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## Resolution/Statement of Support for Contra Costa District Attorney Diana Becton

On July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 over 100 anti-racist community members in the City of Martinez came together to paint a mural that read BLACK LIVES MATTER on the street in front of the Wakefield Taylor Courthouse in a permitted effort that lasted for over 5 hours.

Also on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020, a white couple, identified in a video as Martinez residents Nicole Anderson, 42, and David Nelson, 53 arrived at the Black Lives Matter mural, that was freshly painted by the anti-racist community members, with black paint and rollers and began to paint over the mural. While painting over the mural, they were recorded as saying, "racism is a leftist lie."

Our District Attorney, Diana Becton, has chosen to charge Anderson and Nelson with the following: violation of civil rights, vandalism under \$400 and possession of tools to commit vandalism or graffiti.

We wholeheartedly stand behind our District Attorney Diana Becton and are proud that she represents us. Racism and hate have no place in our communities and defacing the BLACK LIVES MATTER mural was a divisive and racist act which should be prosecuted in the manner DA Becton has set out.

We thank DA Becton for her service in defense of all of us!

Signed:

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