

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

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2019/89

recognizing Darien Louie upon her retirement from the East Bay Economic Development Alliance.

Whereas, Darien Louie has over 39 years of experience in program development, fund development, economic development and community investment. Her background includes work in community non-profit, public sector and corporate partnership settings, and also experience as an entrepreneur; and

Whereas, Darien began her professional career as a secondary public school teacher and an educator specializing in the development of Vocational English as a Second Language (VESL) programs; she created the first accredited curriculum in bilingual VESL programs for adults for the Oakland Unified School District; and

Whereas, In April 2008, Darien joined the East Bay Community Foundation (EBCF) as their Director of Public & Private Partnerships, a new division she created, focused on engagement with business donors to help them with strategic philanthropy, introductions to community needs and resources, and opportunities for partnerships with public and nonprofit organizations. She leveraged millions of dollars in corporate and foundation monies to support East Bay communities, and she also created and managed the Foundation's Oakland Education Fund and provided fund development services for the Oakland Unified School District. At EBCF, Darien led regional workforce development research efforts and developed a nationally recognized sustainable homeownership program for low-to-moderate families; and

Whereas, In May 2013, Darien was "loaned" by the Foundation to the East Bay Economic Development Alliance to serve as its Interim Executive Director. In October 2013, Darien was offered the position on a permanent basis and managed the cross-sector organization with over 105-member organizations from the private, public and nonprofit sectors, representing over 800 individual regional leaders; and

Whereas, Darien's awards and recognitions are numerous; they include Alameda County's Woman of the Year for Assembly District 16, Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition from Congresswoman Barbara Lee, City of Oakland Proclamation for "Darien Louie Day" from Mayor Jerry Brown, East Bay Asian Local Development Corporation Community Award, Oakland Chinese Community Council Kenneth Hoh Award for Community Service, Oakland Mayor's Summer Jobs Program Volunteer Leadership Award from Mayor Jerry Brown, Inner City Leadership Award from Inner City Advisors, Oakland Chinatown Chamber of Commerce Community Recognition Award, and several more including numerous recognition awards from Wells Fargo; and

Whereas, Darien has been an outstanding leader for East Bay EDA and has led the organization to a new level with increased membership, sponsorships, and events such as the East Bay Innovation Awards. Those affiliated with East Bay EDA question whether she ever sleeps, as her exceptional attention to detail results in emails sent at

all hours of the night.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby honor and thank Darien Louie For her dedicated commitment to the betterment of the community and the Bay Area.

JOHN GIOIA

Chair, District I Supervisor

CANDACE ANDERSEN

District II Supervisor

DIANE BURGIS

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 19, 2019

David J. Twa,

By: _____, Deputy