

The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

**In the matter of: Recognizing *Elena Velazquez*
as the recipient of the 2026 Martin Luther
King Jr. High School Student Federal D.
Glover Humanitarian Award.**

Resolution No. 2026-23

WHEREAS, from an early age, Elena Velazquez has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to humanitarianism, social justice, and community service. Elena is an outstanding candidate for this prestigious award because of her dedication to improving the lives of people both locally and globally; and

WHEREAS, Elena began serving her community at the age of six, volunteering at The Latina Center to support children during civic meetings, gaining firsthand experience in community engagement and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, Elena has inspired others by championing youth voices and advocating for equity and inclusion. Her leadership ensures that every voice is heard, regardless of background, and reflects her dream of a better, fairer world for all; and

WHEREAS, Elena founded the first Environmental Committee at Summit Tamalpais High School, initiating a recycling program that transformed the school's sustainability practices and educated students on environmental stewardship; and

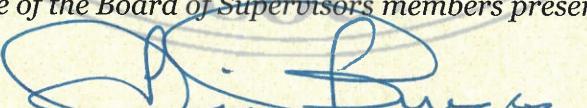
WHEREAS, Elena's commitment extends beyond her school. Through her roles as Public Relations Officer for the Richmond Youth Council and as a staff lead for Urban Tilth's Summer Youth Apprenticeship Program, she has advanced policies, mentored youth, and promoted environmental justice and restorative practices, while also working to help the unhoused, tutor younger students, and organize book drives; and

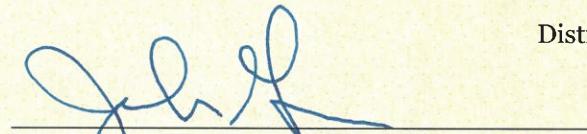
WHEREAS, Elena has served as President of the National Honor Society and actively participated in organizations such as Bay Area Girls Club, The Latina Center, and the Richmond Youth Fire Academy, demonstrating exemplary leadership and compassion; and

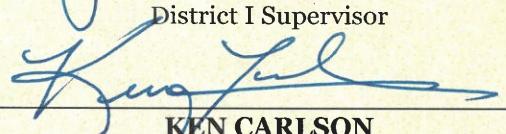
WHEREAS, Elena embodies Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s ideals through her advocacy for inclusion, her dedication to community service, and her unwavering belief in creating positive change; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby honors Elena Velazquez for her outstanding dedication and contributions to humanitarian causes and community service, inspiring others to lead with compassion and purpose.

PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 20th day of January 2026.


DIANE BURGIS
Chair,
District III Supervisor


JOHN GIOIA
District I Supervisor


KEN CARLSON
District IV Supervisor


CANDACE ANDERSEN
District II 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: January 20, 2026

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

By  Deputy

