

Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

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IN THE MATTER OF RECOGNIZING KEVIN VAN BUSKIRK AS LABOR LEADER OF THE YEAR

RESOLUTION NO. 2016/517

WHEREAS, life-long Contra Costa resident Kevin Van Buskirk attended Mount Diablo Unified Schools, graduating in June, 1979. In 1984, Kevin joined Sheet Metal Workers Local 104 as an indentured apprentice, embarking on a proud career of building Contra Costa and the Labor Movement; and

WHEREAS, in November, 1995, Business Manager Robert G. Mammini appointed Van Buskirk Sheet Metal Workers' Local Union 104's first full-time Organizer; for the next five years, Van Buskirk organized the non-union workers and contractors through bottom up and top down organizing campaigns; and

WHEREAS, in 2000, Kevin was elected Business Representative for Sheet Metal Workers' Local Union 104, covering the Alameda/Contra Costa Counties jurisdiction. That same year, Kevin became a delegate to both the Contra Costa AFL-CIO Labor Council and The Contra Costa Building and Construction Trades Council, becoming President of the Contra Costa Building and Construction Trades Council as well as Vice-President of the Contra Costa Central Labor Council in 2007; and

WHEREAS, Van Burkirk and the leadership of Sheet Metal Workers Local 104 have a strong track record of member engagement in direct action, participating in voter registration drives, precinct walks and numerous other activities; and

WHEREAS, Kevin knows firsthand that unions change lives; he credits the union for being able raise his family and achieve the American Dream.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby honor and congratulate

Kevin Van Buskirk

as the Labor Leader of the Year.

PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 20th day of September, 2016.

Candace Andersen
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Chair,
District II Supervisor

John Gioia
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District I Supervisor

ABSENT

KAREN MITCHOFF

District IV Supervisor

ABSENT

MARY N. PIEPHO

District III Supervisor

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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: September 20, 2016

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

By *Stephanie Melbo*, Deputy