

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

In the matter of:  
recognizing Samuel L. Shankland, Chess Champion.

Resolution No. 2016/563

Whereas, Samuel L. Shankland, son of Contra Costa County Superior Court Judge Leslie G. Landau was born in Berkeley, on October 1, 1991, and learned to play chess at the age of 6, but didn't play in his first tournament until the age of 10, receiving his early chess education from the Berkeley Chess School; and

Whereas, Sam began his rise to prominence in 2008, winning the Pacific Coast Open and the California State Championship. He made his international debut at the [World Youth Chess Championship](#) under-18 section, where he tied for first place; and

Whereas, In January, 2011, Sam earned the title of [Grandmaster](#) at the Berkeley International, he finished third in the 2011 [U.S. Chess Championship](#), in a playoff game, resulting in qualifying him for the 2011 [FIDE World Cup](#); in the [2011 World Cup](#), Sam defeated Hungarian super-grandmaster [Peter Leko](#) in the first round, but lost to [Abhijeet Gupta](#) in the second. Sam's victory over Leko in the first round was the biggest upset of the tournament; and

Whereas, In 2013, Sam made his debut for the US national team at the Pan-American Team Championship in [Campinas](#), Brazil, leading them to victory with a performance rating over 2800; At the [41st Chess Olympiad](#) in [Norway](#), Shankland took home gold for his performance as a reserve player. Going undefeated, he scored 9 points out of 10 games. On December 14, 2014, Sam broke into the top 100 chess players worldwide; and

Whereas, in September, 2016, Sam and the United States team bested 170 teams and won the 42nd World Chess Olympiad in Baku, Azerbaijan. At the closing ceremony they received the gold medals and Sam raised the Hamilton-Russell trophy that travels with every winning team until the next Olympiad.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors does hereby honor and congratulate SAM SHANKLAND on his remarkable and highly impressive Chess career.

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**CANDACE ANDERSEN**

Chair,  
District II Supervisor

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**JOHN GIOIA**  
District I Supervisor

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**MARY N. PIEPHO**  
District III Supervisor

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**KAREN MITCHOFF**  
District IV Supervisor

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**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: October 25, 2016

David J. Twa,

By: \_\_\_\_\_, Deputy