

**PEOPLE WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE AWARDS 2015**  
**As approved by the Contra Costa County Alcohol and Other Drugs Advisory Board**

**VOLUNTEER INDIVIDUAL**

*District II - Supervisor Candace Andersen*

**HOLLY NOLAN**

Holly is a parent in the Lamorinda area and actively involved in the Lamorinda Alcohol Policy Coalition. Her efforts to help raise awareness about the dangers of Alcohol and Prescription Drugs are demonstrated through the submission of written communication to the Lafayette City Council. Holly was recently present at a City Council meeting during which the Council was discussing the issuance of an additional liquor license in the community. Holly was involved in the showing of "Out of Reach " to parents at Acalanes High School. She is a prime example of a community leader fighting to change community norms that contribute to underage drinking and substance abuse.

**NON-VOLUNTEER INDIVIDUAL**

*District IV- Supervisor Mitchoff*

**LEONARDO MARTINEZ**

Leonardo works as a counselor at Discovery House which is a substance abuse treatment residential facility for men. He also works very hard to end alcohol and drug addiction in the Homeless community. He has developed an early intervention program at the Concord Homeless Shelter an outcome of the Behavioral Health Division integration. This program introduces a variety of addiction and recovery programs including education groups, individual coaching and counseling. The purpose of serving Homeless clients is to engage them into treatment by meeting them where they are in regards to their own recovery process, as well as preventing relapse for those clients who are in transition from inpatient care while waiting for a permanent residence. He is making a difference to many people at the Homeless Shelter.

**NON-VOLUNTEER INDIVIDUAL**

*All Districts*

**MARY MC CLENDON**

Mary has been an assessment counselor for the ***SAMHWorks Wellness to Independence*** program since it began over 15 years ago, and she is now a lead supervisor counselor for this program. Most SAMHWorks clients are low-income parents of young children. Her responsibility includes to assess their substance abuse and mental health risks and to refer them to the most appropriate services. Mary is a valuable resource to other staff as well as clients. In her capacity as a lead supervisor counselor, she responds immediately whenever any CalWorks participant is in crisis. Mary meets with treatment providers to encourage referrals and to resolve challenges that might emerge in the program.

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**DON TATZIN**

Don Tazin is a member of the Lafayette City Council. He demonstrated his commitment to reducing Alcohol saturation in the community by alerting the Lamorinda Alcohol Policy Coalition Coordinator that Walgreens was requesting an alcohol license. He supported the community response to oppose the license by allowing additional speakers on the agenda.

While the council voted to issue the license, his efforts to protect the community continued after the license request was passed (3-2) when he encouraged other City Council members to submit a letter to the Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) requiring that alcohol products be placed on the back of the store. The City Council also requested that the Lafayette Police Department present a report regarding the enforcement of laws that prohibit providing alcohol to minors. The two stipulations would NOT have been included in the granting of the license if Don Tatzin had not actively advocated for them.

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**YOUTH LEADERSHIP GROUP**

*District V- Supervisor Federal Glover*

**JOHN SWETT HIGH SCHOOL FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE**

John Swett Friday Night Live (FNL) is focusing leadership efforts in the City of Rodeo to eliminate Alcopops. They have created a power point presentation describing how the marketing of such products is intended to lure and attract underage drinkers. In addition, FNL is actively creating awareness with fellow students, PTA and local merchants about the dangers of selling Alcopops in their community through news articles, conducting community assessments and developing a petition to stop Alcopops sales.

**NON VOLUNTEER GROUP**

*District I- Supervisor John Gioia*

**UJIMA WEST OUTPATIENT PROGRAM**

Ujima West in the Richmond area, offers perinatal substance abuse treatment to women in the community. The program provides a non-judgmental environment for women to treat the disease of addiction, offers education to sustain long term recovery, and support to regain self-confidence. They make a difference in the lives of the mothers and their children as well as entire family. With their strong Alumnae Group, Ujima West remains connected with graduates to help them stay clean and sober, thereby contributing to break the cycle of addiction.