Community member – engaged as an advocate for community improvement, educational advancement, and citizen services for 47 years; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Blitzer served eighteen years in the state and federal legislative arena as (1) Congressman Sam Farr's Chief of Staff (including at the time Fort Ord closure was announced) when he was in the state Assembly and as (2) District Director for the 17th Congressional District; and

WHEREAS, Donna became the Director of Government and Community Relations for UC Santa Cruz in 2001, serving as an alternate to the Fort Ord Reuse Authority Board since that appointment; and

WHEREAS, Donna had the opportunity to interact with county agencies and local businesses on a number of issues related to workforce development, one stop career centers, economic development and associated state and federal legislation; and

WHEREAS, Donna served on the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Small Business Development Center and other service organizations; and

WHEREAS, Donna's value to the region is exemplified through her record of innovation in times of state and federal funding and economic uncertainty, her advocacy for reaching out to the entire community, and successes in building strong and lasting partnerships; and

WHEREAS, the inimitable Ms. Blitzer is known for her dynamic political acumen, full and frank descriptions of the ills of partisanship, behind the scenes teambuilding skills, and for calling upon her Canadian ancestry in working to strengthen US immigrant policy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED for all reasons described above, but not limited thereto, the Authority Board of Directors hereby expresses its sincere commendation to Donna Blitzer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, on behalf of the entire Fort Ord Reuse Authority family, the Board of Directors extends its gracious appreciation and deepest gratitude to Donna Blitzer for her leadership and exemplary service to the Monterey Bay Region and best wishes in retirement as she and her husband plan to spend more time with family, traveling, and their Santa Cruz art gallery.

Upon motion by Board Member Jane Parker seconded by Board Member Frank O'Connell the foregoing Resolution was passed on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2017, by the following vote:

AYES:

Parker, Phillips, Edelen, O'Connell, Brown, Haffa, Alexander, Carbone, Gunter.

Mayor Ralph Rubio, Chair

Garfield, Reimers, Rubio

NOES:

NONE

Michael A. Houlemard, Jr.

Clerk