

Monterey County Board of Supervisors

Resolution

Resolution No.: 23-162

Adopt Resolution Honoring Communities Organized for Relational Power in Action (COPA) on its 20th Anniversary..... )

WHEREAS, COPA was initially founded in 2003 by faith, labor and civil leaders who wanted to take an active role in the democratic process and in the future of their communities; and

WHEREAS, COPA’s goal is always to build power with, as opposed to power over; power based on relationships between diverse institutions and communities and a shared interest in having a strong public voice; and

WHEREAS, COPA has been an advocate for the funding that has kept the Salinas Public Libraries open; and

WHEREAS, COPA has worked with local institutions and funders to build hundreds of units of affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, COPA has been a flag bearer to secure and expand the launch of “Esperanza Care” so thousands of low income and undocumented families can have access to medical care; and

WHEREAS, COPA fought for the creation of the VIDA project which has created over 100+ community health workers positions which helps low income and vulnerable communities get access to medical resources information; and

WHEREAS, During the Covid-19 pandemic COPA worked statewide to ensure undocumented families could get access to the help they needed by making them eligible for assistance; and

WHEREAS, The most important measure of COPA’s success is always the development of new leaders who take charge of their own communities and their own futures.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all residents thereof, hereby joins the community in honoring Communities Organized for Relational Power in Action (COPA) on its 20th Anniversary and thanks them for its significant contribution to the County of Monterey.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 16th day of May 2023



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