

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

In the matter of:

**Resolution No. 2019/86**

**HONORING ROBERT SEWELL ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT**

Whereas, Robert (Bob) Sewell has been a member of Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 159 for nearly 40 years and has served as an officer of the Local for much of that time; and

Whereas, Bob is a second generation plumber, starting his apprenticeship with Local 159 in 1979 following in his father's footsteps as a union member; and

Whereas, Bob was elected to the position of Financial Secretary Treasurer for Local 159 in 2002 and has served as the Local's Business Manager since 2016; and

Whereas, Under Bob's leadership, the Local partnered with other local unions, participating in the negotiation of project labor agreements including the construction of thousands of residential units in Contra Costa County, with the work performed by local journeymen and apprentices paid a living wage with health and pension benefits; and

Whereas, Bob Sewell helped lead the way in collaborating with community organizations to encourage reasonable development and the mitigation of project impacts; and

Whereas, He has also concentrated his efforts in workforce training, first as a Local 159 apprentice instructor and more recently, chairing the Local's Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee

Whereas, After a devoted, long career of representing working people and helping younger generations achieve the living wages, job security and dignity of union careers, Robert Sewell is retiring.

That Contra Costa County honors and appreciates the lifelong work of Bobby Sewell in improving the lives of working men and women in our county and wishes him a healthy and enjoyable retirement.

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**JOHN GIOIA**

Chair, District I Supervisor

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**CANDACE ANDERSEN**

District II Supervisor

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**DIANE BURGIS**

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: March 19, 2019

David J. Twa,

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