

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

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2011/469

Honoring McKinley Williams for his service in public education including as President of Contra Costa College and congratulating him on his retirement.

Whereas, McKinley "Mack" Williams was born in San Francisco and raised in the Richmond-San Pablo area, attending local schools and graduating from Richmond Union High School (now Richmond High); and

Whereas, McKinley Williams earned a BA degree in psychology, and an MA in Counseling from San Francisco State University; later attending the University of Colorado Boulder, where he earned a second MA in Clinical Psychology; and

Whereas, Mr. Williams taught ethnic studies courses at the University of Colorado in Boulder and Northern Colorado University in Fort Collins, then returning to the Bay Area where he worked as a marriage and family therapist in Berkeley and taught psychology courses at Merritt College in Oakland; and

Whereas, McKinley Williams became a full-time psychology professor at Merritt College in 1977, and was later promoted to Director of Research and Planning and then to Dean of Instruction at the College of Alameda, then Dean of Instruction at Merritt; and

Whereas, in 1990, McKinley Williams left the Peralta Community College District to become Dean of Instruction at Contra Costa College; returning to his childhood community; and

Whereas, McKinley Williams is active in the community in numerous ways, including serving on the School-to-Career Advisory Board for the West Contra Costa Unified School District, and on the boards of the Richmond Lions Club, and the Vision for Hope for Youth, among other activities; and

Whereas, McKinley Williams helped develop Contra Costa College's PACE programs for working adults and its Center for Science Excellence, and has played an active role in developing Middle College High School; and

Whereas, committed to making higher education accessible, McKinley Williams has worked hard to locate college classes in off-campus community sites. He's also worked closely with local school districts to develop bridge programs helping high school students enter higher education; and

Whereas, in 2006, McKinley Williams was appointed President of Contra Costa College, after serving for one year as interim President; and

Whereas, as President, he has stayed active in the community in a number of ways, including serving on the executive boards of the Richmond and San Pablo Chambers of Commerce; on the board of the Richmond Community Foundation, as a member of the Leadership Advisory Committee for El Cerrito High School, on the Commission on Athletics for California Community Colleges, and on the Executive Committee for the National Consortium for Middle College High Schools; and

Whereas, McKinley Williams is a sought-after speaker at civic and church events, a mentor for young people seeking higher education; and

Whereas, McKinley Williams is a passionate defender of expanding educational opportunities for all people, regardless of their income or educational level; and

Whereas, after decades of service, Mr. Williams will retire at the end of 2011.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County hereby congratulate McKinley Williams on his retirement as President of Contra Costa College and thank him for his years of inspirational leadership in community college education.

GAYLE B. UILKEMA

Chair,
District II Supervisor

JOHN GIOIA

District I Supervisor

MARY N. PIEPHO

District III Supervisor

KAREN MITCHOFF

District IV Supervisor

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: December 6, 2011

David J. Twa,

By: _____, Deputy