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*Board of Supervisors of
Contra Costa County, California*

IN THE MATTER OF HONORING ST. JEROME CATHOLIC
CHURCH OF EL CERRITO ON ITS 75TH BIRTHDAY

RESOLUTION NO. 2016/528

WHEREAS, St. Jerome Catholic Church is a parish community serving Kensington, El Cerrito, Berkeley, and Albany. The parish supports an active Saint Vincent de Paul conference, an accredited elementary school, a variety of social activities throughout the year, and music ministry at all four weekend Masses; and

WHEREAS, St. Jerome was founded in 1941, grew in size throughout the post War boom and today has an established, active congregation through many booms and shrinkages, in line with population growth and cultural and demographic changes; and

WHEREAS, St. Jerome parish is one of five parishes established in what was the Archdiocese of San Francisco in 1941 at the end of the Great Depression. In 1962 St. Jerome became part of the new Diocese of Oakland; and

WHEREAS, the church building was completed in June 1942. From 1945 to 1950 the parish population increased by thirty percent, ultimately reaching approximately 3,000 people in 1970. The elementary school was built in 1955. The parish population reached a plateau and then dropped by fifty percent between 1970 and 1985. In the eighties and nineties, St. Jerome stabilized as a smaller parish; and

WHEREAS, in 1991 the parish celebrated its 50th golden anniversary and renovated the worship space. Since the turn of the century the parish community has witnessed many changes. Despite these changes, Saint Jerome Parish and School continue to shine as beacons of Christian faith in our community; and

WHEREAS, the many community contributions of St. Jerome's include serving the needy through its chapter of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and its participation in the GRIP Souper Center; educating three generations of children through its operation of St. Jerome Catholic School; providing sports programs for El Cerrito youth through its volunteers in the Catholic Youth Organization; providing visits to elderly shut-ins, and housing activities of the Boys Scouts and Girl Scouts of America.

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

St. Jerome Catholic Church

of El Cerrito, California on its 75th birthday, and thank the church for its devoted service to the Contra Costa community.

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


CANDACE ANDERSEN

Chair,
District II Supervisor


JOHN GIOIA

District I Supervisor

ABSENT

KAREN MITCHOFF

District IV Supervisor

ABSENT

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: September 20, 2016

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

By Stephanie Mello, Deputy