

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CONTRA COSTA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
and for Special Districts, Agencies and Authorities Governed by the Board

Adopted this Resolution on 10/23/2018 by the following vote:

John Gioia
Candace Andersen
Diane Burgis
Karen Mitchoff
Federal D. Glover

AYE:

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

RECUSE:



Resolution No. 2018/529

Support of Proposition 12 "Farm Animal Confinement Initiative" on the November 6, 2018 Statewide Ballot.

WHEREAS, Proposition 12 would strengthen 2008's voter-approved Proposition 2, which banned the confinement of farm animals in a manner that did not allow them to turn around, lie down, stand up, and fully extend their limbs; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 12 would establish new minimum space requirements for confining veal calves, breeding pigs and egg-laying hens, and prohibits certain commercial sales of specified meat and egg products from animals confined in non-compliant manner; and

WHEREAS, effective 2020, Proposition 12 would require, for example, that confined egg-laying hens be housed with no less than 1 square foot of usable floor space per bird, and would be required to be raised in a cage-free environment after December 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, supporters of Proposition 12 consist of a coalition of 500 veterinarians, farms and sanctuaries, food safety groups and animal protection organizations, including the Human Society of the United States, which contends that the law will phase out cruel and extreme methods of farm animal confinement and minimize the risk of food-borne illnesses; and

WHEREAS, while many of these farming practices do not occur in our county, the consumers of these products will benefit by knowing that products they purchase which come from outside our state will have the same protections they have come to demand in California, and the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors supports humane farming practices and measures to improve food safety and protect the environment.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County hereby SUPPORTS Proposition 12 and urges its residents to vote "Yes" on Proposition 12 on November 6, 2018.

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 23, 2018

David J. Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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