

The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

In the matter of: Honoring Irma Anderson for her Legacy of Leadership and Civic Contributions to The Richmond and Contra Costa County communities.

Resolution No. 2024-67

WHEREAS, Irma Anderson, born and raised in Boston, Massachusetts, went on to become the second African American student to graduate from Cornell School of Nursing; and

WHEREAS, Irma came to Richmond, CA in 1959 with her husband, Rev. Booker T. Anderson, Jr. who would himself serve as a Mayor, City Councilmember and Pastor of Easter Hill United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Anderson had two sons, Ahmad and Wilbert, whom Irma was very proud of; and

WHEREAS, Irma worked as a Public Health Nurse and top administrator for the Contra Costa County Health Department and earned her Master's Degree from UC Berkeley School of Public Health; and

WHEREAS, Irma was the first African-American Director of Public Health Nursing in Contra Costa; and

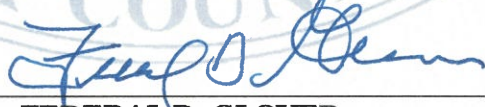
WHEREAS, after retiring as Contra Costa's Director of Public Health Nursing in 1992, Irma was elected to the Richmond City Council with the highest number of votes ever in the history of council elections, becoming the first African-American woman to serve on the City Council; and

WHEREAS, Irma, after two successful terms on the City Council, was elected Mayor of Richmond, becoming the first and currently only African-American woman elected Mayor of Richmond; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure as Mayor, Irma helped advance a range of positive improvements in the City of Richmond, including the creation of hundreds of new businesses and affordable housing units, passing a balanced budget, creating the Office of Violence Prevention, expanding after-school programs, garnering millions of dollars from the state which culminated in Richmond Ferry Service, helped establish a culture in which violence is addressed through holistic public health efforts rather than solely through law enforcement, served on Bay Area regional commissions on transportation, housing, health and public safety; and more.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby recognizes and honors Irma Anderson for her decades of community service to advance equity, health, affordable housing and quality of life in Richmond and Contra Costa County.

PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 27th day of February 2024.



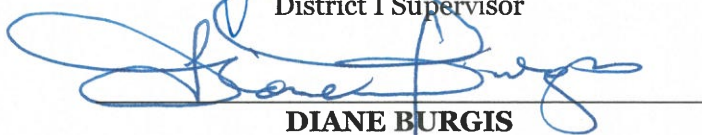
FEDERAL D. GLOVER
Chair,
District V Supervisor



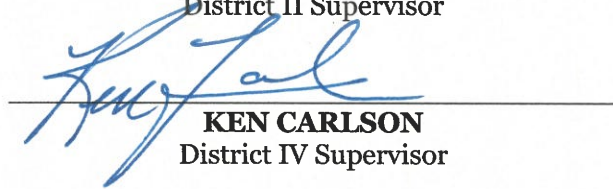
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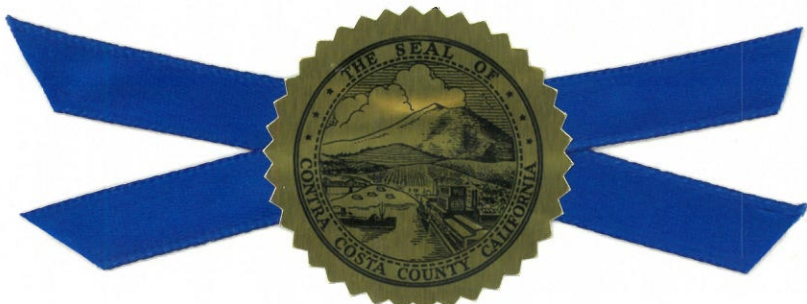
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District II Supervisor



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District III Supervisor



KEN CARLSON
District IV 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: February 27, 2024

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

By , Deputy