

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

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2018/567

Proclaiming November as Homelessness Awareness Month.

WHEREAS, the month of November is recognized as Homelessness Awareness Month in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the proclamation is to educate the public and advocate with and on behalf of people experiencing homelessness about the many reasons people are homeless, including the shortage of affordable housing in Contra Costa County; and to encourage support for homeless assistance service providers as well as community service opportunities for students and school service organizations; and
WHEREAS, there are over twenty organizations in Contra Costa committed to sheltering, providing supportive services, and/or basic resources to people experiencing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the Contra Costa County recognizes that homelessness continues to be a serious problem for many individuals and families in Contra Costa; and

WHEREAS, 6,407 individuals accessed homeless services in Contra Costa in 2017; and

WHEREAS, 469 families, including 903 minors, accessed homeless services in Contra Costa in 2017 ; and

WHEREAS, 57% of homeless veterans in Contra Costa (283 out of 495 homeless veterans) have been homeless for 12 months or more; and

WHEREAS there was a 99% increase in seniors (age 62+) accessing homeless services between 2013-2018 (249 more in 2017 than 2013) ; and

WHEREAS, Contra Costa has only 24% of shelter capacity needed for single adults; and

WHEREAS, in Contra Costa, renters need to earn 4.2 times the state minimum wage to afford the median monthly asking rent of \$2,300; and

WHEREAS, a report by California Housing Partnership in 2017 found that Contra Costa County needs over 30,000 more affordable rental homes to meet the needs of its lowest income renters;

¹ Annual Service Data, Contra Costa Health Services.

² Annual Service Data, Contra Costa Health Services.

³ Annual Service Data, Contra Costa Health Services.

⁴ Contra Costa Annual Service data, Contra Costa Health Services (2013-2018)

⁵ Contra Costa Point In Time Count, 2018, Contra Costa Health Services

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that Contra Costa County hereby proclaims November as Homelessness Awareness Month; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Contra Costa County encourages all residents to recognize that thousands of people in Contra Costa County do not have housing and need support from citizens and private/public nonprofit service entities.

KAREN MITCHOFF
Chair, District IV Supervisor

JOHN GIOIA
District I Supervisor

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District II Supervisor

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District III 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: November 13, 2018

David J. Twa,

By: _____, Deputy