

WHEREAS, Ana Jimenez is the Public Defenders Office's (PDO) first Community Outreach Specialist. In this role, Ana Jimenez works directly with established community agencies and groups to identify and support the unmet needs of PDO clients as they re-enter society;

WHEREAS, Ana plans the strategies necessary to bring clients home with support to enable them to thrive. Successfully and safely returning community members home is a PDO priority, which requires intentional and functional re-entry plans;

WHEREAS, Ana provides direct support to the PDO attorneys and social workers, as well as acts as an individual guide and advocate for returning clients. Ana is building a network of resource partners and maintains relationships with clients after they are released, collecting program data and tracking PDO outreach efforts;

WHEREAS, during Ana's tenure with the PDO, she has secured stable housing for two elderly clients who needed emergency shelter to avoid homelessness. She has secured medical care, mental health care, and the basics of food, clothing, and shelter by dedicating herself to connecting public and non-profit resources to vulnerable clients. Recently, Ana drove out of county to meet a Santa Clara County client who was falling through the cracks of his housing placement; her immediate swift, warm approach to the crisis saved the client from being alone and homeless. She secured stable housing in another county for the client to transition to while maintaining his compliance with re-entry regulations; and,

WHEREAS, Ana's work supports PDO's clients' efforts to strive to be productive and safe members of our community. Her warm smile and positive attitude in building partnerships for client services and her "can do" attitude make her an invaluable human resource in saving lives in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Clara does hereby recognize and commend

Ana Jimenez

for her incredible work in the Santa Clara County Public Defender's Office, going above and beyond to ensure justice-impacted clients receive the resources and tools they need.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the Board of Supervisors, County of Santa Clara, State of California, on this Twenty-Second Day of January, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four by unanimous vote.

Cindy Chavez
Supervisor, District Two

Susan Ellenberg
President, Board of Supervisors

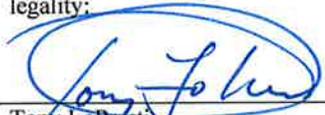
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