

Board of Supervisors of
Contra Costa County, California

IN THE MATTER OF RECOGNIZING HELEN BENJAMIN
UPON HER RETIREMENT FROM CHANCELLOR OF THE
CONTRA COSTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 2016/644

WHEREAS, Helen Benjamin has dedicated 12 years as Chancellor to the Contra Costa Community College District and 27 years as an employee of the District; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Benjamin began her career in 1990 when she joined Los Medanos College as Dean of Language Arts and Humanistic Studies and Related Occupations, and has held progressively higher level positions including District Vice Chancellor, Educational Programs and Services, interim President of Los Medanos College and President of Contra Costa College; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Benjamin has a B.S. degree in English and Spanish from Bishop College in Texas and earned her master's and doctoral degrees from Texas Woman's University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Benjamin has always been passionate about maintaining an active role in a wide variety of professional and community organizations; at the local level, she is a board member of the Kennedy-King Scholarship Memorial College Scholarship Fund, a county-wide effort to provide District students financial support to continue their educational goals at a four-year or graduate institution; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Benjamin has served on the State level, as Chair of the Community College League of California Board of Directors, Chair of the CEO board, CEO Chair of the California College Promise Leadership Team, and on numerous accreditation visiting teams; at the national level, she has served on the American Association of Community Colleges Board of Directors, as the convener of the Presidents' Round Table, an affiliate organization of the National Council on Black American Affairs, and currently serves on the board of Excelsior College, located in Albany, New York.

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

Dr. Helen Benjamin

for her many years of dedicated service to the Contra Costa Community College District and its students.

PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 15th day of November, 2016.

Candace Andersen
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Chair,
District II Supervisor

John Gioia
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District I Supervisor

Karen Mitchoff
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District IV Supervisor

Mary N. Piepho
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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: November 15, 2016

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

By *Stephanie Wells*, Deputy