

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

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2019/613

**Contra Costa County Cities Citizen Corp CERT Committee Award for Outstanding
Community Impact**

Whereas, The network of CERT programs in this County came into existence through a grass roots workgroup that represented cities, fire districts and local communities named “Contra Costa County Cities Citizen Corp CERT Committee” or C-8; and
Whereas, The regional connection has allowed for greater funding opportunities, shared organized training and education on CERT topics and in the last several years C-8 has expanded its membership to include CERT programs from Alameda and Solano Counties, increasing collaboration and better training opportunities to serve the greater Bay Area; and

Whereas, C-8's regional approach has yielded additional standardization of training, shared equipment, resources and joint disaster exercises amongst the cities and each disaster exercise conducted in the Fall and Spring generally serves 100 new graduates supporting seven incorporated and unincorporated areas of the County; and

Whereas, Because of C-8's regional approach The San Ramon Valley Fire District created an emergency training program for Community Care and Intermediate Care Facilities, this program involved CERT groups helping train the care home staffs of these facilities serving the elderly and, the CERT groups partnered with the County Public Health Department to distribute training materials to these facilities in West, Central, South and East County areas; and

Whereas, C-8 was also instrumental in supporting the Contra Costa County Animal Disaster Response Team (CART) program, the CART training program educates volunteers about animals' responses during a disaster, and how to care and shelter animals in evacuation shelter, many of the volunteers in this program have deployed to the multiple north state fires and evacuations in the past two years to serve animals in sheltering feeding and care; and

Whereas, After CERT members graduate from their basic 20 hours of training, they are encouraged to further their training by becoming Amateur Radio Operators, Red Cross Shelter workers, taking CERT Traffic Control Class and joining the Contra Costa CART; and

Whereas, C-8 has helped to get Spanish CERT out to many areas of the County, the program called Listos, which is an abbreviated CERT training fills a gap that existed delivering emergency preparedness training to the Hispanic Community, Listos training is being pushed out countywide followed by Spanish CERT programs currently in three cities; and

Whereas, CERT C-8 received the Outstanding Community Impact Award from the State of California Office of Volunteers, which was given to members of the C-8 at the National CERT Conference this past June in San Diego in recognition of C-8 for their expansion of services to the citizens in emergency preparedness training throughout the County; and

Whereas, The C-8 currently has 70 members from throughout the region and all the cities in the County are represented including County Animal Services, the County

Office of Emergency Services, County Fire, local refineries, the Community Colleges District, County Health Services, American Red Cross, Alameda County Fire, Vacaville Fire, and the City of Marin CERT.

The Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize C-8 for their outstanding work in emergency preparedness and as awardee of the Outstanding Community Impact from the California Office of Volunteers, Office of the Governor of the State of California.

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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: October 22, 2019

David J. Twa,

By: _____, Deputy