

RESOLUTION NO. 20-5

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ISLA VISTA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT COMMEMORATING 50 YEARS OF COMMUNITY BUILDING IN ISLA VISTA

WHEREAS, on February 25, 1970, following a series of events of civil unrest in Isla Vista and at UC Santa Barbara, the Bank of America located at the current site of Embarcadero Hall was burned by residents of Isla Vista; and

WHEREAS, the following months of the year 1970, and the subsequent decade, were filled with community-wide organizing, discussion, and study focused on the idea of “self-governance” and the deconstruction of what led the community to that point on 2/25/1970; and

WHEREAS, during this period institutions were built, many still standing today, to meet the urgent needs of Isla Vista including the Isla Vista Recreation and Park District (1972) to promote open space and defend against overdevelopment, the Isla Vista Youth Projects (1971) and St. George Youth Center (1999) to provide services to the underprivileged youth of Isla Vista, the Isla Vista Food Cooperative (1970) to provide healthy and locally sourced food, and the Isla Vista Neighborhood Clinic (1970) to provide low cost healthcare; and

WHEREAS, the Isla Vista Community Council, 1970-1987, which served as a precursor to the IVCSA, attempted to achieve full self-governance through cityhood in 1973, 1975, and 1984 but was rejected repeatedly by the Local Agency Formation Commission; and

WHEREAS, due to the inability to reach full self-governance, Isla Vista fell into a cycle of neglect wherein resources and attention increased following tragedy, before declining again leading to further issues in the community; and

WHEREAS, efforts for self-governance were reignited in 2014 following a year of tragedy and tensions between the community and the County, University, and law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, with the support of UC Santa Barbara, the County of Santa Barbara, and Assemblymember Das Williams Isla Vista designed a greater level of self-governance with the Isla Vista Community Services District and passage of Assembly Bill 3 in 2015. Residents later approved Measure E in 2016 to form the IVCSA and Measure R in 2018 to fund its operation; and

WHEREAS, the community continues to build institutions, culture, and capacity today with the establishment of the Isla Vista Community Center, the Survivor Resource Center, the upcoming April 4th community festival, and the growth of its two local government agencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Isla Vista Community Service District, as follows:

The Isla Vista Community Services District hereby commemorates the last 50 years of community building in Isla Vista, recognizing the achievements and difficulties that brought our community to its current point. The IVCS D reaffirms its vision statement "For Isla Vista, by Isla Vista, building the community we deserve" as we look forward to the next 50 years

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted by the Board of Directors of the Isla Vista Community Services District at a regular meeting held on the 25th day of February 2020, by the following vote:

AYES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSENT: _____


ABSTAIN: _____

ATTEST:

JONATHAN ABOUD, General Manager
ISLA VISTA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

By: _____
SPENCER BRANDT, Board President

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: 

G. ROSS TRINDLE, III, District Counsel

I, _____, General Manager of the Isla Vista Community Services District, Santa Barbara County, California, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the

foregoing is a true and accurate copy of the Resolution passed and adopted by the Board of Directors of the Isla Vista Community Services District on the date and by the vote indicated herein.