



# Board of Supervisors

## PROCLAMATION

### HONORING

## *The Annenberg Retreat at Sunnylands*

**WHEREAS**, in the mid-1960s, Walter and Leonore Annenberg hired architect A. Quincy Jones to design a midcentury modern residence on 200 acres in Rancho Mirage, which was completed in 1966; and

**WHEREAS**, the Annenbergs dreamed that this beautiful setting would bring leaders from around the world to make decisions about issues that could help to make the world a better, more peaceful and prosperous place; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout the years, the Annenberg Retreat at Sunnylands came to be known as "Camp David of the West," with an illustrious list of guests that includes seven U.S. presidents, the British royal family, top entertainers and numerous world leaders; and

**WHEREAS**, the Annenberg tradition of being gracious hosts and extraordinary philanthropists extended to their final gift of Sunnylands to the public, and, on March 1, 2012, the renovated historic estate and the 15-acre Sunnylands Center & Gardens opened to the public; and

**WHEREAS**, Sunnylands Center & Gardens, with a range of public programs and educational exhibits, is open to visit free of charge, with tours of the historic estate available for a fee and advance reservations; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2013 and 2014, Sunnylands hosted two visits by President Barack Obama who met with Chinese President Xi Jinping and King Abdullah II of Jordan; and

**WHEREAS**, the historic summits have brought prestige and visibility to the County of Riverside and have continued the vision of Sunnylands as a retreat for global leaders to convene and discuss ways in which problems can be resolved, difficulties overcome and solutions reached;

**NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors does hereby commend the Annenberg Retreat at Sunnylands, a remarkable gift to the nation from the Annenbergs, encourages residents to visit this true treasure of the Coachella Valley in Riverside County, and extend best wishes to the staff and board on continuing the dream of the Annenbergs that Sunnylands forever advance world peace and international agreement.

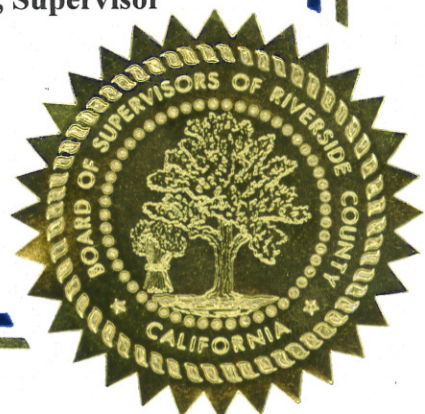
KEVIN JEFFRIES, Supervisor  
First District

JOHN TAVAGLIONE, Supervisor  
Second District

JEFF STONE, Chairman  
Third District

JOHN J. BENOIT, Supervisor  
Fourth District

MARION ASHLEY, Vice Chairman  
Fifth District



C  
o  
u  
n  
t  
y  
  
o  
f  
  
R  
i  
v  
e  
r  
s  
i  
d  
e