

Resolution

WHEREAS, Laura Cahill, Assistant County Attorney for the Harris County Attorney's Office, retired on December 31, 2022, after 25 years of outstanding and meritorious service to Harris County; and

WHEREAS, Laura served as an Assistant County Attorney in the General Counsel Division, for the Harris County Flood Control District and for the Real Property Division where she prosecuted hundreds of eminent domain cases, acquiring property for roads and highways, parks, and flood control projects; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, Laura Cahill transferred to the Environmental Division, where she prosecuted polluters and forced the cleanup of numerous sites in Harris County. She enforced the environmental regulations of Harris County and successfully prosecuted a major Harris County polluter who was allowing life-threatening petrochemicals to leech into Little Vince Bayou by improperly storing used motor oil and waste. After several years of litigation, the owner agreed to a judgment of \$3.5 million and the EPA later declared the facility a Superfund site, which has since been cleaned up; and

WHEREAS, Laura prosecuted nuisance abatement cases targeting landowners who were harboring criminal activity, and shut down several bars, sexually oriented businesses, and motels. She employed an aggressive legal strategy to fight gang violence in a Sharpstown condominium complex, and as a result of this action, the gang members fled the complex; and

WHEREAS, Laura Cahill was nicknamed the "Trailer Park Queen" for championing the rights of people living in substandard housing. In one particularly horrific case, residents were living with overflowing raw sewage, and purified their bathing and drinking water with Clorox. Residents were forced to walk on makeshift cardboard walkways for fear of stepping on the sewage. Laura sued the trailer park owner, and in no time, portable toilets were brought in, and bottled water made available. The park eventually shut down; and

WHEREAS, from 2014-2018, Laura served in General Counsel as an Assistant County Attorney at the Harris County Toll Road Authority, where she prepared agreements and provided legal advice to advance toll roads in Harris County. From 2018 to her retirement, she served in General Counsel as an Assistant County Attorney at the Harris County Flood Control District, where she prepared agreements and provided legal advice to help reduce flooding in Harris County: now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that Harris County Commissioner's Court recognizes and honors

Laura Cahill

on the occasion of her retirement from the Harris County Attorney's Office and further extends sincere appreciation for her 25 years of devoted service and offers sincere best wishes for all her future endeavors.

It is hereby **ORDERED** that this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of Commissioners Court this 10th day of January 2023.

LINA HIDALGO, County Judge

RODNEY ELLIS, Commissioner
Precinct One

ADRIAN GARCIA, Commissioner
Precinct Two

TOM S. RAMSEY, P.E., Commissioner
Precinct Three

LESLEY BRIONES, Commissioner
Precinct Four

ATTEST:

Teneshia Hudspeth, County Clerk
Harris County, Texas