

**RESOLUTION NO. 88-20**

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA,  
SUPPORTING THE VOICES OF THE YOUTH IN THEIR EFFORT TO INCREASE  
ANTI-RACISM PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS IN THE COMMUNITY, PUBLIC  
SAFETY, AND THE WEST CONTRA COSTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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**WHEREAS**, the Richmond Youth Council is an advisory board to the City Council on topics pertaining to the youth in Richmond; and

**WHEREAS**, the Richmond Youth Council submitted a letter to the Richmond City Council to support the recommendations from the youth regarding anti-racism efforts in the community, public safety and education; and

**WHEREAS** the Richmond City Council will support and implement policies that include standing in solidarity with Richmond's minority populations by allocating funding and attention to minority-serving organizations and programs in Richmond; and

**WHEREAS**, the Richmond City Council is in support of re-imagining public safety in Richmond; and

**WHEREAS**, the Richmond City Council is in support of increasing community outreach programs to ease tensions between the police and residents to better serve the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Richmond City Council recommends that the Richmond Youth Council be invited to join the community task force to reimagine public safety in Richmond; and

**WHEREAS**, the Richmond Police Department has already banned or restricted several of the methods listed in the 8 Can't Wait campaign and the City Council recommends that the Richmond Police Department consider banning the remaining policies from the 8 Can't Wait campaign:

- Ban chokeholds/carotid restraint by police
- Require police officers to intervene when they witness excessive use of force,
- Strengthen training in de-escalation methods
- Require officers to exhaust all alternatives including a verbal warning before shooting
- Prohibit officers from shooting into moving cars
- Comprehensive reporting of both actual and threatened use of force
- Rid the use of the No-Knock warrant
- Continuous comprehensive cultural sensitivity training

**WHEREAS**, the City of Richmond will amplify youth advocate voices through leadership development programs, town halls and creating opportunities for youth and elected officials to collaborate; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Richmond does not have jurisdiction over the school district but will commit to encouraging the West Contra Costa School District to improve the curriculum being taught to students by significantly increasing the history of people of color nationally and internationally instead of the major focus on the Eurocentric history that fosters thoughts of white supremacy in the minds of generations of students; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Richmond will commit to encouraging the West Contra Costa School District to allocate funding to require counselors, teachers, and administration to attend anti-racism training and programs aimed at assisting students struggling with racism and discrimination.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Richmond supports the recommendations of the Richmond Youth Council to improve practices within the Richmond Police Department, amplify the voices of the youth and encourage a collaboration with West Contra Costa School District to create change within the public education system including increasing ethnic studies in grades K-12.

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I certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting thereof held July 28, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Choi, Johnson, Martinez Myrick, and Willis, Vice Mayor Bates, and Mayor Butt.  
NOES: None.  
ABSTENTIONS: None.  
ABSENT: None.

PAMELA CHRISTIAN  
CLERK OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND  
(SEAL)

Approved:

THOMAS K. BUTT  
Mayor

Approved as to form:

RACHEL SOMMOVILLA  
Interim City Attorney

State of California }  
County of Contra Costa } : ss.  
City of Richmond }

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of **Resolution No. 88-20**, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on July 28, 2020.

  
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Pamela Christian, Clerk of the City of Richmond