

The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

IN THE MATTER OF Proclaiming November as Homelessness Awareness Month.

Resolution No. 2018/567


WHEREAS, the month of November is recognized as Homelessness Awareness Month in the United States; and
 WHEREAS, the purpose of the proclamation is to educate the public and advocate with and on behalf of people experiencing homelessness about the many reasons people are homeless, including the shortage of affordable housing in Contra Costa County; and to encourage support for homeless assistance service providers as well as community service opportunities for students and school service organizations; and
 WHEREAS, there are over twenty organizations in Contra Costa committed to sheltering, providing supportive services, and/or basic resources to people experiencing homelessness; and
 WHEREAS, the Contra Costa County recognizes that homelessness continues to be a serious problem for many individuals and families in Contra Costa; and
 WHEREAS, 6,407 individuals accessed homeless services in Contra Costa in 2017; and
 WHEREAS, 469 families, including 903 minors, accessed homeless services in Contra Costa in 2017; and
 WHEREAS, 57% of homeless veterans in Contra Costa (283 out of 495 homeless veterans) have been homeless for 12 months or more; and
 WHEREAS there was a 99% increase in seniors (age 62+) accessing homeless services between 2013-2018 (249 more in 2017 than 2013); and
 WHEREAS, Contra Costa has only 24% of shelter capacity needed for single adults; and
 WHEREAS, in Contra Costa, renters need to earn 4.2 times the state minimum wage to afford the median monthly asking rent of \$2,300; and
 WHEREAS, a report by California Housing Partnership in 2017 found that Contra Costa County needs over 30,000 more affordable rental homes to meet the needs of its lowest income renters;


- ¹ Annual Service Data, Contra Costa Health Services.
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- ⁴ Contra Costa Annual Service data, Contra Costa Health Services (2013-2018)
- ⁵ Contra Costa Point In Time Count, 2018, Contra Costa Health Services

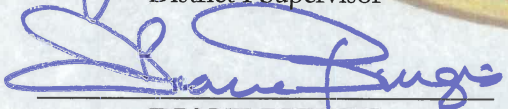
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Contra Costa County hereby proclaims November as Homelessness Awareness Month; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Contra Costa County encourages all residents to recognize that thousands of people in Contra Costa County do not have housing and need support from citizens and private/public nonprofit service entities.

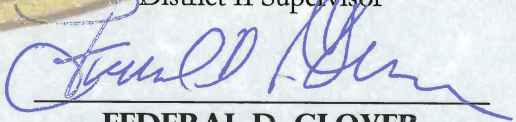
PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 13th day of November 2018.


 KAREN MITCHOFF
 Chair,
 District IV Supervisor


 JOHN GIOIA
 District I Supervisor


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 District II Supervisor

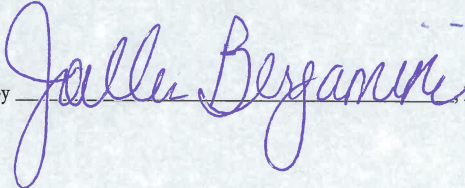

 DIANE BURGIS
 District III Supervisor


 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: November 13, 2018

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

By  Deputy

