

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

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2013/64

Celebrating the opening of a RotoCare Free Clinic in Richmond.

Whereas, West Contra Costa County including the cities of Richmond and San Pablo have a significantly higher percentage of residents who are unemployment and/or living in poverty (24%) than the County as a whole (9%), or the state (13.7%); and

Whereas, the Managed Care Information Center (MCIC), a national data collection and analysis organization, estimates there are currently 154,000 uninsured individuals in Contra Costa County, and

Whereas, Employees today are paying on average 30% of their employer health coverage premiums or \$4,131 per year, and often cannot afford it; and

Whereas, Contra Costa Regional Medical Center's Emergency Department treats over 16,000 patients per year that could otherwise have been treated in nonemergency, and less costly settings, with many more similar patients being treated at area hospitals; and

Whereas, it is estimated that when the Affordable Care Act provisions go into effect in 2014, 41,000 Contra Costa County residents will lack health care coverage; and

Whereas, in the city of Richmond, rates of death from chronic health conditions are significantly higher than for Contra Costa County, and the State; and

Whereas, the RotaCare Richmond Free Medical Clinic, one of several Bay Area RotoCare free clinics, initially started by a local Rotarian, is dedicated to providing free primary health services to Contra Costa residents lacking health coverage, including those with chronic health conditions; and

Whereas, the goal of the RotaCare Richmond Clinic is to improve health and reduce health care costs related to obesity, diabetes, heart disease, asthma, and other chronic conditions; and

Whereas, the RotoCare Richmond Free Clinic opens in February 2013 on the site of Brighter Beginnings Strengthening Families, a nonprofit organization committed to improving infant and family health and well-being; and

Whereas, RotoCare clinics are run largely by volunteer health providers committed to community service; and funded by grants and donations, receiving no government support.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County honors the community service of RotoCare Free Clinics and welcomes the new clinic to Richmond.

FEDERAL D. GLOVER

Chair,
District V Supervisor

JOHN GIOIA
District I Supervisor

CANDACE ANDERSEN
District II Supervisor

MARY N. PIEPHO
District III Supervisor

KAREN MITCHOFF
District IV 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: February 5, 2013

David J. Twa,

By: _____, Deputy