

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

**In the matter of:**

**Resolution No. 2023/192**

**Recognizing the Contributions of Alan B. Smith for his twenty-six years of service to Contra Costa County Library Commission**

Whereas Alan was appointed to the Contra Costa County Library Commission by Supervisor Mark DeSaulnier on May 20, 1997; and

Whereas Alan was Library Commission Chair three times during his tenure and served as Vice-Chair in 2016 and also the Chair of the Commission Revitalization Committee in 2016; and

Whereas Alan was a founding member of the California State Library's Braille and Talking Book Library Advisory Council serving eight years, including two terms as Chair and two terms as Vice Chair; and

Whereas Alan made significant contributions to the advocacy of the State and local libraries while he served as President of the California Association of Library Trustees and Commissioners (CALTAC); and

Whereas Alan represented the Contra Costa County Library on the BALIS System Advisory Board; and

Whereas in 2006, Alan received the California Library Association's President Award for his outstanding advocacy efforts; and

Whereas Alan has conducted numerous training sessions throughout California to library boards and commissions; and

Whereas Alan's trainings for library advocates in the City of Oakland primed a whole army of advocates and contributed to the Oakland Public Library's success in passing two parcel-tax measures in the following years. His trainings continue to inform Oakland's many library advocacy groups today; and

Whereas Alan's tremendous support and strategies led to the two-time library measures that the commission in Santa Clara County Library District passed; and

Whereas Alan conducted more than fifty library advocacy workshops to enhance board effectiveness and advised regional library support agencies throughout the Bay area and beyond; and

Whereas Alan chaired the 2006 Proposition 81 library bond measure campaign in Contra Costa County, giving numerous presentations and obtaining over fifty endorsements of the Proposition; and

Whereas Alan met with many legislators over the years during the California Library Association's Day in the District and Legislative Days to advocate for Library funding and legislation; and

Whereas Alan testified four times in Sacramento to the State Senate on SCA 7 and SCA 3, both of which would have lowered the threshold for library construction bonds and special taxes for library operations to 55%;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize and honor Alan B. Smith for his twenty-six years of service, and gives its full appreciation for this dedicated service to the Library and the people of this county and others.

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**JOHN GIOIA**

Chair, District I Supervisor

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**CANDACE ANDERSEN**

District II Supervisor

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**DIANE BURGIS**

District III Supervisor

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**KEN CARLSON**

District IV Supervisor

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**FEDERAL D. GLOVER**

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: May 23, 2023

Monica Nino, County Administrator

By: \_\_\_\_\_, Deputy

