

RESOLUTION NO. 61-09

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND
CALIFORNIA IN SUPPORT OF A PARTNERSHIP WITH YOUTH OF
PROMISE AND ENCOURAGE CITY EMPLOYEES TO VOLUNTEER AS
MENTORS TO WEST CONTRA COSTA YOUTH**

WHEREAS, Youth of Promise is a collaborative effort to provide mentoring under a cohesive umbrella for at-risk youth in West Contra Costa County; and

WHEREAS, the collaboration is led by the West Contra Costa County Unified School district (WCCUSD) and utilizes the expertise of Be A Mentor, Inc., one of the Bay Area's largest mentoring organizations; and

WHEREAS, mentoring programs provide at-risk youth with nurturing and supportive adult role models to assist with preventing delinquency and other anti-social detrimental behaviors, while increasing the opportunity for a successful transition to higher education, adulthood and gainful employment; and

WHEREAS, volunteerism is an important asset to our community and volunteer mentors provides a platform for adults to connect with youth to help prepare them for independence and equip them with the skills to become productive, self-sustaining citizens; and

WHEREAS, President Barak Obama demonstrated his belief in volunteerism by signing a 5.7 billion dollar Service Bill to encourage involvement in local communities.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND hereby support a partnership with Youth of Promise and encourage city employees to volunteer as mentors to West Contra Costa youth.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting thereof held on June 16, 2009, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Bates, Butt, Ritterman, Rogers, 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

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