

COMMUNITY VIOLENCE SOLUTIONS

ENDING SEXUAL ASSAULT AND FAMILY VIOLENCE

*Copied to
city council and
city manager*



March 14, 2019

Mayor Kinney
City of San Pablo
13831 San Pablo Ave
San Pablo, CA 94806

Dear Mayor Kinney,

As a leader of our community, we ask you to lend your voice to the cause of ending sexual assault during April's Sexual Assault Awareness Month. This special month, recognized in California and across the United States, provides an excellent opportunity for Contra Costa County to work towards ending sexual violence.

Community Violence Solutions would be honored if you sponsored an official Proclamation to recognize April as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" in your city. Such a proclamation will emphasize your commitment to this important cause and recognize the efforts of those individuals who work to end violence and provide crucial services to sexual assault survivors, victims and their families.

This year's theme, "I Ask", champions the message that asking for consent is a healthy, normal, and necessary part of everyday interactions. Please join us to raise awareness about sexual violence and educate our community on how to prevent it.

We invite you to join us at our Community Champion Luncheon on April 23rd at 11am.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. A sample proclamation is enclosed. A version can also be e-mailed if you prefer. Please contact Jamilet Ocampo (510) 237-0113 if you have any questions about Sexual Assault Awareness Month or this Proclamation. We appreciate your support and commitment to end sexual assault.

Sincerely,



Cynthia Peterson
Executive Director

Proclamation for National Sexual Assault Awareness Month-2019

WHEREAS, In California there were 14,724 forcible rapes in 2017 and 274 forcible rapes reported in Contra Costa County in the same year; with an increasing number affecting adolescents, and

WHEREAS, sexual assault affects every person of Contra Costa County as a victim/survivor or as a family member, significant other, neighbor or co-worker of a victim/survivor; and

WHEREAS, many citizens of Contra Costa County are working to provide quality services and assistance to sexual assault survivors; and dedicated volunteers help staff 24-hour crisis hotlines, respond to emergency calls and offer support, comfort and advocacy during forensic exams, criminal proceedings, and throughout the healing process; and

WHEREAS, staff and volunteers of Community Violence Solutions and its Rape Crisis Center, Children's Interview Center, Prevention Department, HOPE Therapy Services and Anti-Trafficking Project programs in Contra Costa County are promoting education by offering training to schools, churches, and civic organizations, as well as medical, mental health, law enforcement, education, and criminal justice personnel regarding sexual assault issues; and

WHEREAS, it is vitally important that continued educational efforts to provide information about prevention and services for sexual assault be supported and enhanced; and

WHEREAS, it is critical to intensify public awareness of sexual assault, to educate people about the need for citizen involvement in efforts to reduce sexual violence, to increase support for agencies providing sexual assault services, and to increase awareness of the healing power of creative expression; and

WHEREAS, Community Violence Solutions requests public support and assistance as it continues to work toward a society where all women, children, and men can live in peace, free from violence and exploitation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,
That the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, join anti-sexual violence advocates and support service programs in the belief that all community members must be part of the solution to end sexual violence. Along with the United States Government and State of California, I do hereby proclaim April as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month!"

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

City of San Pablo

Date

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2019**



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COMMUNITY CHAMPION LUNCHEON

Honoring Those Who Make a Difference

Please join us while we pay tribute to those who go above and beyond the call of duty to support survivors and end sexual violence in our community.

2019 COMMUNITY CHAMPION HONOREES:

Ronda Hayes, Contra Costa County , EHSD
Savannah Stewart, Richmond Police Department
Jenn Rader, El Cerrito High School, James Morehouse Project
Paul Graves, Office of the Contra Costa District Attorney
Paul Holes, Retired, Office of the Contra Costa District Attorney

Celebrating
45 years

of community service

1974-2019

April 23, 2019

11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Pleasant Hill Community Center

320 Civic Drive, Pleasant Hill, CA

Enjoy a catered lunch - \$25.00

Please RSVP with: jocampo@cvsolutions.org or 510.237.0113