

Honoring
LAWRENCE E. "LARRY" STONE

*Santa Clara County Assessor
On His Retirement*

WHEREAS, after more than 47 years of exemplary public service, Lawrence E. "Larry" Stone retired as Assessor for the County of Santa Clara on July 6, 2025, and in recognition thereof, is deserving of the highest commendations from the California State Board of Equalization and the people of the State of California; and

WHEREAS, Assessor Stone's public service career began when he was first elected to the Sunnyvale City Council in 1975 and served for 16 years including as Mayor; in 1994 was elected as Assessor for the County of Santa Clara and then subsequently elected for seven more terms; and holds the distinction of being the longest serving elected official in Santa Clara County and the longest tenure as Santa Clara County Assessor since 1912; and

WHEREAS, Assessor Stone successfully completed the annual assessment roll 30 times while administering property assessments fairly, equitably, and timely, as demonstrated by repeated Assessment Practices Surveys conducted by the California State Board of Equalization, which found an assessment accuracy rating of 99 percent; and

WHEREAS, Assessor Stone, through his visionary leadership and with the assistance of all the employees of the Santa Clara County Assessor's Office, consistently underspent his approved budget and returned over \$35 million General Fund back to Santa Clara County, where it was used for schools and public services; implemented advanced technologies to improve transparency and efficiency; and year after year, taxpayers and stakeholders commended his office for unparalleled customer service and responsiveness; and

WHEREAS, Assessor Stone's legacy includes managing an assessment roll of more than \$726 billion, overseeing a \$55 million budget, and leading a team of 251 employees; a mentor and leader to the 57 other elected County Assessors and the California Assessors' Association; and being recognized nationally as a "bright, articulate, an American rarity, and a proven political success in a time of political failure" by Washington Post reporter, Haynes Johnson, Therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Members of the Board, do hereby extend to Lawrence E. "Larry" Stone our sincere and grateful appreciation for his dedicated service to the County of Santa Clara and to the State of California, our congratulations on his well-earned retirement, and our best wishes to his continued success, happiness, and good health in the years to come.

*Adopted at Sacramento, California, this twentieth day of August 2025, by the
California State Board of Equalization.*