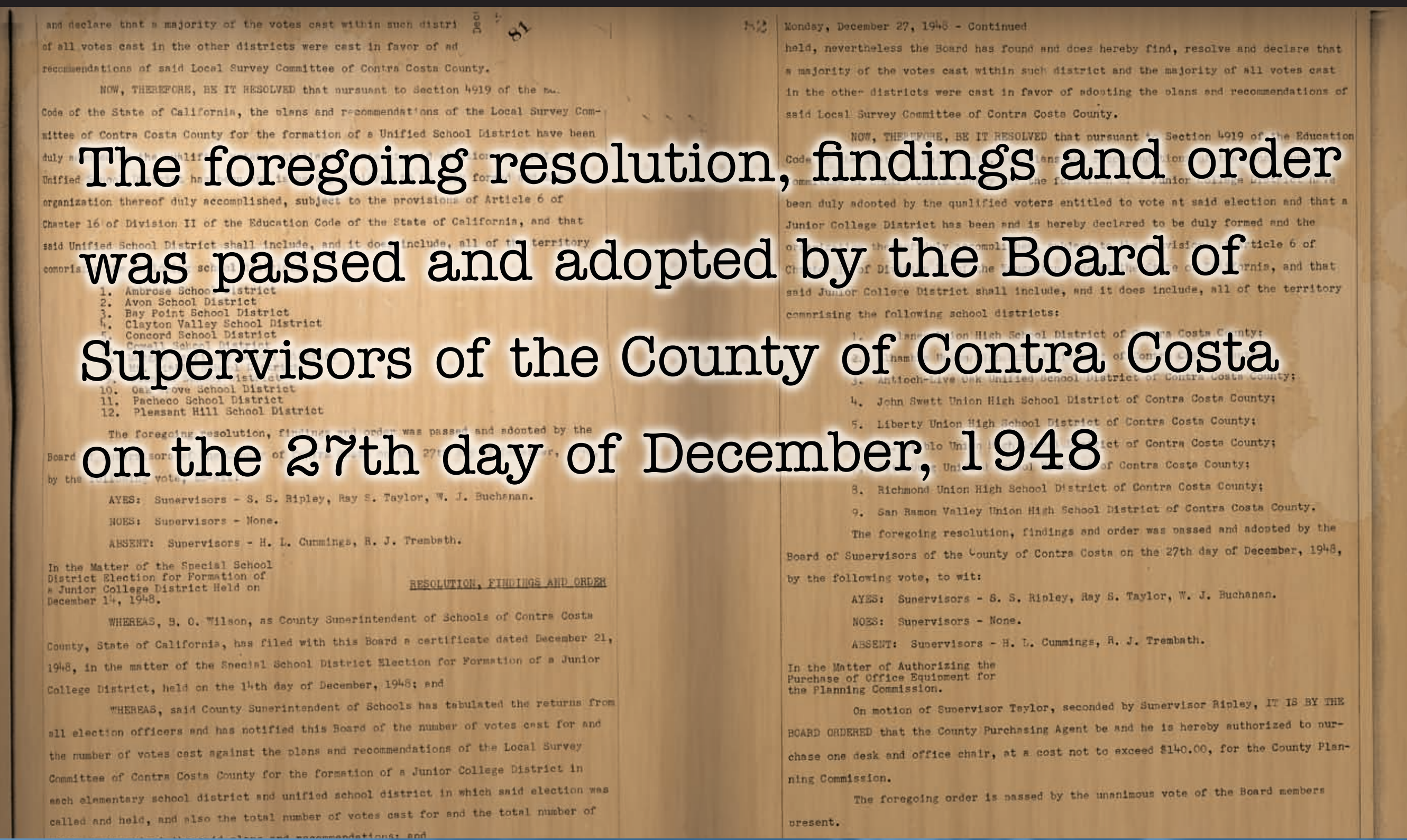


After voters barely passed a December 14, 1948 special election to create a county-wide junior college district, the Board of Supervisors approved the formation of the Contra Costa County Junior College District at their December 27, 1948 meeting.



The foregoing resolution, findings and order was passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Contra Costa on the 27th day of December, 1948

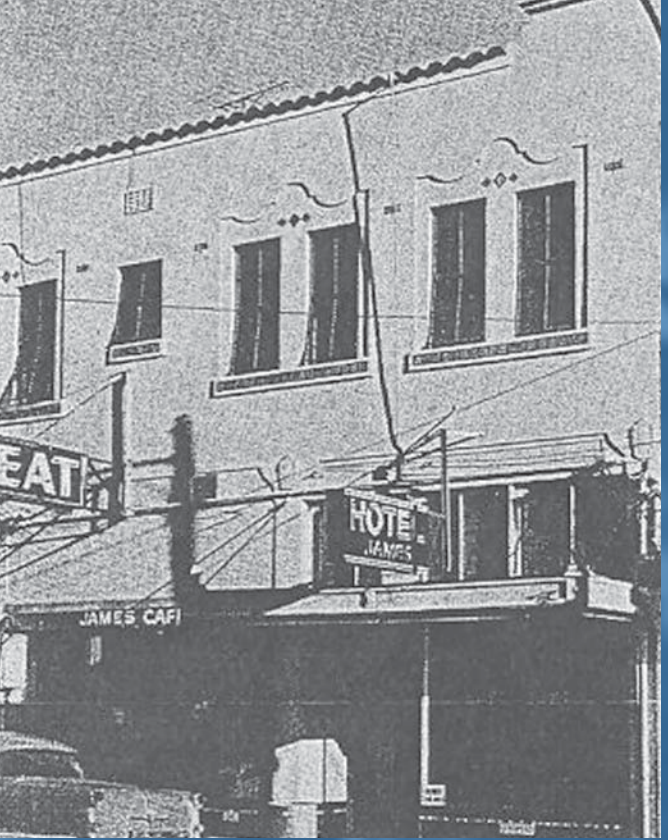
The first Contra Costa Junior College District Governing Board L-R, Bert Coffey, Fred Abbott, President George Gordon, Elton Brombacher, O.J. Wohlgenuth.



The Governing Board selected Drummond McCunn as the District's first Superintendent in 1949.



The first District Office was located at the Hotel James in Martinez, CA.



This 1949 photo captured one of first District classes held at Camp Stoneman where servicemen were eager to take classes.



In West County, early classes were held at the old Kaiser Shipyard in Richmond, CA.



1948



1959

Pathways to Success

The second District Office and Board Room was located at 1005 Escobar Street, Martinez, CA. In 1950, this building was known as the Palmist Building, and today is the home of the Martinez Historical Society.



The first graduation ceremony on the ECCJC campus was held in 1952.



The Governing Board approved the purchase of El Portal 45.07 acres in San Pablo for the permanent west campus site in 1953.



One of the first permanent buildings at Contra Costa College was the Humanities/Science Building in 1955.



The Founder's Oak was a majestic tree that was saved during the early days of construction of ECCJC. Unfortunately it was damaged during construction of a parking lot and later died.



The ECCJC Bell Tower was used to call students and staff about town hall meetings and campus events.



One of the first permanent structures at East Campus was the Technical Education Building, completed in 1958.



West Campus was renamed Contra Costa College, and East Campus was renamed Diablo Valley College in 1958.



	1940s	1950s		
STATE GOVERNOR	Earl Warren 1943-1953	Goodwin Knight 1953-1959		
BOARD MEMBERS		Edmund Brown 1959-1967		
Ward I		Elton Brombacher 1949-1959		William Kretzmer 1959-1973
Ward II		Bert Coffey 1949-1952	Pat Butler 1952-1954	Edgar Dale 1954-1960
Ward III		George Gordon 1949-1977		
Ward IV		O.J. Wohlgenuth 1949-1961		
Ward V		Fred Abbott 1949-1963		
CHANCELLOR		Drummond McCunn 1949-1962		
PRESIDENTS				
CCC		John Porterfield 1949-1953	Joseph Cosand 1953-1958	Robert Faul 1958-1964
DVC		Leland Medsker 1950-1956		Karl Drexel 1956-1965
LMC				