

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

Martin Polt

July 9, 2024

The County of Nevada Board of Supervisors takes great pleasure in recognizing Martin Polt for over 19 years of public service with Nevada County, including 11 years as the Deputy County Executive Officer / Chief Fiscal Officer, and thanks him for his numerous contributions to maintaining the fiscal health of the County while serving the community and inspiring the next generation of leaders.

Martin Polt originally joined Nevada County on April 17, 2006, as the Assistant Auditor Controller. He served in that role for just over a year before transitioning over to the Administrative Services Officer for HHSA in June 2007. In December 2011, Martin was promoted to Senior Management Analyst, and ultimately promoted to Deputy CEO/Chief Fiscal Officer (CFO) on July 17, 2013. It is from this position that Martin will retire from Nevada County on July 12, 2024. Throughout his years serving Nevada County, Martin's accomplishments and contributions were significant. While serving at HHSA, Martin worked to maximize Medi-Cal billing, allowing Nevada County to double the reach of local dollars in serving our most vulnerable citizens. His work in HHSA also set the County on the path to being a Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization (ASO).

Following his transition into the CEO's office as CFO, Martin prioritized the importance of fiscal stewardship, transparency, and accountability. He elevated Fiscal Stability and Core Services at the annual Board of Supervisors Workshops, implemented a User Fee Review Group to improve the fee update process, established the Fund Balance, Debt Management and Pension Management Policies, and launched the Fiscal Administration Collaboration Team (FACT) which provides a forum for department fiscal leads to communicate and coordinate on fiscal obligations and duties of the County. With the help of the fiscal team, Martin was responsible for drafting and implementing the annual budget which serves as the financial plan for the entire County. As the leader of the budget process, Martin prioritized meeting the criteria set forth in the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Budget Award which honors a local government's commitment to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting. As a direct result of Martin's commitment to financial excellence, Nevada County's Budget received its first GFOA's Distinguished Budget Award in 2015, and in May 2024, Nevada County received the prestigious award for the 9th consecutive year.

In addition to processes and procedures, Martin was instrumental in filling the funding gap for the Lone Oak Affordable Housing Project, securing financing for the County solar project at the Eric Rood Government Center, and sourcing funding for the construction of the new County Operations Center. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Martin's commitment to fiscal accountability and fiduciary responsibility to the taxpayers of Nevada County became more essential. Under his leadership, the County navigated significant financial uncertainty which included the development of contingency and cost containment plans to allow the County to continue to deliver the highest level of service while being flexible and prudent. As federal aid dollars began to flow to the County, Martin developed an expenditure plan and framework to ensure oversight and compliance with federal regulations to safeguard funding.

Using the same dedication to integrity and leadership as he gave to his work, Martin also had a notable impact on all the staff and Nevada County colleagues he worked with over the years. Martin set up his staff for success and empowered many to move into greater roles in the County such as HHSA Director and Chief Fiscal Administrative Officer for various departments. He encouraged his staff to get creative and implement fiscal and administrative improvements, including the decision to shift much of the budget process responsibility to the departments to complete and review. He established the Interim Budget Analyst Program to give interested participants the opportunity to expand their understanding of County budgeting processes while also providing much needed support to the County Fiscal Team during budget season. Both programs received statewide award recognition.

Over the years, Martin participated in numerous challenging and difficult conversations related to funding our core services, programs, and special projects, but throughout each, Martin conducted himself with the utmost integrity and commitment to the fiscal health of the County as well as the welfare of both constituents and County staff alike.

The County of Nevada Board of Supervisors recognizes and thanks Martin Polt for his incredible leadership, integrity, and commitment to excellence throughout his 19 years of service to Nevada County.

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