

# The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

**In the matter of: Recognizing the  
extraordinary achievements in *Poetry & Youth  
Arts*, within Contra Costa County.**

Resolution No. 2026-212

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County believes that the arts are a vital tool for self-expression, community healing, and the empowerment of our youth; and

**WHEREAS**, the Poetry Out Loud, Poetry Series Program, and Youth Arts Connection programs have reached new heights of excellence this year, fostered by the leadership of ARTSCCC (Arts Contra Costa County) and its dedicated team; and

**WHEREAS**, Robin Moore has been honored with the State of California Poetry Out Loud Hero Award, recognizing her tireless advocacy and her role as a champion for the transformative power of the spoken word; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2026 Contra Costa County Poetry Out Loud High School Champion, Serena Scheiner, achieved the distinguished honor of becoming a State Finalist in Sacramento, representing our county with exceptional poise and talent among the finest young orators in California; and

**WHEREAS**, we celebrate the impressive talent of our Contra Costa County Poetry Out Loud High School Second Place winner, Patrick Paul Porpayas, and Third Place winner, David Scott, whose dedication to the craft of poetry reflects the depth of artistic excellence found in our local schools; and

**WHEREAS**, the Youth Arts Connection spoken word and poetry workshops in the District 3 and District 5 libraries led by artists José Córdón, Jeremy Phillips, Donté Clark, Tajanique Bell, and Monique McCoy that provide vital creative spaces for youth to develop their voices and connect with their communities; and

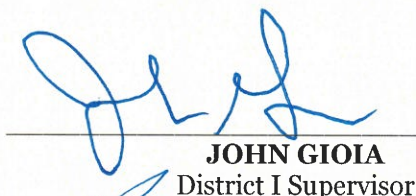
**WHEREAS**, the Poetry Series Program at the John A. Davis Juvenile Hall, led by Donté Clark and CieraJevae Gordon, serves as a beacon of hope and a critical component of our county's diversion efforts, allowing justice-impacted youth to process their experiences through the dignity of creative writing; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby commend *Poetry Out Loud Hero Award* recipient Robin Moore; the 2026 *Poetry Out Loud* winners Serena Scheiner, Patrick Paul Porpayas, and David Scott; the *Youth Arts Connection* team of José Córdón, Jeremy Phillips, Donté Clark, Tajanique Bell, and Monique McCoy; and the *Poetry Series Program* leaders Donté Clark and CieraJevae Gordon, for their immense contributions to the cultural fabric of our county, and we urge all citizens to support the continued growth of arts programs that inspire and uplift our next generation of leaders.

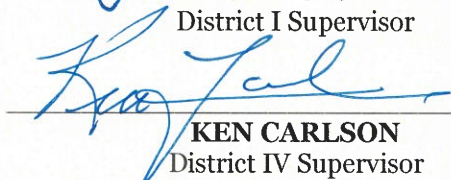
*PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June 2026.*



DIANE BURGIS  
Chair,  
District III Supervisor



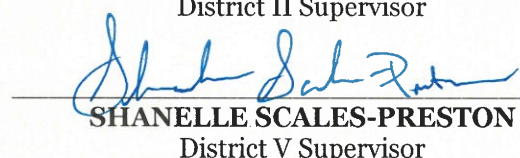
JOHN GIOIA  
District I Supervisor



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District II Supervisor



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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:

TESTED: June 9, 2026

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



, Deputy