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## **Supervisor Cindy Gustafson Announces Retirement of Bridget Powers and the Pending Addition of Lisa Mara to District 5 Team**

**AUBURN, CA** — Placer County District 5 Supervisor Cindy Gustafson announces the retirement of longtime public servant Bridget Powers and the pending addition of Lisa Mara to the District 5 team.

### **Honoring Bridget Powers**

After years of dedicated service to the Auburn community and Placer County, Bridget Powers is retiring from her role supporting District 5. Bridget began her service with Supervisor Gustafson's office on July 24, 2023.

Bridget has built an extraordinary career spanning both the public and private sectors, including service as an Auburn City Councilmember and multiple terms as Mayor. Her leadership in economic development, land use, and community planning has left a lasting impact on the region, including her work advancing redevelopment efforts that strengthened Auburn's economic vitality.

With deep experience in the entitlement and development process, Bridget brought a unique and valuable perspective to District 5. She played a key role in navigating complex land use and development matters, working closely with property owners, developers, planners, and elected officials.

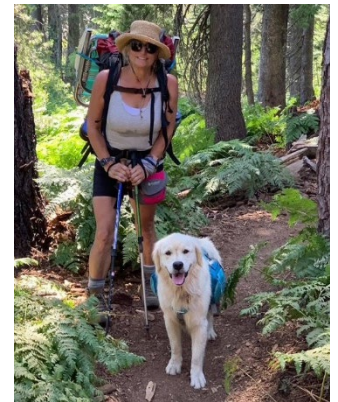
During her time with Supervisor Gustafson's office, Bridget was instrumental in advancing work related to CDRA issues, helping to guide challenging conversations and solutions that balanced community needs, regulatory requirements, and long-term planning goals. Her ability to build relationships, communicate effectively, and stay focused on outcomes made her an invaluable asset to the team and the community.

"Bridget's commitment to Auburn and Placer County is unmatched," said Supervisor Gustafson. "Her decades of service, leadership, and deep understanding of our community have made a lasting difference. We are incredibly grateful for her contributions and wish her all the best in her well-deserved retirement."

### **Welcoming Lisa Mara**

Supervisor Gustafson is both honored and excited to propose Lisa Mara as an addition to the District 5 team, pending Board of Supervisors approval. Lisa brings more than 25 years of experience across local, state, and federal government, including leadership roles with Placer County, the California State Assembly and Senate, and the United States House of Representatives.

Most recently, Lisa served as Deputy Chief of Staff and Senior Advisor for Congressman Doug LaMalfa, where she managed district operations, led community outreach efforts, and advised on a wide range of policy issues impacting Northern California. Her background also includes managing multiple district offices,



coordinating large-scale public engagement efforts, and building strong bi-partisan relationships with government agencies, community leaders, and stakeholders at every level.

Lisa previously served District 5 as a Field Representative for Supervisor Bruce Kranz, where she worked directly with constituents and county departments, coordinated Municipal Advisory Councils, and supported key public safety and community initiatives.

“Lisa’s incredible leadership, bi-partisan experience and deep knowledge of our region make her an excellent addition to our team,” said Supervisor Gustafson. “She understands the needs of our communities and has a proven track record of delivering results. We look forward to her joining the team.”

Pending board approval, Lisa will join Sophie Fox, Alina Prescott, and Caden Woo in supporting the residents of District 5 and Placer County.