

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

In the matter of:

**Resolution No. 2021/244**

In the Matter of Recognizing Tom Aswad for his Service to Contra Costa County

WHEREAS, Tom Aswad has served Contra Costa County as the District 4 representative to the Alcohol and Other Drugs Advisory Board for 22 years, being first appointed by the Board of Supervisors in 1992; and

WHEREAS, over his 22 years as a member of the Alcohol and Other Drugs Advisory Board, Tom brought an insightful and inclusive voice to the board creating strong partnerships and important advancements for the recovery community relative to homeless, adolescent treatment, needle exchanges, and treatment in prison; and

WHEREAS, Tom has tirelessly advocated for and represented the needs and experience of the recovery community, and has helped forge critical new services and opportunities for people who are in recovery or seeking recovery services; and

WHEREAS, Tom's advocacy at the County HIV Prevention Planning group helped create needle exchange services, and in founding the Sober Loving Task Force of Contra Costa County, Tom helped to bring forward the construction of the new Gayle Uilkema House transitional living facility in Martinez; and

Whereas, Tom co-founded Support 4 Recovery in 2007, and continues to serve as a board member and Chief Financial officer for the organization which has grown to serve thousands of community members and clients with essential and transformational services; and

Whereas, through his leadership as an advocate for the recovery community, Tom was instrumental in the creation of the Discovery House, a 41 bed men's residential treatment program that has been an essential part of the array of recovery services in Contra Costa County; and

Whereas, our community has benefited greatly from Tom Aswad's enduring service, and the many policy and programmatic improvements that he has advanced in his years of dedication to this cause.

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors recognizes Tom Aswad upon his retirement from the Alcohol and Other Drugs Advisory Board, for his tireless service to the County over 22 years and his many profound contributions to our community.

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**DIANE BURGIS**

Chair, District III Supervisor

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**JOHN GIOIA**

District I Supervisor

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**CANDACE ANDERSEN**

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: September 7, 2021

Monica Nino, County Administrator

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