

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

In the matter of:

**Resolution No. 2021/89**

**Recognizing Jermaine Gitana, Esmeralda Noyola, and Tessa Brubaker for placing First, Second, and Third in the Contra Costa County “Poetry Out Loud” 2021 Competition.**

WHEREAS, the members of the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County are pleased to extend congratulations to Jermaine Gitana, Esmeralda Noyola, and Tessa Brubaker for placing first, second, and third in the Contra Costa County “Poetry Out Loud” 2021 Competition; and

WHEREAS, Jermaine Gitana, a senior at Pinole Valley High in Pinole, was awarded First Place, Esmeralda Noyola, a junior at Deer Valley High in Antioch, was awarded Second Place, and Tessa Brubaker, a junior at San Ramon Valley High in Danville, was awarded Third Place in the Contra Costa County “Poetry Out Loud” Competition on February 11, 2021, a competition which emphasizes language skills and public speaking; and

WHEREAS, "Poetry Out Loud" is 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 fourteenth year participating in the “Poetry Out Loud” competition; and

WHEREAS, students recitations were viewed at the Virtual Screening and Awards Ceremony Facebook Live event which were watched by almost one thousand viewers; and

WHEREAS, the pool of finalists included students from the following seven high schools in the County: Concord High School, San Ramon Valley High School, John Henry High School, College Park High School; Prospects High School, Deer Valley High School and Pinole Valley High School.

WHEREAS, Jermaine Gitana, Esmeralda Noyola, and Tessa Brubaker 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 Jermaine Gitana, Esmeralda Noyola, and Tessa Brubaker for placing First, Second, and Third in the Contra Costa County “Poetry Out Loud” 2021 Competition and extend this expression of pride in their accomplishments.

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**DIANE BURGIS**

Chair, District III Supervisor

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**CANDACE ANDERSEN**

District I Supervisor

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**KAREN MITCHOFF**  
District IV Supervisor

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: March 23, 2021

Monica Nino, County Administrator

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