

## RESOLUTION NO. 4-2012

*Adopted January 17, 2012*

**COMMENDING AND EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO  
GINA E. SOLIS  
FOR HER DEDICATED SERVICE UPON HER RETIREMENT  
FROM THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY AND  
COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO**

### **BASIS OF RESOLUTION**

1. Gina E. Solis began her illustrious career at the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency ("Agency") on September 29, 1980. During her thirty-one (31) years of service to the Agency and the City and County of San Francisco ("City"), she has worked in various capacities in the Agency's Executive Office and worked closely with five Agency Executive Directors and innumerable Agency Commissioners.
2. Ms. Solis' first position at the Agency was an Executive Secretary. In that capacity, she assisted and supported the Director of Real Estate and Project Managers in all administrative and secretarial functions and trained staff on emerging computer technology.
3. In 1984, the Agency promoted Ms. Solis to serve as the Executive Secretary to the Senior Deputy Executive Director. She worked in that position for thirteen (13) years during which time she assisted in the daily operations of the Executive Office, including extensive contact with Commissioners, City Departments, Agency staff, and the public. Given that the Senior Deputy Executive Director often served as the Acting Executive Director, Ms. Solis was involved in the myriad of issues confronting the highest level of Agency management.
4. In 1997, Ms. Solis made a lateral move to work as the Executive Secretary to the Deputy Executive Director for Program and Project Management. In this position, Ms. Solis became even more knowledgeable of the day-to-day programmatic functions of the Agency and its implementation of numerous redevelopment plans, development of specific projects, and concerns of the community. She remained in this position for three (3) years.
5. In January 2000, after a highly competitive process, Ms. Solis was selected to serve as the Executive Assistant to the Agency Executive Director. In that extraordinarily busy and stressful position, she had many duties: she was the leader of the Agency's administrative staff, manager of the Executive Office functions, advisor to the Executive Director, and an integral part of the Agency's public relations. During her seven years as Executive Assistant, the Agency had an incredible workload that included weekly Commission meetings, completion of older project areas, and expansion of the affordable housing program. Under sometimes challenging circumstances, she provided

the Agency and its Executive Directors with professional, knowledgeable, and caring service.

6. In 2007, the Agency Commission unanimously selected Ms. Solis as the Commission Secretary. She has served with great distinction in this capacity, fulfilling responsibilities for efficient and transparent meetings of the Agency's governing body and responding to the many needs of Commissioners, staff, and public for accurate and timely information.
7. Ms. Solis has a special place in the history of the Redevelopment Agency. During her tenure, Ms. Solis assisted the Agency in its completion of many significant redevelopment projects and participated in the transformation of the Agency to a community-oriented public entity responsive to the needs of San Franciscans seeking revitalization of their neighborhoods. She worked in positions of significant authority within the Agency, but always remembered her roots in the community and the importance of serving the public and San Francisco's most disadvantaged communities.
8. A native San Franciscan, Ms. Solis understands the need for positive change in this City that she loves. She deeply cares about those who have the least and who struggle in their quest for employment, decent housing, and a safe place to live. She has used her time at the Agency to work not only on improving the City's neighborhoods but also in helping people.
9. On this memorable day--which is also the last regularly scheduled meeting of the Redevelopment Agency Commission--Ms. Solis provides us with a significant example of the "people" side of redevelopment, of its commitment to community and public service, and of its compassion for those who have the greatest needs.

## RESOLUTION

**ACCORDINGLY, IT IS RESOLVED** by the Redevelopment Agency of the City and County of San Francisco, on behalf of its past and present Commissioners and staff and of the people of San Francisco, that it greatly recognizes the dedication and achievements of Gina E. Solis and commends and appreciates her contributions to the City and County of San Francisco and the Redevelopment Agency, and offers Ms. Solis its best wishes in all of her future endeavors.

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**



James B. Morales  
Agency General Counsel