

The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

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In the matter of honoring Sean Casey for his many years of leadership of First 5 Contra Costa on behalf of children and their families in Contra Costa County

Resolution No. 2019/650

WHEREAS, Mr. Casey has been the Executive Director of First 5 for 14 of his 19 years with the agency, overseeing an 18-member Commission, 32 staff, a \$12 million budget, and developing and implementing strategic vision for the Commission; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Casey has been instrumental in bringing attention to young children and their families through the many programs funded and operated by First 5; and

WHEREAS, Sean Casey has overseen the development of First 5 Centers throughout the county serving over 500 families providing them with the resources and parenting skills they need to support their children's healthy development; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Casey was instrumental in championing quality early learning programs in the county, overseeing the development of a countywide preschool planning process that led Contra Costa to be one of 16 counties to pioneer implementation of Quality Rating and Improvement System metrics to rate and improve child care quality; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Casey has championed equity and policy change on behalf of children and families, supporting the development of parent leadership and 3 parent advocacy Regional Groups to address community-identified issues such as safe neighborhood parks, affordable housing and immigrant and racial justice; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Casey helped to establish Contra Costa's Help Me Grow system to assist in the identification of children's developmental challenges and help parents find appropriate services; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Casey understands the importance of addressing community needs, sponsoring an immigration forum to address concerns and provide resources and support, developing Ready Kids in east county to help young children thrive and be prepared for kindergarten and future academic and life success; and

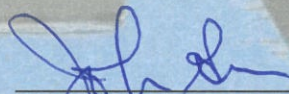
WHEREAS, Mr. Casey understands the value of community-wide partnerships and played a key role in the establishment of the Children's Leadership Council, the Family Economic Security Partnership, the Early Learning Leadership Group, the Budget Justice Coalition, and the Contra Costa Funders Forum; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Casey has overseen the collection and dissemination of relevant data to inform First 5's work, share outcomes, refine strategies, and communicate to partners the importance of First 5's work; and

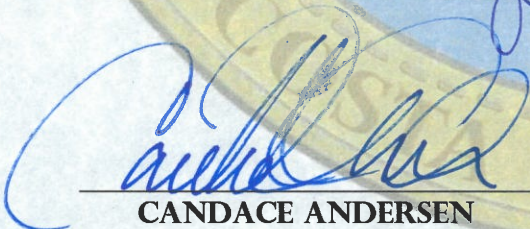
WHEREAS, Mr. Casey has played a leading role throughout the state to raise the level of public enthusiasm and support for services and policies that help young children and their families, serving as the Chair of the First 5 Association, meeting with state legislators, attending meetings in Sacramento to champion funding for critical programs such as early intervention, home visiting, quality child care, earned income tax credit, housing security and more.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby honor and thank Sean Casey for his many years of leadership to improve the lives of children and their families in Contra Costa County.

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




JOHN GIOIA
Chair,
District I Supervisor



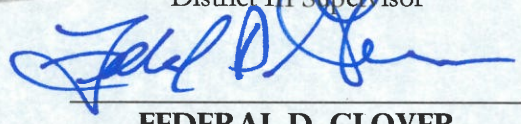
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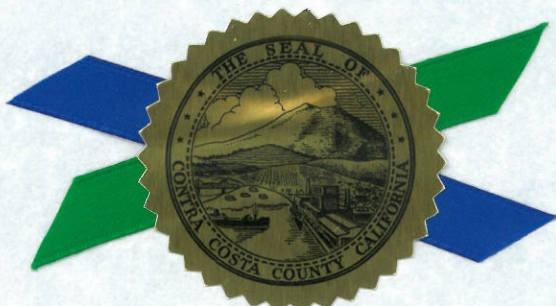
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District IV Supervisor



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: December 10, 2019

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

By Stephanie Mello, Deputy