

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

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2015/338

Support for the Zero: 2016 Campaign

Whereas, Zero: 2016 is a national campaign coordinated by Community Solutions to house all homeless veterans by the end of 2015, and all people who are chronically homeless by the end of 2016; and
Whereas, Contra Costa has joined more than 70 other communities across the U.S., all working to quickly and efficiently reduce the number of veterans and chronically homeless people to zero; and
Whereas, “zero” means that the number of veterans and chronically homeless individuals who are permanently housed each month in our county is equal to or greater than the number of veterans and chronically homeless individuals who are entering homelessness; and
Whereas, in Contra Costa County, 237 veterans and 763 chronically homeless individuals (people with disabilities who have been homeless repeatedly or for an extended period of time) need housing; and
Whereas homelessness affects every community in Contra Costa County, and that as community members, we all have a role in finding permanent housing solutions for residents in need; and
Whereas, by focusing on housing opportunities and helping to build strategic partnerships, we believe that we can provide homes to all of the homeless veterans and chronically homeless people in our county, and provide the services they need to remain housed; and
Whereas Contra Costa Council on Homelessness, Contra Costa Health Services, Contra Costa Interfaith Housing, Housing Authority of Contra Costa County, Multi-Faith ACTION Coalition, Richmond Community Foundation, SHELTER, Inc., and U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs are all active partners in the Contra Costa Zero:2016 campaign; and
Whereas, partners commit to working with the campaign and encouraging others to do so, lending their experience, knowledge and expertise about the resources within our communities that could be used to find permanent housing solutions; and
Whereas, we agree to help build a system that meets the housing need in Contra Costa County, and specifically within our own communities.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Supervisors does pledge to endorse the Contra Costa Zero: 2016 campaign, and to do its part to end veteran homelessness in our county by December 2015, and chronic homelessness by December 2016.

JOHN GIOIA

Chair,
District I Supervisor

CANDACE ANDERSEN

District II 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: September 15, 2015

David J. Twa,

By: _____, Deputy