

RESOLUTION NO. 20-09

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND,
CALIFORNIA TO OPPOSE CONTRA COSTA COUNTY CUTS FOR
IMMEDIATE PRIMARY CARE HEALTH SERVICES TO UNDOCUMENTED
ADULTS**

WHEREAS, tuberculosis, influenza, sexually transmitted diseases and other airborne diseases and physical contact diseases create public health concerns in both public and private settings, and

WHEREAS, Contra Costa County staff is recommending defunding services to 5,500 adult undocumented persons from primary care, and

WHEREAS, experience has proven that restriction to access to primary care only transfers those unmet medical needs to more expensive Emergency Room services burdening county and local hospitals and risking their financial stability, and

WHEREAS, the County by this action is implementing Proposition 187 provisions which have been found unconstitutional, and

WHEREAS, the County shall burden the local non-profit clinic system with an unsubsidized or minimally subsidized financing to services through a county-wide private non profit system, which is already financially stressed in producing medical services.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Richmond, for public health concerns, for the broader public financial interests in the clinic systems and for ethical reasons, hereby opposes reducing services to meet the health needs of undocumented persons.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on March 17, 2009, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Bates, Butt, Rogers, Ritterman, Viramontes, Vice Mayor Lopez, and Mayor McLaughlin.

NOES: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

ABSENT: None.

DIANE HOLMES
Clerk of the City of Richmond

(SEAL)

Approved:

GAYLE McLAUGHLIN
Mayor

Approved as to form:

RANDY RIDDLE
City Attorney

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