

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

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2016/83

Recognizing the Regional Center of the East Bay.

WHEREAS, the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors recognizes the Regional Center of the East Bay as it celebrates 40 years of providing essential and supportive services to people with developmental disabilities and their families. The Regional Center of the East Bay serves 18,500 residents from Alameda and Contra Costa Counties and is the fifth largest regional center in California; and

WHEREAS, due to the advocacy of people with developmental disabilities and their families, the Regional Center system was first created 50 years ago. The passage of the Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act guaranteed that people with developmental disabilities have the right to receive services and support that enable them to live more independent and productive lives in their local communities. The Regional Center of the East Bay has been responsible for coordinating such services since its founding; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Center of the East Bay is one of California's twenty-one Regional Centers that have a mandate to ensure that people with developmental disabilities can access services that are critical to maintaining their quality of life. This mandate has been confirmed numerous times by the California Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, since the passage of the Lanterman Act, the mission of Regional Centers has been refined and expanded to better meet the needs of people with developmental disabilities. The Regional Center of the East Bay serves adults and children with developmental disabilities, as well as individuals with a high risk of parenting a child with developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Center of the East Bay coordinates many services to meet the unique needs of people with developmental disabilities and their families. These include, but are not limited to, the provision of adaptive equipment, counseling, early intervention and prevention services, independent and supportive living services, mobility training, parental training, residential services, and specialized medical care; and

WHEREAS, Regional Centers require sufficient funding to carry out their missions as mandated by the State of California. Public investment in California Regional Centers, such as the Regional Center of the East Bay, is necessary in order to ensure quality service coordination to clients, to provide adequate provider reimbursement rates, to retain quality employees, and most importantly, to ensure the ongoing quality of care.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize and honor the Regional Center of the East Bay for decades of coordinating services for people with developmental disabilities and their families.

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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: March 15, 2016

David J. Twa,

By: _____, Deputy