

The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

In the matter of celebrating the opening of a
RotoCare Free Clinic in Richmond

RESOLUTION NO. 2013/64

WHEREAS, West Contra Costa County including the cities of Richmond and San Pablo have a significantly higher percentage of residents who are unemployed and/or living in poverty (24%) than the County as a whole (9%), or the state (13.7%); and

WHEREAS, the Managed Care Information Center (MCIC), a national data collection and analysis organization, estimates there are currently 154,000 uninsured individuals in Contra Costa County, and

WHEREAS, employees today are paying on average 30% of their employer health coverage premiums or \$4,131 per year, and often cannot afford it; and

WHEREAS, Contra Costa Regional Medical Center's Emergency Department treats over 16,000 patients per year that could otherwise have been treated in nonemergency, and less costly settings, with many more similar patients being treated at area hospitals; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that when the Affordable Care Act provisions go into effect in 2014, 41,000 Contra Costa County residents will lack health care coverage; and

WHEREAS, in the city of Richmond, rates of death from chronic health conditions are significantly higher than for Contra Costa County, and the State; and

WHEREAS, the RotoCare Richmond Free Medical Clinic, one of several Bay Area RotoCare free clinics, initially started by a local Rotarian, is dedicated to providing free primary health services to Contra Costa residents lacking health coverage, including those with chronic health conditions; and

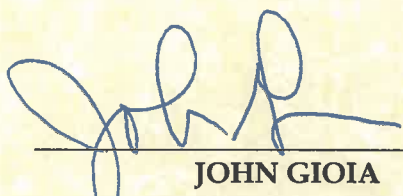
WHEREAS, the goal of the RotoCare Richmond Clinic is to improve health and reduce health care costs related to obesity, diabetes, heart disease, asthma, and other chronic conditions; and

WHEREAS, the RotoCare Richmond Free Clinic opens in February 2013 on the site of Brighter Beginnings Strengthening Families, a nonprofit organization committed to improving infant and family health and well-being; and

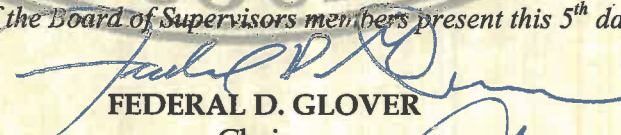
WHEREAS, RotoCare clinics are run largely by volunteer health providers committed to community service; and funded by grants and donations, receiving no government support.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County honors the community service of RotoCare Free Clinics and welcomes the new clinic to Richmond.

PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 5th day of February, 2013.


JOHN GIOIA
District I Supervisor

ABSENT
MARY N. PIEPHO
District III Supervisor


FEDERAL D. GLOVER
Chair,
District V Supervisor


CANDACE ANDERSEN
District II Supervisor



KAREN MITCHOFF
Vice Chair,
District IV 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: February 5, 2013

DAVID TWA, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and
County Administrator

By  Deputy


Introduced by Supervisor Gioia