

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

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2022/92

Recognizing Blessing Mahati, Kate Honsik, and Madeline Abellera for placing First, Second, and Third in the Contra Costa County “Poetry Out Loud” 2022 Competition.

WHEREAS, the members of the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County are pleased to extend congratulations to Blessing Mahati, Kate Honsik, and Madeline Abellera for placing first, second, and third in the Contra Costa County “Poetry Out Loud” 2022 Competition; and WHEREAS, Blessing Mahati, a senior at Pinole Valley High in Pinole, was awarded First Place, Kate Honsik, a junior at San Ramon Valley High in Danville, was awarded Second Place, and Madeline Abellera, a junior at Las Lomas High School in Walnut Creek, was awarded Third Place in the Contra Costa County “Poetry Out Loud” Competition on February 10, 2022, 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, to engage high school students in the presentation of poetry through memorization and performance; and WHEREAS, this is Contra Costa County’s fifteenth year participating in the “Poetry Out Loud” competition; and WHEREAS, students' recitations were performed at the Virtual Screening and Awards Ceremony Facebook Live event which was watched by almost three hundred viewers; and WHEREAS, the pool of finalists included students from the following five high schools in the County: Independence High School, Las Lomas High School, Monte Vista High School, Pinole Valley High School, and San Ramon Valley High School. WHEREAS, Blessing Mahati, Kate Honsik, and Madeline Abellera 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 as these winners 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 Blessing Mahati, Kate Honsik, and Madeline Abellera for placing First, Second, and Third in the Contra Costa County “Poetry Out Loud” 2022 Competition and extend this expression of pride in their accomplishments.

KAREN MITCHOFF

Chair, District IV 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 22, 2022

Monica Nino, County Administrator

By: _____, Deputy