

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

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2022/113

In the matter of recognizing Krish Veluthakkal as the 2022 Youth Hall of Fame Awardee for Rising Star 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 Rising Star Awards are awarded to middle school students; and

WHEREAS, the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors is proud to recognize Krish Veluthakkal, a 6th grader at Sequoia Middle School; and

WHEREAS, his interest in civic engagement began when he was 8-years-old and wrote a letter to the Mayor of Concord. He was concerned that the lack of adequate lighting at the Diablo Creek Golf Course parking lot was contributing to car break-ins; and

WHEREAS, the mayor acted on his request and this instilled the belief and confidence in Krish that anyone, despite their age, can make a difference in their community; and

WHEREAS, Krish runs a math education program that incorporates basketball statistics called MathHoops. MathHoops is usually delivered through schools, but Krish's elementary school was not able to participate. Krish took the initiative to assemble his friends and other kids from the community to participate in this program by getting together once a week at the Pleasant Hill Library; and

WHEREAS, currently, Krish is working as an educator with Learn Fresh, a non-profit dedicated to enhancing students' STEM and social-emotional achievement through sports and entertainment; and

WHEREAS, Krish also played an active role in convincing the Professional Golfers' Association (PGA) to bring their PGA Jr League program to a public golf course in Contra Costa. Previously, this program was only available at private golf courses; and

WHEREAS, Krish writes letters to State legislators to advocate for municipal golf courses and the importance of golf being accessible to a diverse constituency; and

WHEREAS, he also volunteers as a junior coach with First Tee of Contra Costa.

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

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Chair, District IV Supervisor

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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: March 29, 2022

Monica Nino, County Administrator

By: _____, Deputy