

**THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
RESOLUTION HONORING**

**THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE
ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY**

WHEREAS, the Community Development Institute, which is based in East Palo Alto, is an organization that has developed innovative ways to achieve its mission of addressing the root causes of poor quality of life in underserved communities by engaging in various activities that promote community building and leadership development; and will be celebrating its 25th anniversary this year along with its first annual leadership awards presentation; and

WHEREAS, the Community Development Institute was founded in 1979 by Dr. Omowale Satterwhite in an effort to help to bring about self-determination in the community and has inspired the creation of other community-based organizations. Through local and national work, the Community Development Institute has assisted more than 1,000 organizations throughout the country in improving governance and program delivery, provided leadership training to over 1,200 youth, and served as the fiscal sponsor for more than a dozen community-based Bay Area organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Community Development Institute has focused on three major programs to implement change: Empowerment Research!, Leadership Training Academy, and Community Incubator. Created in 2002, Empowerment Research! is an applied, public policy research and training program with the mission of empowering underserved communities by providing qualitative and quantitative tools as well as promoting best practices and programs that are most effective in communities of color. The Leadership Training Academy was established in 1985 and offers a comprehensive training program for East Palo Alto middle and high school students that prepares them to take on a variety of civic leadership roles and endows them with the tools necessary to effect positive change in their communities and gain a deeper knowledge of social responsibility. Community Incubator is a continued initiative of the Community Development Institute that provides fiscal management services to unincorporated charitable initiatives in the Bay Area that promote leadership development, political empowerment, economic development, and social revitalization in underserved communities; and

WHEREAS, the Community Development Institute has continued to respond to the changing needs and issues faced by underserved communities and has contributed to positive change in East Palo Alto and beyond,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, does hereby honor and congratulate the Community Development Institute for its outstanding contributions and wish them continued success in its community building efforts for many more years to come.

DATED: August 20, 2004

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