

The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

In the matter of: Recognizing the month of November as Homelessness Awareness Month, in the United States.

Resolution No. 2024-385 a

WHEREAS, the purpose of the proclamation is to acknowledge and raise awareness of the problems faced by youth, families and individuals at risk of and experiencing homelessness in Contra Costa County; and to encourage support for the Contra Costa Continuum of Care focused on ending homelessness, funding permanent housing solutions, promoting program access, and optimizing self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, 14,002 individuals accessed homeless services in Contra Costa in 2023 (a 28% increase since 2019); and

WHEREAS, homelessness is more closely associated with housing availability, and housing costs, than with poverty; and

WHEREAS, renters in Contra Costa County need to earn \$43.63 per hour - 2.5 times the City of Richmond minimum wage - to afford the average monthly asking rent of \$2,269; and

WHEREAS, racial disparities continue to be evident for those experiencing homelessness in Contra Costa, with Black/African American/African people represented is four times higher, and people with Multiple Races is almost four times higher in our system of care compared to the county population; and

WHEREAS, there was an 89% increase in households with minor children, a 71% increase in the number of seniors aged 65+, and a 36% increase among Transition Aged Youth (ages 18-24) since 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Contra Costa Continuum of Care (CoC) unites over 50 organizations, cities, towns and individuals with a shared mission to prevent and end homelessness in Contra Costa County; and

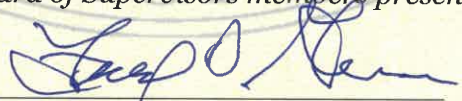
WHEREAS, the Council on Homelessness is both an Advisory Board to the Board of Supervisors and the planning body for the Contra Costa Continuum of Care and coordinates the community's policies, strategies, and activities toward preventing and ending homelessness in Contra Costa County and welcomes community participation and engagement; and

WHEREAS, the Health, Housing and Homeless Services Division of Contra Costa Health, which staffs the Council on Homelessness, is committed to making homelessness short-lived and non-recurring by ensuring an integrated system of housing and support services for persons experiencing homelessness in Contra Costa County; and

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors affirms its commitment to ensuring Contra Costa County continues to build and maintain a well-resourced, coordinated, and supportive Continuum of Care to meet the complex and multifaceted needs of people experiencing homelessness and ultimately end homelessness in Contra Costa County.

PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 12th day of November 2024.



FEDERAL D. GLOVER
Chair,
District V Supervisor



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