

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

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2021/366

Declaring November as Homelessness Awareness month in Contra Costa County.

WHEREAS, the month of November is recognized as Homelessness Awareness Month in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the proclamation is to educate the public and advocate with and on behalf of people experiencing homelessness about the many reasons people are homeless, including the shortage of affordable housing in Contra Costa County; and to encourage support for homeless assistance service providers as well as community service opportunities for students and school service organizations; and

WHEREAS, there are over twenty organizations in Contra Costa committed to sheltering, providing supportive services, and/or basic resources to people experiencing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, Contra Costa County recognizes that homelessness continues to be a serious problem for many individuals and families in Contra Costa; and

WHEREAS, 9,767 individuals accessed homeless services in Contra Costa in 2020; and

WHEREAS there was a 9% increase in households served between 2018 and 2020; and

WHEREAS, there was a 42% increase in the number of days homeless from 546 days to 776 days between 2018 and 2020; and

WHEREAS, 14% of the households in the CoC were families with children; and

WHEREAS, 37% of the individuals were Black/African American; 4x the percent in the county population; and

WHEREAS, 7% of the individuals were American Indian/Alaskan Native; 7x the percent in the county population; and

WHEREAS there was a 50% increase in people aged 62+ between 2018 and 2020; and

WHEREAS, over half (53%) of households across all CoC programs reported having a disabling condition; and

WHEREAS, one quarter of people in crisis response programs have experienced domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, 2,538 households exited to or maintained permanent housing during 2020; and

WHEREAS, the coroner reported 100 people from the homeless community who passed away during calendar year 2020, a 49% increase from 2019 and an 82% since 2018; and

WHEREAS, In Contra Costa, Renters in Contra Costa County need to earn \$37.54 per hour - 2.5 times the City of Richmond minimum wage - to afford the average monthly asking rent of \$1,952; and

WHEREAS, 27,709 low-income renter households in Contra Costa County do not have access to an affordable home; and

1. Contra Costa County Homeless Continuum of Care 2018 Annual Report, p.5, <https://cchealth.org/h3/coc/pdf/Annual-Report-2020.pdf>
2. Ibid, p. 5
3. Ibid, p. 7
4. Ibid, p. 6
5. Ibid, p. 6
6. Ibid, p. 6
7. Ibid, p. 6
8. Ibid, p. 7
9. Ibid, p. 60
10. Ibid, p. 63
11. Ibid, p. 7
12. Contra Costa 2021 Affordable Housing Needs Report, https://1p08d91kd0c03rlxhmtydpr-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Contra-Costa_Housing_Report.pdf
13. Ibid

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Contra Costa County hereby proclaims November as Homelessness Awareness Month. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Contra Costa County encourages all residents to recognize that thousands of people in Contra Costa do not have housing and need support from government, citizens and private/public nonprofit service entities to address the myriad challenges of homelessness.

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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: November 9, 2021

Monica Nino, County Administrator

By: _____, Deputy