

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

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2019/576

Honoring Joan Carpenter in her retirement after 21 years of service.

Whereas, Joan Carpenter grew up in West Contra Costa, and is a graduate of El Cerrito High School, Contra Costa College and UC-Berkeley, where she earned a B.A in economics; and

Whereas, Joan Carpenter was one of the first staff members hired by Contra Costa Supervisor John Gioia when he was elected in 1998 and continues working for him focusing primarily on issues pertaining to seniors, the faith community, homelessness, health disparities, HIV/AIDS, infants, civic engagement and the cities of Richmond and El Cerrito; and

Whereas, Joan Carpenter is a devoted West County community activist who has served on numerous boards including the Contra Costa Home Health Agency Advisory Board, the West Contra Costa School District School Attendance Review Board, the Rehabilitation Services of Northern California Executive Board, Mt. Diablo Rehabilitation Center, and the Soroptimist Club of El Cerrito. She currently serves on the Executive Board of the West Contra Costa League of Women Voters, California Alliance for Retired Americans, founding member of the Juneteenth Celebration, Founding Member of the West County Democratic Club, the Contra Costa County Democratic Central Committee, and the National Women's Political Caucus of California; and

Whereas, Before working for Supervisor Gioia, Joan Carpenter worked in conflict resolution and mediation, including administering a Contra Costa mediation program that offered a range of services for residents, businesses, and government agencies. She has certificates in mediation and arbitration; and

Whereas, Joan Carpenter is a strong, passionate advocate for her community and neighbors, especially for the underserved and those who face challenges advocating for themselves; and

WHEREAS, Joan Carpenter helped establish viable community services, powerful coalitions and community partnerships in the West County as Senior District Coordinator for Supervisor John Gioia, she has been instrumental in building constituent relations and linkages for support services in West Contra Costa County, organized townhalls, coordinated legislative visits for senior groups, threw community baby showers for low income mothers, served on committee for elections outreach and assisted constituents in resolving their cases on various issues; and

Whereas, Joan Carpenter credits her mother, Joyce Anderson, as her inspiration for public service. Joyce, who was active in Richmond civic affairs, was a nurse and family nurse practitioner for 35 years who ran the first clinic in West Contra Costa County; and

Whereas, Joan Carpenter, a resident of El Cerrito, is the loving mother of Charles Adam Keeton, mother-in-law of LaVern Keeton, and grandmother of Brandi, Lance, and Chuckie Keeton.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby honor and thank Joan Carpenter for her devoted service to the citizens of West Contra Costa County for 21 years.

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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: September 24, 2019

David J. Twa,

By: _____, Deputy