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The Contra Costa County Bar Association's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee and Women's Section recognize the passing of the Honorable Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and honors her legacy.

Before her appointment to the Supreme Court of the United States by Bill Clinton Justice Ginsburg fought tirelessly for women's equality, founding and directing the Women's Rights Project at the American Civil Liberties Union. Justice Ginsburg served more than 27 years as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court—notably just the second woman to be appointed to the Court.

As an advocate, litigator, professor, and judge, Justice Ginsburg was an unparalleled voice and a singular force for equality and justice throughout her extraordinary career. In an era when women were often asked why they were 'taking the place of a man,' she fought tirelessly to ensure that our country live up to its founding ideals, especially for all those marginalized by the status quo -- from women and communities of color, to the disabled and the LGBTQ community. She was a titan of law and served the country with consummate dedication, tirelessness, and passion for justice.

We mourn Justice Ginsburg's death as we celebrate all she accomplished in order to reach the often unattainable ideal of equality and justice for all. We are inspired by her fighting spirit and aim to embody the sentiment she expressed in these words: "Fight for the things that you care about but do it in a way that will lead others to join you." Justice Ginsburg, you will be missed.

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