



Contra  
Costa  
County

To: Board of Supervisors  
From: Karen Mitchoff, District IV Supervisor  
Date: April 10, 2018

Subject: Presentation by Contra Costa County Historical Society to Update the BOS on Activities

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**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

Presentation from the Contra Costa County Historical Society to update the Board of Supervisors on their activities. Presenting will be Priscilla Couden, Executive Director and John Mercurio, Board President.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

None.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Contra Costa County Historical Society's mission is to preserve for the benefit of the people of our County, the relics of our past. With the help of the internet, more people have access to the wonderful stories of the people who lived in our County, so many years ago. The Society hopes that the website we manage will bring the people of Contra Costa's present, closer to those who lived, worked and died in our County and who are, our History. The Contra Costa County History Center maintains custody of and provides access to a major archival collection documenting the history of the County.

The History Center is not a "museum" that exhibits artifacts of history. Rather, we are an

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☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY  
ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD  
COMMITTEE

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Action of Board On: **04/10/2018** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

**VOTE OF SUPERVISORS**

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: April 10, 2018

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David Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of  
Supervisors

By: , Deputy

cc:

archive- a treasure trove of records, letters, pictures, maps and books- the thousand and one records that tell the story of our past. It is intended as a focus for scholarly activity, offering valuable resources available for serious students and writers of history and a place where teachers can find prime source material on the County's past to share with their students. The Center serves as a place where the mementos, memories and written pictorial records of Contra Costa County's past can be collected to which residents and former residents can offer photos, letters and records for consideration as part of the Society's collection. Finally, the Center is a working facility where the records of yesteryear will be safeguarded for all time for the enrichment of future generations.

### BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

The Contra Costa County Historical Society's History Center is located at:  
724 Escobar St.  
Martinez, CA  
Phone: 925-229-1042

Normal hours of operation are:

- Tuesdays, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
- Wednesdays, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
- Thursdays, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
- 3rd Saturday of the month, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

From time to time, they may be open for special events, such as exhibit open houses, or if there is an event in downtown Martinez.

They are staffed largely by volunteers, so we may not always be open the entire time. To be sure we are open, please call ahead. We are also available via email at:  
[info@cocohistory.com](mailto:info@cocohistory.com)