



COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

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Dear Chair Hernandez and CEO Palacios:

This letter serves as official notice of my intention to retire in early July 2025. This retirement date aligns with the beginning of the new fiscal year. My current term ends on the first Monday in January 2027. However, I have determined now is the right time for me to retire.

It has been an honor to serve the people of Santa Cruz County for the last 28 ½ years. I have served as the Auditor-Controller-Treasurer-Tax Collector since I was appointed in 2015 and then elected for three additional terms.

I am very proud of the work the Auditor-Controller-Treasurer-Tax Collector's Office performs and I am leaving a knowledgeable and experienced management team in place who are ready to take on new challenges.

I am recommending that the Board of Supervisors appoint Laura Bowers, CPA, CPFO, as my interim replacement. Laura has been the County's Chief Deputy Auditor-Controller for the last 7 years. As a Certified Public Accountant and a Certified Public Finance Officer, Laura provides exemplary professional service with skill and integrity.

I look forward to a smooth transition of leadership within the office and will assist in making that possible.

Best Regards,

Edith Driscoll
Auditor-Controller-Treasurer-Tax Collector