

Resolution

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING

COMMUNITY LAW NIGHT

WHEREAS, *Community Law Night* is a collaborative effort of the San Mateo County Superior Court, the San Mateo County Bar Association and the County of San Mateo to assist county residents with their legal questions; and

WHEREAS, *Community Law Night* will provide a free event for the public consisting of mini-consultations with over 40 volunteer attorneys, a legal resource fair with representatives from 23 government agencies and non-profit organizations, and a series of lectures on six areas of law; and

WHEREAS, many county residents need information and resources to address their legal needs; and

WHEREAS, many county residents cannot afford full legal representation when handling their legal needs; and

WHEREAS, at least one party in over two-thirds of family law cases proceed on their own without attorney representation; and

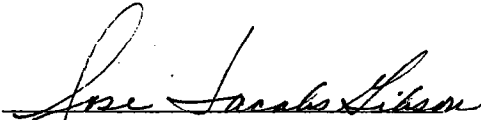
WHEREAS, the Superior Court has initiated numerous efforts to assist self-represented litigants including: the Self-Represented Litigants Collaborative, the Family Law Facilitators Program, the Small Claims Advisory Service and numerous web-based interactive programs; and

WHEREAS, the Bar Association has also initiated numerous efforts to assist self-represented litigants including: the Lawyer Referral Service and past informational programs with volunteer attorneys,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo commends *Community Law Night* as an important service to the community and congratulates all of the agencies that are collaborating to produce this event.

DATED: May 6, 2003

SUPERVISORS:


ROSE JACOBS GIBSON, PRESIDENT

