

RESOLUTION NUMBER ^{R-}297641

ADOPTED ON FEB 18 2003

WHEREAS, San Diego City Attorney Casey Gwinn has established an Attorney of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, this Award acknowledges and rewards the Civil Division Deputy City Attorney whose professional accomplishments and abilities and whose contributions to the community best demonstrate and fulfill the goals of the San Diego City Attorney's Office; and

WHEREAS, the goals of the Civil Division are to protect the quality of life and the public funds of the people of San Diego by defending and prosecuting civil lawsuits, and advising, and counseling the City; and

WHEREAS, the Civil Division provides legal services to the public with professionalism, integrity, and excellence, focusing on (1) ethical, just, and effective lawyering; (2) early intervention and proactive problem solving; and (3) promoting public awareness of legal issues affecting the people of San Diego; and

WHEREAS, the award recipient for the 2002 Attorney of the Year Award, Mary Jo Lanzafame, has been selected from an outstanding list of nominees; and

WHEREAS, Mary Jo received a B.A. Degree from the University of California, Santa Cruz in 1980; a J.D. Degree from California Western School of Law in 1985; and was admitted to the California State Bar in 1987; and

WHEREAS, Mary Jo was appointed as a Criminal Division Deputy City Attorney in June 1987; and

WHEREAS, Mary Jo distinguished herself as a Criminal Division Deputy serving many years in the Code Enforcement Unit handling complex criminal and civil matters; and

WHEREAS, upon her transfer to the Civil Division in 1997, Mary Jo was a welcome addition to the Real Property Unit where she was able to utilize her expertise in the application of building codes and zoning regulations to support and advise the Development Services Department; and

WHEREAS, in recent years Mary Jo has made a major contribution to the City as a Legal Advisor to the City's Planning Commission, Planning Department, Development Services Department, and the City Council on land use projects; and


WHEREAS, Mary Jo's talents are not limited to her outstanding legal skills and client dedication because she is also a valuable colleague who is always willing to lend a helping hand to other attorneys in the Real Property Unit and elsewhere in the Office; and

WHEREAS, Mary Jo is a shining example of the most dedicated public servant who practices law ethically, effectively, and with the utmost professionalism and excellence; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the people of San Diego, hereby recognizes and commends Mary Jo Lanzafame on the occasion of her selection by San Diego City Attorney Casey Gwinn as the recipient of the 2002 Attorney of the Year Award.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that February 18, 2003 is hereby proclaimed to be "MARY JO LANZAFAME DAY" in the City of San Diego.

APPROVED: CASEY GWINN, City Attorney

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