

# The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

In the matter of endorsing the Diesel Free by 2033  
Statement of Purpose

Resolution No. 2018/459

**WHEREAS**, climate change, caused by the emission of greenhouse gases including carbon dioxide and black carbon, represents a profound threat to the Bay Area's air quality, public health, environment, water supplies, and economy; and  
**WHEREAS**, diesel engines emit significant amounts of black carbon, a short-lived climate pollutant that is contributing significantly to global climate change; and  
**WHEREAS**, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Fifth Assessment Report estimates that black carbon is the third most important individual contributor to warming after carbon dioxide and methane (IPCC 2013); and  
**WHEREAS**, the California Air Resources Board concludes that "Diesel exhaust includes over 40 substances that are listed by the United States Environmental Protection Agency as hazardous air pollutants and by the CARB as toxic air contaminants. Fifteen of these substances are listed by the World Health Organization as carcinogenic to humans, or as a probable or possible human carcinogen" [California Air Resources Board Scientific Review Panel on: California Air Resources Board's report titled "Proposed Identification of Diesel Exhaust as a Toxic Air Contaminant." 1998]; and  
**WHEREAS**, the California Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment has determined that exposure to diesel exhaust can have significant health effects, including damage to lung tissue and increased risk of cancer; and  
**WHEREAS**, the California Air Resources Board estimates that on-road and off-road mobile sources powered by diesel engines comprise 54% of the state of California's total black carbon emissions; and  
**WHEREAS**, the negative public health and environmental effects from climate change will fall most heavily on the communities and populations that are already most heavily impacted by air pollution, other environmental hazards, and economic inequality; and  
**WHEREAS**, many alternatives to diesel-fueled vehicles and equipment are already commercially available, with purchase costs comparable to traditional diesel technologies; and  
**WHEREAS**, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District has established a challenge to engage with public agencies to reduce diesel emissions in local communities throughout California and beyond, reflected in the Diesel Free By '33 Statement of Purpose.

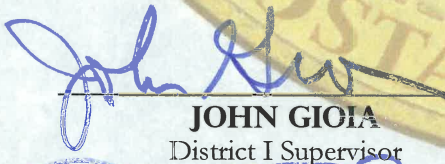
**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors endorses the Diesel Free By '33 Statement of Purpose, reflecting a goal of eliminating diesel pollution by December 31, 2033.

PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2018.



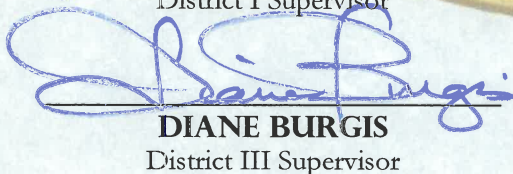
**KAREN MITCHOFF**  
Chair,  
District IV Supervisor

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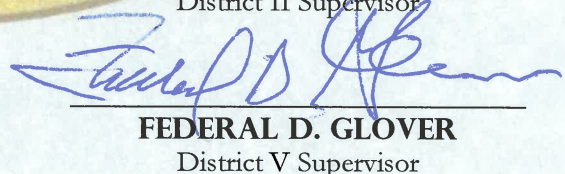


**JOHN GIOIA**  
District I Supervisor

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District II Supervisor



**DIANE BURGIS**  
District III Supervisor



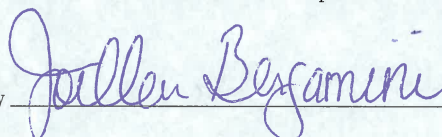
**FEDERAL D. GLOVER**  
District V Supervisor



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: August 7, 2018

DAVID TWA, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and County Administrator

By  Deputy