



# TOWN OF COLMA

## MEDIA INFORMATION

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

#### **Vice Mayor Raquel "Rae" Gonzalez announces her retirement from the Town of Colma.**

Late yesterday afternoon Vice Mayor Raquel "Rae" Gonzalez submitted her notice of retirement to the City Council, citing that she can no longer give 100% to her responsibilities due to recent changes in her health. Vice Mayor Gonzalez's last day serving on the City Council will be September 5, 2022. Vice Mayor Gonzalez stated that "I have made great memories, have been part of positive change, and am grateful for the City Council and staff for their support and guidance. I've truly enjoyed being a part of City Council and serving the community, and at this time need to focus my energy on battling stage IV ovarian cancer."

Vice Mayor Gonzalez expressed her gratitude for the support and friendship she has received from the Colma community through the years, but kindly asked for privacy during this time.

In response to Vice Mayor's Gonzalez's announcement, Mayor Helen Fiscaro said, "We are all in support of the Vice Mayor's decision and are thankful for her leadership, kindness, and commitment to the community. It has been a pleasure and an honor to serve alongside her and we are grateful for her many years of service."

Vice Mayor Gonzalez has had a remarkably long tenure with the Town. She first joined the Colma Family in 1989 as the Town's Public Information Officer. In 2002, she was first appointed, then elected Treasurer, a position she held for 6 years. In 2008 she joined City Council, where she has served for 14 years, with two terms as Mayor.

Vice Mayor Gonzalez's term is set to run out in 2024. At a future City Council meeting the Council along with staff and the public will consider the options on how best to fill the Vice Mayor's vacated seat on the City Council for the remaining two years. Vice Mayor Gonzalez's last City Council meeting will be on August 24, 2022.

For questions, please contact City Manager Brian Dossey (650) 997-8300.