

The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

In the matter of Proclaiming November 2022 as Homelessness Awareness Month.

Resolution No. 2022/377

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, Contra Costa County recognizes that homelessness continues to be a serious problem for many individuals and families within Contra Costa; and

WHEREAS, 9,119 individuals accessed homeless services in Contra Costa in 2021, making up 6,816 unique households; and

WHEREAS, this was a 9% decrease in households served, since 2019; and

WHEREAS, there was a 24% increase in the number of days homeless, from 756 days to 940 days, between 2020 and 2021; and

WHEREAS, 40% of the individuals served were Black/African American; 4x the percent in the county population in 2021; and

WHEREAS, 8% of the individuals served were American Indian/Alaskan Native; 8x the percent in the county population in 2021; and

WHEREAS, there was a 7% increase in people aged 62+, between 2019 and 2021; and

WHEREAS, there was a 9% increase in Transition Aged Youth (ages 18-24), between 2019 and 2021; and

WHEREAS, 71% of the Continuum of Care (CoC) households had a disabling condition; and

WHEREAS, 20% of people who accessed crisis response programs reported surviving domestic violence, at some time in their lives, and 31% of those people were fleeing domestic violence at the time they enrolled into the program; and

WHEREAS, between 2019 and 2021, there was a 47% increase in people experiencing homelessness identified by the coroner's office, after passing away in a non-hospital setting; and

WHEREAS, 1,758 households exited to or maintained permanent housing, during 2021; and

WHEREAS, in Contra Costa, renters in Contra Costa County need to earn \$41.77 per hour - 2.7 times the minimum wage - to afford the average monthly asking rent of \$2,172; and

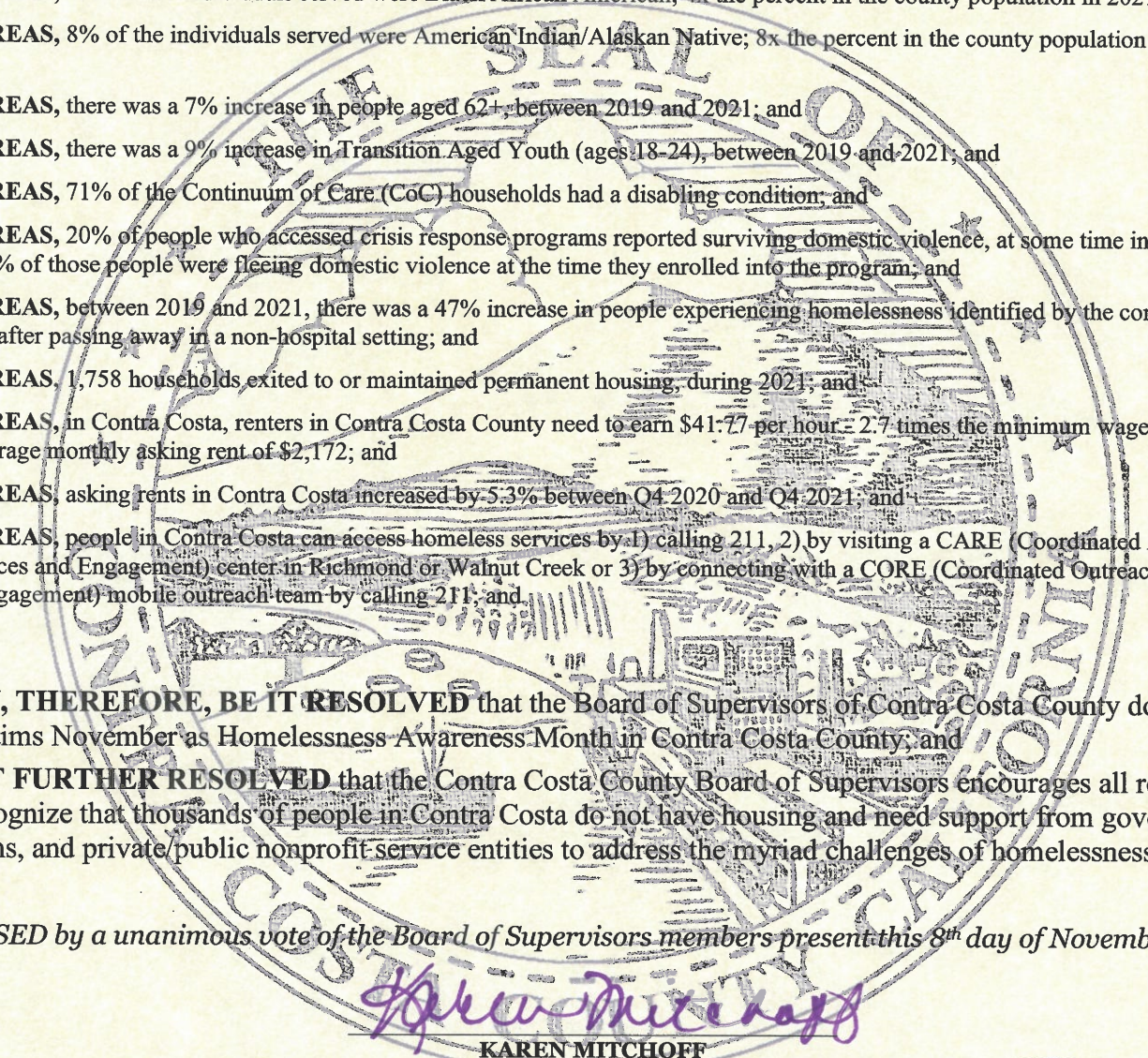
WHEREAS, asking rents in Contra Costa increased by 5.3% between Q4 2020 and Q4 2021; and

WHEREAS, people in Contra Costa can access homeless services by 1) calling 211, 2) by visiting a CARE (Coordinated Assessment Resources and Engagement) center in Richmond or Walnut Creek or 3) by connecting with a CORE (Coordinated Outreach Referral and Engagement) mobile outreach team by calling 211; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby proclaims November as Homelessness Awareness Month in Contra Costa County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors encourages all residents to recognize that thousands of people in Contra Costa do not have housing and need support from government, citizens, and private/public nonprofit service entities to address the myriad challenges of homelessness.

PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 8th day of November 2022.



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Chair,
District IV Supervisor

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District III Supervisor

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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 8, 2022

MONICA NINO, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and County Administrator

By *[Handwritten Signature]*, Deputy

