

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

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2016/92

Recognizing Kiara Chatman, Chloe Dichoso and Madeline Zeiger for placing First, Second, and Third in the Contra Costa County “Poetry Out Loud” 2016 Competition.

WHEREAS, the members of the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County are pleased to extend congratulations to Kiara Chatman, Chloe Dichoso and Madeline Zeiger for placing first, second, and third in the Contra Costa County “Poetry Out Loud” 2016 Competition; and

WHEREAS, Kiara Chatman, a junior at Deer Valley High in Antioch, was awarded First Place, Chloe Dichoso, a junior from Salesian College Preparatory in Richmond, was awarded Second Place, and Madeline Zeiger, a senior from Las Lomas High in Walnut Creek, was awarded Third Place in the Contra Costa County “Poetry Out Loud” Competition on February 6, 2016, a competition which emphasizes language skills and public speaking; and

WHEREAS, over 2,500 students countywide memorized a poem for this year’s program, a program started by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) and run by the California Arts Council in the State and locally by the Arts and Culture Commission of Contra Costa County (AC5), to engage high school students in the presentation of poetry through memorization and performance; and

WHEREAS, this is Contra Costa County’s ninth year participating in the “Poetry Out Loud” competition; and

WHEREAS, students performed their recitations in front of an audience of over one hundred at the Las Lomas High School Theatre in Walnut Creek; and

WHEREAS, the pool of finalists included students from fifteen county high schools, including: Acalanes High in Lafayette, College Park High in Pleasant Hill, Deer Valley High in Antioch, El Cerrito High in El Cerrito, Independence High in Brentwood, Las Lomas High in Walnut Creek, Monte Vista High in Danville, Mt. Diablo High in Concord, Northgate High in Walnut Creek, Pittsburg High in Pittsburg, Truthtrackers Co-Op in Walnut Creek and Kennedy High, Making Waves Academy, Richmond High and Salesian College Preparatory, all in Richmond; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Chatman, Ms. Dichoso, and Ms. Zeiger gave extraordinary recitations along with a very competitive group of finalists; and

WHEREAS, the “Poetry Out Loud” program seeks to foster the next generation of literary readers by recognizing the latest trends in poetry: recitation and performance; and

WHEREAS, to excel as Ms. Chatman, Ms. Dichoso, and Ms. Zeiger have done, a young person must demonstrate, in addition to a great deal of natural ability, an outstanding spirit of dedication, enthusiasm and hard work.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California does hereby recognize Kiara Chatman, Chloe Dichoso and Madeline Zeiger for placing First, Second, and Third in the Contra Costa County “Poetry Out Loud” 2016 Competition and extend this expression of our pride in your accomplishments.

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Chair,
District II Supervisor

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District I Supervisor

MARY N. PIEPHO

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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: March 1, 2016

David J. Twa,

By: _____, Deputy