

*The Board of Supervisors of  
Contra Costa County, California*

**In the matter of:**

**Resolution No. 2009/167**

**Honoring Sabiha Gokcen for her years of service to the Contra Costa County Hazardous Materials Commission and to Contra Costa County**

Whereas, Sabiha Gokcen joined the Contra Costa County Hazardous Materials Commission as a member of the public representing Communities for a Safer Environment in 1993, serving in that position for four years; and  
Whereas, in 1997, working for the Tosco Oil Refinery, Sabiha Gokcen continued her service on the Contra Costa County Hazardous Materials Commission representing the Contra Costa Taxpayers Association for two more four-year terms; and  
Whereas, Sabiha Gokcen participated in the activities and deliberations of the Contra Costa County Hazardous Materials Commission with passion, thoughtfulness, and caring for the health and well being of the residents of Contra Costa County; and  
Whereas, Sabiha Gokcen contributed substantially to the efforts of the Contra Costa County Hazardous Materials Commission, especially in the field of industrial safety, where her expertise and leadership helped craft a series of accident prevention and land use ordinances leading to the eventual adoption of Contra Costa County's landmark Industrial Safety Ordinance; and  
Whereas, Sabiha Gokcen was elected by her peers as Chairperson of the Commission from 2005 until 2008; and  
Whereas, Sabiha Gokcen led the Contra Costa County Hazardous Materials Commissions during her term as Chairperson in a fair and even-handed manner, creating an open and inclusive forum which encouraged a free exchange of ideas and consensus-based decision making; and  
Whereas, Sabiha Gokcen left the Contra Costa County Hazardous Materials Commission at the end of her last four-year term after 16 years of dedicated service;

THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CONTRA COSTA COUNTY HEREBY RESOLVES that Sabiha Gokcen be recognized on the occasion of her leaving the Contra Costa County Hazardous Materials Commission for her 16 years of contributions to the safe management of hazardous materials, and for her contributions to the protection of the health and well being of the people of Contra Costa County.

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**SUSAN A. BONILLA**

Chair,  
District IV Supervisor

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**JOHN GIOIA**

District I Supervisor

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**GAYLE B. UILKEMA**

District II Supervisor

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**MARY N. PIEPHO**

District III Supervisor

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**FEDERAL D. GLOVER**

District V Supervisor

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,

By: \_\_\_\_\_, Deputy