

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CONTRA COSTA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
and for Special Districts, Agencies and Authorities Governed by the Board

Adopted this Resolution on 04/21/2009 by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:
RECUSE:



Resolution No. 2009/165

"Human Services in a Time of Economic Crisis"

WHEREAS, Contra Costa County has experienced a significant increase in the demand for human services as a result of the economic recession; and

WHEREAS, the California Association of Counties (CSAC) and the County Welfare Directors Association of California (CWDA) issued a detailed report on April 20, 2009, entitled "Human Services in a Time of Economic Crisis" that examines California's safety net programs and related economic benefits for communities;

WHEREAS, the same report demonstrates that cuts in state funding have required counties to make significant cuts to program operations which results in reduced access to services and delays in providing benefits to eligible individuals and families seeking help;

WHEREAS, the CSAC/CWDA report summaries the findings from a recent report from Beacon Economics that shows the human services programs stimulate the economy, and that investing in these programs substantially reduces the need for and cost of services;

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I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: April 21, 2009

David J. Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: , Deputy

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THEREFORE, the Employment and Human Services Department requests that the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors adopt the report from the Employment and Human Services Director that summarizes the findings from the CSAC/CWDA report entitled, "Human Services in a Time of Economic Crisis" and the local information contained in the Director's report regarding the increased demand for human services, specifically in Contra Costa County. FURTHERMORE, the Employment and Human Services Department requests that the Contra Costa Board of Supervisors urge the state legislature to maintain its funding for safety net programs during this time of economic crisis and treat counties as equal partners by assisting counties in meeting the increased demand for county administered human services.