

The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

**In the matter of: Recognizing *Patricia Durham*
for her Longstanding Civic Service and
Contributions to the Contra Costa Community.**

Resolution No. 2026-77

WHEREAS, Patricia Durham, a lifelong resident of El Cerrito, has dedicated more than five decades to serving and strengthening her community through civic engagement, leadership, and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Durham has been an active member of St. Peter Christian Methodist Episcopal (C.M.E.) Church, the El Cerrito Branch of the NAACP, the El Cerrito Human Relations Commission, the El Cerrito Historical Society, and the El Cerrito High School Archival Committee; and

WHEREAS, through her work with St. Peter C.M.E. Church, including her involvement with the Naomi Circle, Ms. Durham supported the development of religious education and Black History programs highlighting the teachings and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Durham has played a key role in organizing and supporting the City of El Cerrito's annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration since its founding in 1986 (which was the first annual MLK event in Contra Costa County), serving as Chair of the event beginning in 2005 and continuing to support its success; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Durham served as Chair of the El Cerrito Human Relations Commission from 2005 to 2015 and helped advance initiatives such as the City's "Not In Our Town" anti-hate campaign and other programs promoting cultural understanding and opposing race-based hate; and

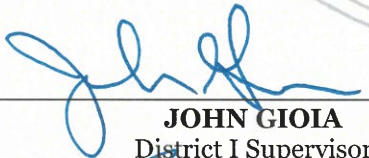
WHEREAS, through her involvement with the El Cerrito NAACP and the El Cerrito Historical Society, Ms. Durham has helped elevate the voices and history of Black residents, supported community dialogue on vital civic issues, and contributed to documenting the local history of El Cerrito, including the development of a documentary on the annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration and parade; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby recognize *Patricia Durham* for her decades of impactful service and leadership and commends her for her lasting significant contributions to the Contra Costa County community.

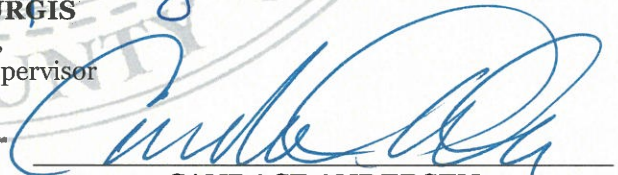
PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 17th day of March 2026.



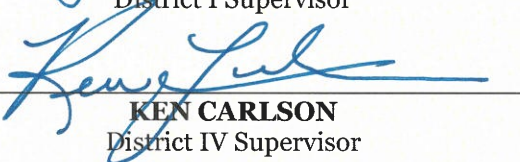
DIANE BURGIS
Chair,
District III Supervisor



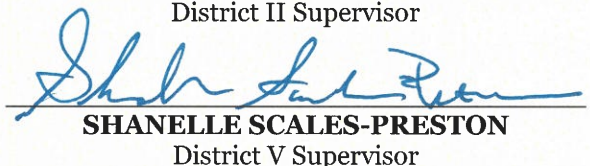
JOHN GIOIA
District I Supervisor



CANDACE ANDERSEN
District II Supervisor



KEN CARLSON
District IV Supervisor



SHANELLE SCALES-PRESTON
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: March 17, 2026

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

By  , Deputy