

Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

**IN THE MATTER OF RECOGNIZING SAMUEL L.
SHANKLAND, CHESS CHAMPION**

RESOLUTION NO. 2016/563

WHEREAS, Samuel L. Shankland, son of Contra Costa County Superior Court Judge Leslie G. Landau was born in Berkeley, on October 1, 1991, and learned to play chess at the age of 6, but didn't play in his first tournament until the age of 10, receiving his early chess education from the Berkeley Chess School; and

WHEREAS, Sam began his rise to prominence in 2008, winning the Pacific Coast Open and the California State Championship. He made his international debut at the World Youth Chess Championship under-18 section, where he tied for first place; and

WHEREAS, In January, 2011, Sam earned the title of Grandmaster at the Berkeley International, he finished third in the 2011 U.S. Chess Championship, in a playoff game, resulting in qualifying him for the 2011 FIDE World Cup; in the 2011 World Cup, Sam defeated Hungarian super-grandmaster Peter Leko in the first round, but lost to Abhijeet Gupta in the second. Sam's victory over Leko in the first round was the biggest upset of the tournament; and

WHEREAS, In 2013, Sam made his debut for the US national team at the Pan-American Team Championship in Campinas, Brazil, leading them to victory with a performance rating over 2800; At the 41st Chess Olympiad in Norway, Shankland took home gold for his performance as a reserve player. Going undefeated, he scored 9 points out of 10 games. On December 14, 2014, Sam broke into the top 100 chess players worldwide; and

WHEREAS, in September, 2016, Sam and the United States team bested 170 teams and won the 42nd World Chess Olympiad in Baku, Azerbaijan. At the closing ceremony they received the gold medals and Sam raised the Hamilton-Russell trophy that travels with every winning team until the next Olympiad.

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

Sam Shankland

on his remarkable and highly impressive Chess career.

PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 25th day of October, 2016.

Candace Andersen
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Chair,
District II Supervisor

John Gioia
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District I Supervisor

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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: October 25, 2016

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

By *Stephanie Mello*, Deputy