



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: April 24, 2026

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

4/5 Vote Required

**Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California,
Commending And Honoring Ricardo Bolanos Lopez As A Recipient Of North Bay Leadership
Council's 2026 Leaders Of The North Bay Award For "NBLC Teen Leader Scholarship"**

Whereas, Ricardo Bolanos Lopez is the 2026 "NBLC Teen Leader Scholarship" award honoree; and

Whereas, Ricardo was originally born in El Salvador and immigrated to the United States at age 6 with his mom and sister. He has spent most of his life living in Sonoma County where he attended Maria Carrillo High School. During his high school years, he was Co-Chair of the Teen Advisory Council at Kaiser Santa Rosa where he worked to improve teen health care around Sonoma County. Some of his notable accomplishments include speaking to a group of 40 physicians to bring about awareness of teen mental health in their workflows, creation of teen stress posters, and leading monthly conversations between committee members and other Kaiser staff to receive a teen perspective on the way they bring healthcare to teens in their departments. He also started a club in his high school to bring medical professionals to speak to students to inspire them to consider medicine as a future career path; and

Whereas, today, Ricardo is a student at UC Berkeley where he is majoring in Neuroscience. He complements his academics with extracurricular activities that inspire him to become a physician. He is part of the Patient Support Corps at UCSF where he supports Kidney Transplant patients learning about living donations and finding potential living donors. Every week, he supports patients during their evaluation appointment for a kidney transplant with

their Nephrologist. In 2025, through the Undergraduate Research Internship at UCSF he participated in Blood Bilirubin research. He got to work directly with the newborn patient population and was tasked with informing the parents of their research project and gathering their consent. At Cal, Ricardo is also a member of the Biology Scholars Program, a program designed to support students through Berkeley science courses and preparation for grad/med school; and

Whereas, Ricardo plans on continuing his work with Kidney Transplant patients at UCSF. This has inspired him to learn more about kidney health and consider Nephrology as a future career in medicine. This summer, Ricardo will be doing kidney research at Harvard Medical School through the Harvard Summer Research Program in Kidney Medicine. His future aspirations are to continue doing research while also supporting patients clinically as a physician.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors commends and honors Ricardo Bolanos Lopez as a recipient of North Bay Leadership Council's 2026 Leaders of the North Bay Award for "NBLC Teen Leader Scholarship."

Supervisors:

Rabbitt:

Coursey:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Hermosillo:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

So Ordered.