



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: May 9, 2023

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

4/5 Vote Required

**Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California,
Commending The Boys And Girls Club Of Sonoma-Marín As A Recipient Of North Bay
Leadership Council's 2023 Leaders Of The North Bay Award For
"Empowering The Latino Community"**

WHEREAS, the Boys & Girls Club of Sonoma-Marín is the 2023 Honoree for the 2023 North Bay Leadership Council's 2023 Leaders of the North Bay Award "Empowering the Latino Community." The Club is being recognized for their work to fund, build, and open the new Roseland Boys & Girls Club in Santa Rosa, an economically disadvantaged community with a high population of Latinos. The facility's primary purpose is to empower the Latino community of all ages and provide over 25 new jobs; and

WHEREAS, the new \$17 million-dollar, 25,000 square foot club offers underserved children in Roseland a full-size gym, a commercial kitchen, a teen center, a dance studio, as well as an art and science/technology lab. The new facility will more than double the capacity for the Roseland club, with the potential to serve over 2,500 children in the surrounding community; and

WHEREAS, today, there are 2,963 school-aged children in the Roseland neighborhood. Until the new club opened, only 916 of these young people had access to high quality extracurricular learning opportunities at the Boys & Girls Club, who's been the exclusive provider for the last 13 years; and

WHEREAS, at the club, children develop meaningful relationships with caring adults and peers. Hungry kids receive healthy meals daily and the chance for regular physical activity. Parents are welcome to join their children for a meal and activities. Club programs help children avoid dangerous behaviors like gang activity and drug/substance use; and

WHEREAS, Club programs and staff are trauma-informed and trained. When possible, mental health services from trained therapists may also be made available. Because of this safe environment, the community's youth are ready to learn 21st century skills to prepare them for college and career and ultimately, financial security and economic mobility; and

WHEREAS, the vision for the club is to serve as a true community center for Roseland youth and their families, with members able to join as preschoolers receiving early learning skills and leave at age 18 with a plan for their future, demonstrating good character, a healthy lifestyle, academic success, and

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creative expression in their own lives and poised to join the vibrant Roseland community as a contributing adult; and

WHEREAS, the new facility will be a resource for community parents, as a service provider for adult community members through job programs, English classes, and community-driven programming; and

WHEREAS, the Roseland Boys and Girls Club is a wonderful opportunity to further empower the Latino community to reach its full potential.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors commends and honors the Boys and Girls Club of Sonoma-Marin as a recipient of North Bay Leadership Council's 2023 Leaders of the North Bay Award for "Empowering the Latino Community."

Supervisors:

Gorin:

Rabbitt:

Coursey:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

So Ordered.