

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

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2022/109

the matter of recognizing Seena Farhadi as the 2022 Youth Hall of Fame Awardee for Leadership & Civic Engagement

WHEREAS, every March, the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors hosts a celebration in honor of César E. Chávez in recognition of his commitment to social justice and respect for human dignity; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme is *Advancing Our Generations with Unity – Avanzando Nuestras Generaciones con Unidad*; and

WHEREAS, we take this opportunity to share stories of local students who are working hard to move us forward and improve the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, we recognize these students with the Youth Hall of Fame Awards during the celebration for their contributions to our community and in the spirit of one of our country's most treasured activists: César E. Chávez; and

WHEREAS, the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors is proud to recognize Seena Farhadi, a 12th grader from Northgate High School; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, Seena created the Learning Enrichment Assistance Program (LEAP), which connects high school students with at-risk middle school students for academic tutoring. The program was adopted by the Mt. Diablo Unified School District and its first year coincided with the first virtual school year during the COVID-19 Pandemic. The program was successful, and tutors reported developing good rapport with their students whose grades improved; and

WHEREAS, over the summer, Seena hosted two camps for middle schoolers experiencing homelessness. The first discussed mental health and bullying, and the second discussed high school and college preparedness; and

WHEREAS, LEAP resumed in the 2021-2022 school year with 31 high school students tutoring 6th-8th grade students identified as unhoused and/or foster youth students having one or more D's/F's; and

WHEREAS, Seena has worked with Foundations to purchase and donate gift cards, backpacks filled with school supplies and hygiene kits for families experiencing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, he also worked with Build-a-Bear to distribute toys to homeless and foster youth students during the holiday season; and

WHEREAS, in addition to LEAP, Seena is the current Chair of the Walnut Creek Youth Leadership Commission, which he joined as a sophomore; and

WHEREAS, MDUSD is proud to continue LEAP as Seena prepares to graduate this year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors recognizes Seena Farhadi as the 2022 Youth Hall of Fame Awardee for Leadership & Civic Engagement, and for exemplifying the values of service, integrity, kindness, activism, and leadership that César Chávez embodied through his life.

KAREN MITCHOFF

Chair, District IV Supervisor

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District III 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 29, 2022

Monica Nino, County Administrator

By: _____, Deputy