

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

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2022/66

Recognizing former Contra Costa County Health Officer, Dr. Chris Farnitano, for over 30 years of service caring for Contra Costa County residents.

WHEREAS, Dr. Chris Farnitano has spent his entire career providing compassionate and dedicated care to the people of Contra Costa County; and
WHEREAS, he completed his family medicine residency at Merrithew Memorial Hospital (now Contra Costa Regional Medical Center) in 1994 and has served on the medical staff of Contra Costa Health Services ever since; and
WHEREAS, following the completion of his medicine residency, Dr. Farnitano began his career as a family physician at the Pittsburg Health Center; and
WHEREAS, he helped to found Contra Costa County's first HIV medicine clinic at Pittsburg Health Center in 1997; and
WHEREAS, his career has included extensive experience in hospital care, obstetrics, emergency medicine and outpatient care; and
WHEREAS, he has held several leadership roles with Contra Costa Health Services, including Assistant Residency Program Director, Family Medicine Department Chair, Ambulatory Care Medical Director, and Director of Process Redesign and System Integration; and
WHEREAS, during his time as Ambulatory Care Medical Director, the Health Services Department opened four new community health centers and implemented a modern electronic medical record system; and
WHEREAS, he participated in the Institute for Health Care Improvement (IHI) Patient Safety Executive Development Program and was a National Association of Public Hospitals (NAPH) Fellow; and
WHEREAS, he has served as a board member for the Contra Costa Regional Health Foundation since 2020; and
WHEREAS, Dr. Farnitano has been a Commissioner of First Five Contra Costa Children and Families Commission since 2018 and championed its vision that all of Contra Costa's young children should be healthy, ready to learn, and supported in safe, nurturing families and communities; and
WHEREAS, Dr. Farnitano served as a deputy health officer for Contra Costa County since 2015 and as the County Health Officer since 2018, while maintaining a family medicine and HIV medicine practice at the Pittsburg and Brentwood Health Centers; and
WHEREAS, in his role as Health officer, he helped to lead Contra Costa County's planning efforts to protect the public from and respond to natural disasters and other health emergencies; and
WHEREAS, during the past two years, Dr. Farnitano has capably led Contra Costa County's pandemic response and courageously enacted health policies that have saved hundreds, if not thousands, of lives in our County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes and honors Dr. Chris Farnitano for over 30 years of dedicated public service, and gives its full appreciation for his commitment to the people of Contra Costa County upon his retirement.

KAREN MITCHOFF

Chair, District IV Supervisor

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District I Supervisor

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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 1, 2022

Monica Nino, County Administrator

By: _____, Deputy