

# Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

**IN THE MATTER OF HONORING DR. HENRY CLARK  
FOR HIS SERVICE ON THE CONTRA COSTA COUNTY  
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS COMMISSION**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016/103**

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Dr. Henry Clark was born and raised in North Richmond; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Clark became the Executive Director of the West County Toxics Coalition in 1986; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Clark represented the West County Toxics Coalition on the Hazardous Materials Commission from 1993 through 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Clark served as Chairperson of the Operations Committee for most of those years; and

**WHEREAS**, Commission Clark championed the principles of Environmental Justice throughout his tenure on the Hazardous Materials Commission, eloquently and passionately standing up for the health and welfare of frontline communities throughout the County; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Clark was instrumental in the development of the Hazardous Materials Commission's report on Environmental Justice in 2000 to the Board of Supervisors that paved the way for the adoption of the County's Environmental Justice Policy; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Clark brought insights and information he took from state, national and international efforts to address Environmental Justice and hazardous materials issues back to the Commission for consideration; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Clark represented the Hazardous Materials Commission on the Safety Culture Assessment of General Chemical and the review of the Contra Costa County Industrial Safety Ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Clark set an exemplary standard for participation on the Hazardous Materials Commission through his willingness to listen other perspectives and achieve compromise while developing recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on issues including the development and implementation of the County's Industrial Safety Ordinance, Community Warning System and Environmental Justice Policy, while still being a strong and effective advocate for the communities he served.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby extend its sincere congratulations and heartfelt appreciation to

*Dr. Henry Clark*

**for his many years of service on the Contra Costa County Hazardous Materials Commission.**

**PASSED** by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2016.

  
**CANDACE ANDERSEN**

Chair,  
District II Supervisor

  
**JOHN GIOIA**

District I Supervisor

  
**KAREN MITCHOFF**

District IV Supervisor

  
**MARY N. PIEPHO**

District III Supervisor

  
**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: March 1, 2016

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

By Stephanie Mello, Deputy