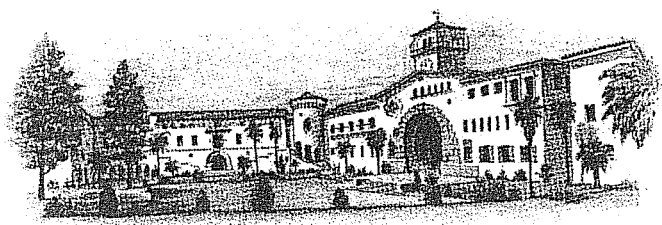


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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

RESOLUTION WELCOMING THE NEW AMERICA ALLIANCE EDUCATION INITIATIVE TO SANTA BARBARA COUNTY CALIFORNIA

Whereas, the New America Alliance (NAA) is a national organization of Latino and Latina business leaders who are committed to improving the educational outcomes for Latino and African-American students; and

Whereas, the NAA is having a national "Encuentro on Education" in Santa Barbara that will be an unprecedented gathering of national Latino and African American business, education, government and non-profit leaders who will focus on how the private sector can help close the educational achievement gap; and

Whereas, studies continue to demonstrate that half of Hispanic and African-American students graduate from high school, with African American students graduating at 55%, Hispanics at 53% and, on average, they are nearly 3 years behind their academic peers; and

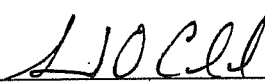
Whereas, NAA and its "Encuentro on Education" recognizes that business leaders and the organizations that represent them should be at the forefront of the 21st Century movement to raise educational excellence and equality, and through its membership this organization is uniquely positioned to engage American businesses to respond to the challenge.

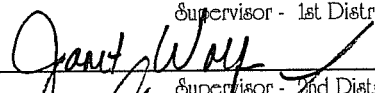
NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors welcomes the New America Alliance to Santa Barbara County and commends its members for their dedication and commitment to enhancing education opportunities throughout the United States.

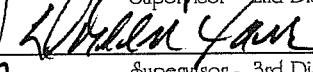
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 18th day of August, 2009 by unanimous vote of all members present.

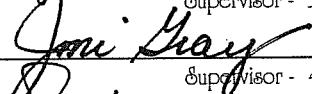



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