

The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

In the matter of recognizing the Rainbow Community
Center for 25 years of Service to our Community

Resolution No. 2020/320

WHEREAS, the Rainbow Community Center (RCC) started in 1995 and continues to offer support and social opportunities to the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning and Intersex (LGBTQI+) people & the allies; and

WHEREAS, RCC is the only organization in Contra Costa County that is solely focused on serving the LGBTQI+ community with priorities to build services for LGBTQI+ youth, seniors, people living with HIV/AIDS and to develop community building efforts that will diminish the sense of isolation and promote greater acceptance of all LGBTQI+ people; and

WHEREAS, RCC provides outpatient mental health services, specifically serving lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer & questioning (LGBTQ+) communities; and

WHEREAS, RCC provide specific clinic & school-based services to support LGBTQ+ youth & their families that promote family acceptance, bringing families together and improving their ability to communicate effectively; and

WHEREAS, the Rainbow Community Center collaborates to promote acceptance and creating safe/inclusive spaces for LGBTQ+ youth in Contra Costa County schools, families, and faith communities; and

WHEREAS, the Rainbow Community Center runs the Central/East County Coalition, which focuses on collective work with school leaders, staff and students to expand and solidify a base of action within three of the county's school districts: Mt. Diablo Unified School District, Pittsburg Unified School District/Pittsburg High School, and West Contra Costa Unified School District; and

WHEREAS, in addition to these united efforts, the Inclusive Schools Coalition works with other organizations, agencies, and faith communities: including the Center for Human Development, Contra Costa County Office of Education T.U.P.E., Fred Finch Foundation, Contra Costa County Health Services, Claycord PFLAG+, Clayton Valley Presbyterian Church, Mt. Diablo Unitarian Universalist Church, Walnut Creek United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, the Rainbow Community Center has led the Pride Celebration in Contra Costa County for several years and this year was no different with the Virtual Pride, which was celebrated with a Pride on Wheels!, Rainbow's Got Talent Show, Queer Latinx Filmfest Night One, and other events to celebrate and raise awareness to the LGBTQI+ community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does recognize the Rainbow Community Center for their 25 years advocacy and efforts to make our County an inclusive, supportive and accepting environment for all members of the community.

PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 8th day of December, 2020.


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Chair,

District II Supervisor


JOHN GIOIA
District I Supervisor


KAREN MITCHOFF
District IV 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: December 8, 2020

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

By , Deputy