

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

In the matter of:

**Resolution No. 2021/214**

In the Matter of recognizing the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Contra Costa County

WHEREAS, the mission of CASA is to recruit, train, and support volunteer advocates as a powerful voice for the best interest of abused and neglected children during the court process, in order to help every child ultimately thrive in a stable and permanent home; and

WHEREAS, CASA was founded in 1981 through the leadership of Judge Richard Patsey as Court Appointed Special Representatives (CASR) of Contra Costa County, was one of the first four CASA organizations; and

WHEREAS, CASR became Court Appointed Special Advocates of Contra Costa County in 2001; and

WHEREAS for many years, CASA served 140 to 155 children a year, which is about 15% of the 1,200 children in foster care in Contra Costa County; and

WHEREAS, since 2016, the number of youth and children served by CASA volunteers has grown exponentially with the goal of reaching 400 individuals served every year; and

WHEREAS, through their service and commitment, volunteers trained by CASA have helped to restore hope in the lives of children and youth; and

WHEREAS, CASA volunteers advocate one-on-one for children and youth in foster care to make sure they do not get lost in the legal system or languish in an inappropriate placement; and

WHEREAS, CASA volunteers visit weekly with the child or youth, and maintain ongoing communication with all parties involved in the case and help reduce delays and continuances and stay with each case until it is closed and the child or youth is placed in a safe, permanent home.

Now Therefore be it Resolved that the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors recognizes the dedication and hard work of the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Contra Costa County in supporting the foster youth in our community.

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**DIANE BURGIS**

Chair, District III Supervisor

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District I Supervisor

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District II 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: August 10, 2021

Monica Nino, County Administrator

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