

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

In the matter of:

**Resolution No. 2020/66**

**Recognizing Grace Gilroy, Lily Johnstone, and Kyla Watkins for placing First, Second, and Third in the Contra Costa County “Poetry Out Loud” 2020 Competition.**

WHEREAS, the members of the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County are pleased to extend congratulations to Grace Gilroy, Lily Johnstone, and Kyla Watkins for placing first, second, and third in the Contra Costa County “Poetry Out Loud” 2020 Competition; and

WHEREAS, Grace Gilroy, a senior at San Ramon Valley High in Danville, was awarded First Place, Lily Johnstone, a senior at Pinole Valley High in Pinole, was awarded Second Place, and Kyla Watkins, a junior at Las Lomas High in Walnut Creek, was awarded Third Place in the Contra Costa County “Poetry Out Loud” Competition on February 8, 2020, a competition which emphasizes language skills and public speaking; and

WHEREAS, over 3,000 students countywide memorized a poem for this year’s program, a program started by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) and run by the California Arts Council in the State and locally by the Arts and Culture Commission of Contra Costa County (AC5), to engage high school students in the presentation of poetry through memorization and performance; and

WHEREAS, this is Contra Costa County’s thirteenth year participating in the “Poetry Out Loud” competition; and

WHEREAS, students performed their recitations in front of an audience of over one hundred and fifty at the Village Theater in Danville; and

WHEREAS, the pool of finalists included students from the following fourteen high schools in the County: College Park High in Pleasant Hill, Deer Valley High in Antioch, El Cerrito High in El Cerrito, Independence High in Brentwood, John Henry High in Richmond, John Swett High in Crockett, Kennedy High in Richmond, Las Lomas High in Walnut Creek, Monte Vista High in Danville, Mt. McKinley High in Martinez, Pinole Valley High in Pinole, Prospects High in Antioch, Salesian College Preparatory in Richmond, and San Ramon Valley High in Danville; and

WHEREAS, Grace Gilroy, Lily Johnstone, and Kyla Watkins gave extraordinary recitations along with a very competitive group of finalists; and

WHEREAS, the “Poetry Out Loud” program seeks to foster the next generation of literary readers by recognizing the latest trends in poetry: recitation and performance; and

WHEREAS, to excel as winners of this year's competition have, a young person must demonstrate, in addition to a great deal of natural ability, an outstanding spirit of dedication, enthusiasm and hard work.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California does hereby recognize Grace Gilroy, Lily Johnstone, and Kyla Watkins for placing First, Second, and Third in the Contra Costa County “Poetry Out Loud” 2020 Competition and extend this expression of pride in their accomplishments.

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Chair, District II 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: February 25, 2020

David J. Twa,

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