

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

**In the matter of:**

**Resolution No. 2019/161**

**Honoring the East Bay Center for Performing Arts of Richmond, California on its 50th Anniversary**

WHEREAS, East Bay Center for the Performing Arts (the Center) is a California nonprofit public benefit corporation that has been in existence and active in Contra Costa County since 1968/69, that offers programs and training in theater, music and dance; and

Whereas, East Bay Center for the Performing Arts engages youth and young adults in imagining and creating new worlds for themselves and new visions for their communities through the inspiration and discipline of rigorous training in world performance traditions; and

Whereas, this year, 2019, East Bay Center for the Performing Arts is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a community-based arts center located in Richmond's Iron Triangle neighborhood, the Center has become an anchor institution in this ethnically diverse city, providing outstanding opportunities for artistic training, exploration, and development to generations of residents; and

Whereas, the core values of the Center are to improve the lives of Contra Costa County youth, increase their self-esteem and nurture parental, family, and civic involvement in their education; and, the Center believes that providing children and families with a safe, professional space for relevant artistic and community-building programs is vitally important to the success of these objectives; and

Whereas, the Center offers a holistic, cross-cultural, cross-disciplinary approach that reflects the best practices in arts programming for young people, and affirms our faith in the capacity of art to cultivate the beauty, ability, and potential that resides in each of us; and

Whereas, each year the Center serves 600 students in 85 free or low-cost performing arts classes at the Winters Building main site, and another 3,500 students in 89 classrooms in 15 schools and community centers in Richmond; and

Whereas, East Bay Center for Performing Arts provides robust programming at its beautiful home in the renovated Winters Building in downtown Richmond and through outreach to schools and community programs; and

Whereas, the Center's programs include its tuition-free, year-round, six-year, comprehensive performing arts training program, Young Artist Diploma Program, to 130 students each year; and

Whereas, the Center also provides student support services to all students, with a focus on the Young Artist Diploma students, which includes special groups (Living Loud! and Students Leadership Council), academic tutoring, college prep, and career training through internships; and

Whereas, East Bay Center for the Performing Arts, reaches local audiences of 20,000 through in-house programs, as well as “Call & Response” performances at community gatherings, festivals, and celebrations by the Center’s nine resident performing companies: West African Music & Dance Ensemble, Son de la Tierra (Mexican music & dance), Mien Legends (Mien music & dance), Bloco Steel Drum Band, Iron Triangle Theater, Richmond Chamber Ensemble, Iron Triangle Urban Ballet, Richmond Jazz Collective, and Voices of Reason.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Contra Costa Board of Supervisors does hereby honor the Board of Directors, faculty, and staff of the East Bay Center for the Performing Arts for their long-standing contributions to the County and its citizens, and congratulate them on their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and declare May 11 as “East Bay Center for the Performing Arts Community Celebration” day.

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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:   May 7, 2019

David J. Twa,

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