

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-03**  
**A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD**  
**OF THE CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE FOR REGENERATIVE MEDICINE**  
**HONORING DAVID SERRANO SEWELL FOR HIS SERVICE TO**  
**THE CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE FOR REGENERATIVE MEDICINE,**  
**STEM CELL RESEARCH, AND CALIFORNIA PATIENTS**

WHEREAS, David Serrano Sewell is an experienced attorney, having served the City and County of San Francisco as a Deputy City Attorney since 2003, in which capacity he advises San Francisco International Airport on transactional, land use, permitting, and trust law;

WHEREAS, Mr. Serrano Sewell served as served as an aide to San Francisco Mayor Willie L. Brown, Jr., working on land use and permitting issues, participated in leadership roles in numerous political campaigns, and served as a member of the San Francisco Ethics and Elections commissions;

WHEREAS, Mr. Serrano Sewell is a respected attorney who earned his undergraduate degree from San Francisco State University, where he served as Student Body President in 1993, and his law degree from Golden Gate University, where he was awarded the Witkin and Cali Award in Federal Administrative Law;

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Governor Cruz Bustamante appointed Mr. Serrano Sewell to serve on the Governing Board of the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine in 2004 as a Patient Advocate Member of the Board for multiple sclerosis and amyotrophic lateral sclerosis;

WHEREAS, Mr. Serrano Sewell served as one of the original members of the Governing Board, helping to establish the policies and procedures that govern CIRM today and to guide the agency through numerous challenges, including litigation and a financial crisis that threatened CIRM's ability to pursue its mission;

WHEREAS, Mr. Serrano Sewell brought extensive knowledge of public law, advocacy skills honed as an attorney and in political campaigns, and insights as a patient advocate to CIRM in his role as a member of the Governing Board, as Vice Chair of the Facilities Working Group, and as a member of the Governance, Finance, and Evaluation Subcommittees;

WHEREAS, Mr. Serrano Sewell, in partnership with David Lichtenger, the Chair of the Facilities Working Group, led the Facilities Working Group and the Governing Board through the design and implementation of CIRM's Major Facilities Program, which resulted in the construction of 12 state of the art medical research facilities at nonprofit institutions across California, creating over 500,000 square feet of dedicated and shared research facilities that will house approximately 2,000 scientists, attracting nearly \$800 million in matching funds, and generating more than 13,000 job-years of employment in California;

WHEREAS, Mr. Serrano Sewell, together with Marcy Feit, served on a Board task force to work with the California State University and Community College systems to devise a stem cell research training program, which led to the creation and funding of the Bridges to Stem Cell Research Program, which has funded the training of approximately 750 of the best and brightest students from the California State University and Community College systems, laying the groundwork for future scientific and technical leadership;

WHEREAS, Mr. Serrano Sewell, through his legal experience, knowledge, and leadership contributed greatly to the momentum of discovery and the future therapies which will be the ultimate outcome of the dedicated work of the researchers receiving CIRM funding.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Board of the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine, on behalf of the people of the State of California, wishes to express its deepest gratitude to David Serrano Sewell, for his service on CIRM's Governing Board and for his dedication to the advancement of stem cell research and to the mission of finding therapies and cures for patients who suffer from chronic disease and injury and for their families.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman, Governing Board  
California Institute for Regenerative Medicine