

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

In the matter of:

**Resolution No. 2020/345**

**Recognizing David Twa upon his retirement as the Contra Costa County Administrator**

Whereas, Contra Costa County was fortunate to bring David Twa to California as its County Administrator, and prior to his appointment in 2008, he spent decades in county administration in Minnesota; after coming to Contra Costa, he quickly established himself as a well-respected executive, leader and advisor to the Board of Supervisors, employees, and County Administrator peers across the State of California; and

Whereas, While serving as an appointee of the Board of Supervisors, David Twa has overseen the successful implementation of their goals and policies, and has been in charge of managing and the overall responsibility of more than 10,000 employees and a county budget of \$3.8 Billion; and

Whereas, one of David's greatest talents shared with the Board, peers, and employees has been his steady, measured approach to virtually every issue that he encounters, which comes from his decades of experience and having the ability to maintain significant composure and presence; the outcome being that his advice and direction on issues was rarely challenged, a testament to the value placed upon his opinions, and trust in his oversight; and

Whereas, David has always encouraged and been supportive of County personnel to attend trainings or participate in other career development opportunities, playing a key role in making opportunities available to County staff, in 2014 he helped establish the Contra Costa Local Government Leadership Academy, and in 2015 he arranged for the CSAC Institute to bring the credentialed California County Senior Executive Program directly to Contra Costa County; and

Whereas, David has participated and assisted in numerous activities to introduce public administration to the next generation of leaders including the "So you want to be the CAO?" course hosted by CSAC and the CAOAC, volunteer lecturing in public administration courses at California State University, East Bay, and mentoring his staff and others throughout California; and

Whereas, One of David's primary goals, in concert with the Board of Supervisors, upon his arrival to Contra Costa County was to achieve a AAA bond rating for the County; in December of 2013, the County was awarded a AAA bond rating by Standard & Poor's, a significant accomplishment, not just because of the difficulty of achieving a AAA rating, but doing so in the greatest economic downturn since the Great Depression; and

Whereas, David Twa has been responsible for the overall administration of 24 departments, agencies and special districts, including six elected Department Heads, ensuring that the million plus Contra Costa residents receive taxpayer supported

programs, ranging from Airports to Zoning; and

Whereas, David Twa’s respected leadership and his long-term positive accomplishments for Contra Costa County have brought him praise as a role model for others, and the name David Twa has become synonymous with the term “County Administrator.”

Whereas, David is wished all the best as he returns to Minnesota to join his family. that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby honor and thank David Twa for years of dedication and loyalty to the residents of Contra Costa County and to the employees of Contra Costa County.

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**CANDACE ANDERSEN**  
Chair, District II Supervisor

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**JOHN GIOIA**  
District I 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: December 15, 2020

David J. Twa,

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