The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

In the matter of Recognizing Bob Butler on the occasion of his retirement, after 42 years of work with KCBS Radio, and his contribution to the field of journalism and the residents of the San Francisco Bay Area.

Resolution No. 2023/246

WHEREAS, Bob Butler began his career in broadcast journalism, in 1979, when he was hired by KBLX Radio in Berkeley, went on to work at KDIA Radio in Oakland, in 1980, and was then hired in 1981 by KCBS Radio, in San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, during his 44-year career, he has covered every kind of story in the United States, including the topics of politics, business, natural disasters, and crime. He has also reported on important stories from several countries, including Brazil, Northern Ireland, South Africa, Rwanda, Mozambique, Namibia, Tanzania, and Senegal; and

WHEREAS, Bob is a graduate of San Francisco State University, with a bachelor's degree in Broadcast Journalism, and has been recognized with numerous awards for his work, including a national Edward R. Murrow Award, in 2012, for his coverage of struggling homeowners during the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, recognition as the 2021 Antioch Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year and the KPIX Jefferson Award for his service delivering essentials to his community, during the COVID-19 pandemic, and the SAG-AFTRA Howard Keel Award, in 2022, for his significant contributions to the organization; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his work with KCBS, Bob has a passion for training the next generation of journalists and has taught at the University of California Berkeley and San Francisco State University, as well as working for eighteen months as the Director of Diversity for CBS Corporation, recruiting candidates for the company's radio and television stations; and

WHEREAS, Bob also works as an independent journalist on the award-winning Chauncey Bailey Project and spent eight years on the board of the National Association of Black Journalists where he was President from 2013-2015, and is the Broadcast Vice President on the SAG-AFTRA national board; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby recognizes and honors Bob Butler for his forty-four years of dedicated service to the profession of journalism, the people of this county, and the greater San Francisco Bay Area.

PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 27th day of June 2023.

JOHN GIOIA

Chair,

District I Supervisor

CANDACE ANDERSEN

District II Supervisor

KEN CARLSON

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: June 27, 2023

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

By

Deputy