

FORT ORD REUSE AUTHORITY
Resolution of Appreciation and Commendation

John Laird

The Fort Ord Reuse Authority (FORA) Board of Directors hereby resolves that:

WHEREAS, John Laird is a native son of Vallejo, a graduate of UC Santa Cruz, and the first openly avowed Chicago Cubs fan to represent the 27th Assembly District; and

WHEREAS, John Laird began his political career on Jerry Waldie's legislative staff, where he distinguished himself as a friend of all frogs; and

WHEREAS, John Laird served three terms as an assembly member for the 27th Assembly District of California and was instrumental in the implementation of the Fort Ord Base Reuse Plan and the economic redevelopment of former Fort Ord property; and

WHEREAS, Assemblymember Laird provided substantial leadership as Chair of the Assembly Budget Committee in the State Legislature and supported numerous legislative efforts benefiting the redevelopment at the former Fort Ord; and

WHEREAS, Assemblymember Laird specifically created mechanisms that have opened funding opportunities for the creation of the Central Coast Veterans' Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, Assemblymember Laird provided timely and critical assistance in resolving Habitat Conservation Planning coordination issues between FORA and the State of California environmental regulators; and

WHEREAS, Assemblymember Laird steadfastly supported recovery/reuse efforts of the communities impacted by the closure of the former Fort Ord and aided in resolving fair share contributions to Monterey regional environmental issues.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fort Ord Reuse Authority Board expresses appreciation for the extraordinary contributions of John Laird to all of the communities of Northern Monterey County and wishes Mr. Laird every success in his future endeavors.


Joseph P. Russell, Chair

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