

The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

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In the matter of recognizing Theresa Golden as 2019
Labor Leader of the Year

Resolution No. 2019/544

WHEREAS, Theresa Golden was the second youngest of six siblings. For the majority of her childhood, her father, Walter Lee Girvin, was an active duty, Chief Warrant Officer in the US Army. Her mother, Patricia Girvin, worked up to three jobs simultaneously to ensure that her family was provided for. With such hardworking parents, it's easy to see where Theresa got her strong work ethic; and

WHEREAS, although born in Germany, she spent most of her adolescent years in Contra Costa County. She attended Kerry Hills and Tara Hills elementary schools in San Pablo, California before moving onto Pinole Jr. High School. After her extensive advocacy and organization, she was among the first girls who were able to run in PJHS's Turkey Trot. She won 1st place in the girls' race, and her time was 2nd overall. In high school, Theresa was in gymnastics and band, but most assuredly, an avid runner. For all four years, she held the 1st place title in the 1-mile and 2-mile in West County Track and Field. She was 7th in California state for long distance running in track. She graduated from Pinole Valley High School, class of 1980; and

WHEREAS, she was always active in her community helping those in need. She was Candy-Striper in the Future Nurse program at her high school. She tutored a woman with Cerebral Palsy during and after high school, in which she learned American Sign Language in order to better assist her student. She is and was a community advocate, and self-described tomboy who was paving her way which culminated into her consideration to join the building trades; and

WHEREAS, she began her apprenticeship in 1992 and was initiated into UA 342 as a Steamfitter in 1993. After obtaining nine specialty certifications for her craft and being an active member of her union, she garnered the respect to serve on many committees within UA 342. She sat on the Work Preservation Committee as an apprentice, and went on to sit on the Bylaws Committee, Committee on Political Education (COPE), and was appointed to serve as an interim member on the Examining Board. She volunteered to help with political functions, fundraisers and solidarity pickets; and

WHEREAS, she increasingly became more participatory in the Contra Costa Central Labor Council, becoming a delegate for her union on the Executive Board of the Labor Council in 2002. During her time at the CLC she has walked and phone banked for countless Local, State and US electeds, recruiting family members and friends to campaign alongside her for working families; and


WHEREAS, Theresa has been an advocate for workers and strong labor values. As women in the building trades, she has become an inspiration and a source of support for the women in her union and women in other trades through her participation in Tradeswomen, Inc. In 2006, Theresa was recognized for her work with Tradeswomen, Inc. by the director of the California Workforce Services Bureau.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby honor and congratulate Theresa Golden as the 2019 Labor Leader of the Year.

PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 10th day of September, 2019.

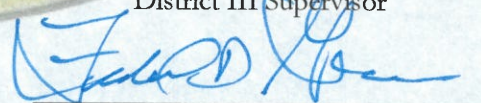
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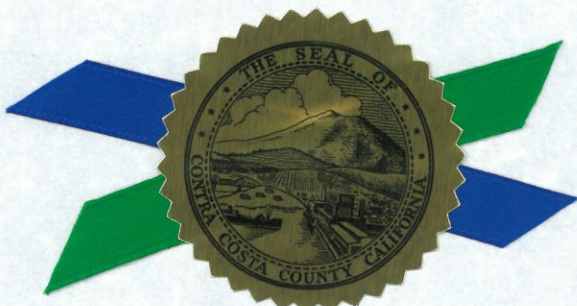
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I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown:

ATTESTED: September 10, 2019

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

By , Deputy