

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

**In the matter of:
Honoring Bill Pelter**

Resolution No. 2023/101

Whereas, on March 14, 2023, this planet lost an angel on earth, Bill Pelter was one of the most kind and relentless advocates I have ever known, injustice disturbed his inner core and he saw each and every human as someone of value to honor and love, and

Whereas, Bill spent decades working in the service of people with disabilities, including working for the Independent Living Resources of Solano & Contra Costa Counties and in the late 1990s, really began to focus his energy on serving the developmental disability community, he went to work for the Cerebral Palsy Center of the Bay Area (now Ability Now Bay Area) in 1999 where he was the Assistant Executive Director, he worked to modernize the culture and create a truly person centered, choice, and self-determination model where everyone experienced honor, dignity and the love of staff and community, and

Whereas, in addition to his employment, Bill served on a variety of boards and commissions to bring this voice of human value, inclusion and love to all bodies serving this community, he served as the Oakland Mayor's appointee on the Commission on Persons with Disabilities from 2012-2015, additionally, he served as the President of the Developmental Disabilities Council of Alameda County in 2015, Bill received a California Assembly Certificate of Recognition for service to improve the quality of life for people with disabilities in 2015 and in that same year, the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Alameda County Developmental Disabilities Planning and Advisory Council, in 2016, he was honored with a California Senate Certificate of Recognition and Lifetime Achievement Award for Advocacy & Support of Developmental Disabilities Community, and

Whereas, Bill was relentless in his pursuit to ensure people with developmental disabilities could have meaningful employment and to that end, he immersed himself in advocacy, he became the President of the Board at HireAble and was a founding member of the East Bay Employment Taskforce focused on increasing the number of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) in the workforce, he led the Ability Now Bay Area team that developed the first self-employment program for I/DD consumers in the East Bay, throughout all of this work, Bill maintained his membership on the Alameda County Developmental Disabilities Planning and Advisory Council's Transition Committee focused on improving outcomes for special education students, and

Whereas, Bill eventually retired from Ability Now Bay Area, and became a Community Development Consultant for them from 2019 – 2021 and at the same time, served as a member of the Alameda County Workforce Development Board, and

Whereas, during the pandemic, Bill began to share his advocacy and immense knowledge and passion with the Aging community, zooming into Contra Costa Advisory Council on Aging meetings, Contra Costa Seniors & Adults with Disabilities Provider Network, the Measure X Community Advisory Board and more, in 2021, he was invited to join the Implementing the Master Plan for Aging in Contra Costa Together (IMPACCT) Steering Committee, helped launch the Disability and Community Living Advisory Council (DACLAC) Transportation Subcommittee and so many other related meetings, he had an unparalleled passion to see Contra Costa develop an Aging and Disability Resource Connection and it will be upon all of us to ensure that Bill's dream becomes reality, and

Whereas, Bill was tireless in his pursuit for a more inclusive world, the world is at a loss without his kind, gentle and unyielding advocacy, and we can continue to carry his torch.

the Board of Supervisors joins Bill's family, friends, colleagues and loved ones in remembering joyful interactions, honor his legacy of love and exemplary service to the community.

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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: April 4, 2023

Monica Nino, County Administrator

By: _____, Deputy