

# VANDENBERG VILLAGE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

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## **Resolution 211-18**

**December 12, 2018**

### **TO COMMEND AND THANK DIRECTOR CHARLES E. BLAIR FOR 16 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF VANDENBERG VILLAGE**

WHEREAS, the United States Air Force assigned Lieutenant Colonel (Doctor) Charles E. Blair as Chief of Surgery at Vandenberg Air Force Base in 1994. He purchased a home in Vandenberg Village and stayed here after he retired in 1999; and

WHEREAS, in the November 7, 2000 General Election, Doctor Blair received 1,296 votes and was first elected to Board of Directors of Vandenberg Village Community Services District (VVCS D) with the responsibility of providing water and wastewater services to the community of 7,200 residents in northern Santa Barbara County; and

WHEREAS, he assumed office on December 6, 2000, and served four terms for a total of 16 years on the Board until December 7, 2018. This was a period of growth, change, and challenges for the community services district; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure he was appointed to all three standing committees: Finance/Budget (1 year), Legal/Personnel (6 years), and Water/Wastewater (9 years); and

WHEREAS, Director Blair was very active in the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) at both the state and local level. He was firmly committed to the statewide association and its support of 2,200 independent special districts throughout California. He proudly represented VVCS D at annual CSDA conferences. He was elected to the Board of Directors for the local, Santa Barbara County Special Districts Association and served as its Secretary, Vice President, and President during the period 2006-2010; and

WHEREAS, he was a staunch supporter of employees and recognizing individuals for exceptional performance; and

WHEREAS, Director Blair understood the political and social as well as the scientific aspects of water. He was a strong opponent of State Water and a fierce protector of the local Lompoc Upland groundwater aquifer. As a long-term member of the Water/Wastewater Committee, he insisted new developments satisfied the District's "no net increase in consumptive use" of groundwater policy. He was VVCS D's representative to the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District; and

WHEREAS, as a physician, life-long naturalist, and a member of the California Native Plant Society, Director Blair was able to translate biological information and Latin names in complicated planning and environmental review documents for Directors and staff; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure on the Board, he contributed to significant District accomplishments including: the early payoff of \$5.4 million in revenue bonds that financed the start-up of District operations in the 1980s; gradually building reserves from a low of \$2.8 million in 2005 to \$10.2 million in 2018; approving a new 35-year agreement with the city of Lompoc for wastewater treatment; incorporating new infrastructure and providing water and wastewater services to 328 new homes in Providence Landing, 51 new homes in Clubhouse Estates, and 80 new apartments in Heritage Villas; acquisition of Lot 54, a 130-acre parcel of open space containing critical District infrastructure; and the purchase and remodel of the old Rabobank building into a new District office which opened for business on September 4, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Doctor Blair also serves the community in two other important capacities: on the Board of Directors of the Vandenberg Village Association since 2000, and as an appointed Trustee for the Mosquito and Vector Management District of Santa Barbara County since 2005.


**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of Vandenberg Village Community Services District, that Charles E. Blair be commended and thanked on behalf of the 7,200 residents of Vandenberg Village for 16 years of dedicated and faithful service on the Board of Directors.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Vandenberg Village Community Services District this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2018, upon motion by Director Bumpass, seconded by Director Wyckoff and as approved by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Brooks, Bumpass, Redmon, Stewart and Wyckoff  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

  
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Christopher Brooks, President  
Board of Directors

ATTEST:

  
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Stephanie Garner  
Secretary to the Board of Directors

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### **TO COMMEND AND THANK DIRECTOR ANTHONY W. FOX FOR 16 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF VANDENBERG VILLAGE**

WHEREAS, Anthony (Tony) W. Fox moved to Vandenberg Village in 1995, three years following his retirement as a Lieutenant Colonel from the United States Air Force where he gained extensive experience in procurement, contract management, and maintaining small communities at remote locations in Greenland, Saudi Arabia, and Turkey; and

WHEREAS, in the November 5, 2002 General Election, Tony received 1,170 votes and was first elected to Board of Directors of Vandenberg Village Community Services District (VVCSD) with the responsibility of providing water and wastewater services to the community of 7,200 residents in northern Santa Barbara County; and

WHEREAS, he assumed office on December 6, 2002, and served four consecutive terms for a total of 16 years on the Board until December 7, 2018. This was a period of growth, change, and challenges for the community services district; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure his fellow Board members elected him to serve in all three district officer positions: President (1 year), Vice President (11 years), and Finance Officer (4 years). Additionally, he was appointed to all three standing committees: Finance/Budget (11 years), Legal/Personnel (9 years), and Water/Wastewater (2 years); and

WHEREAS, Tony completed the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) Special District Leadership Academy in 2005, cementing his commitment to the association and its support of 2,200 independent special districts throughout California. He proudly represented VVCSD at statewide conferences and legislative events, and always provided comprehensive, written trip reports to the Board after each venture. He was elected to the Board of Directors for the local, Santa Barbara County Special Districts Association and served as its President in 2012; and

WHEREAS, he was equally involved in the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA), an important statewide organization of 430 public water agency members. He ensured the District received appropriate and cost-effective property, liability, and workers compensation insurance as well as employee medical coverage through ACWA's Joint Powers Insurance Authority; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the Legal/Personnel Committee, Director Fox shepherded the 2012 Compensation and Staffing Study, performed by Bryce Consulting, to ensure the District had the right balance and classifications of employees; and advocated for employee salaries and benefits in line with the local labor market along with modest annual cost of living increases to keep pace with inflation; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the Finance/Budget Committee, he delved into the details of budgets and rate structures. Director Fox was instrumental in reviewing and adopting annual operating budgets which increased from \$1.6 million in Fiscal Year 2003-04 to \$4.6 million in Fiscal Year 2018-19. Through conservative fiscal management, the District gradually built its reserves from a low of \$2.8 million in 2005 to \$10.2 million in 2018; and

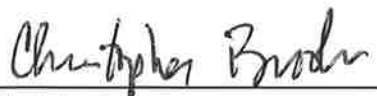
WHEREAS, during his tenure on the Board, he contributed to significant District accomplishments including: the early payoff of \$5.4 million in revenue bonds which were used to finance the start-up of District operations in the 1980s; approving a new 35-year agreement with the city of Lompoc for wastewater treatment; incorporating new infrastructure and providing water and wastewater services to 328 new homes in Providence Landing, 51 new homes in Clubhouse Estates, and 80 new apartment units in Heritage Villas; and acquisition of Lot 54, a 130-acre parcel of open space containing critical District infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Director Fox envisioned a larger, nicer administrative office to house District staff and better serve Village residents. After the local branch of Rabobank closed its doors in 2015, he served with Director Dan Redmon and Administrative Services Manager Cynthia Allen on the team that negotiated purchase of their 4,400 square foot building for \$590,000. Following a three-year extensive remodel project, the District opened a wonderful new office for business on September 4, 2018, as he neared the end of his final term on the Board.

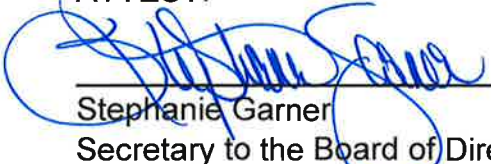
**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of Vandenberg Village Community Services District, that Anthony W. Fox be commended and thanked on behalf of the 7,200 residents of Vandenberg Village for 16 years of dedicated and faithful service on the Board of Directors.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Vandenberg Village Community Services District this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2018, upon motion by Director Wyckoff, seconded by Director Brooks and as approved by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Brooks, Bumpass, Redmon, Stewart and Wyckoff  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

  
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Christopher Brooks, President  
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ATTEST:

  
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Stephanie Garner  
Secretary to the Board of Directors