



**CONTRA COSTA COUNTY  
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## **PRESS RELEASE**

**WHAT:** World AIDS Day Health Fair & Candlelight Vigil

**WHEN:** 3-7 P.M., Dec. 1

**WHERE:** Pittsburg Health Clinic, 2311 Loveridge Road,  
Pittsburg

**WHO:** East County HIV/AIDS Task Force  
& Supervisor Federal Glover

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### **World AIDS Day in East County**

PITTSBURG (Nov. 22) – Contra Costa Supervisor, Federal D. Glover, today invited area residents to join in the global campaign against AIDS by participating in a Health Fair and Candlelight Vigil on December 1, 2006, Worlds AIDS Day.

Women comprise about 16% of all reported AIDS cases (2,438 total cases) in the county and 20% of all reported HIV cases (549 total cases). It is estimated that a third of the women do not know they have HIV.

AIDS and HIV impact women of color disproportionately. While 56% of women with AIDS and 59% of women with HIV are African Americans, African Americans represent 9.4% of the total population in Contra Costa. There is also a growing concern for Latino women. While 14% of women with AIDS and 9% of women with HIV are Latinos, Latinos represent 17.7% of the total population in Contra Costa.

“Figures like these make it seem like AIDS is winning a war against humanity but people of all faiths and walks of life will be joined in one common goal of raising awareness, and solidarity to demonstrate our commitment to ending this terrible disease,” said Glover, supervisor for District 5 , which encompasses the communities of Bay Point, Pittsburg, Antioch, Oakley and Bethel Island.

In an effort to raise local awareness of World AIDS Day, Supervisor Glover and the East County HIV/AIDS Task Force will be hosting the Health Fair and Candlelight Vigil at the Pittsburg Health Clinic on Friday, Dec. 1, 2006 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

This event is intended to increase community awareness of HIV/AIDS; to provide preventative education to the community; and provide intervention services for people

impacted by the disease. We will also honor and remember all those who are affected by HIV.

Refreshments will also be served at 5:00 p.m. and the emotionally uplifting candle lighting memorial will be at 6:30 p.m.

“The HIV/AIDS epidemic continues to seriously impact our communities in Contra Costa. The sad truth of the matter is that the virus continues to have an especially devastating impact upon communities of color and Latino,” Glover said.