

**RESOLUTION NO 81-14**

**RESOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE CITY OF RICHMOND AND THE MEN AND WOMEN OF PURPOSE (MWP) TO PROMOTE PUBLIC SAFETY THROUGH COMMUNITY POLICING AND JUSTICE FOR RICHMOND RESIDENTS AND FAMILIES THAT HAVE BEEN IMPACTED AND AFFECTED BY CRIME**

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**WHEREAS**, crime including the fear of crime and disorder and important qualitative considerations are common drivers behind existing policies and practices that result in the need to form partnerships with grass root organizations to assist with this effort;

**WHEREAS**, the MWP's mission through community engagement with ex-offenders is examined in light of (1) how crime is defined, and (2) its tie to a justice system that frustrates victims, alienates whole communities, and fuels skyrocketing financial and moral costs of punishment;

**WHEREAS**, the MWP Current developments in community and restorative justice is helping to shape ideas and thinking about what policing and the administration of justice will look like in the near future;

**WHEREAS**, the MWP commitment and work towards restorative justice signals a commitment to long-term change that will continue to promote peacekeeping and crime prevention;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Richmond Police, the MWP, and other grassroots organizations have a critical role to play in supporting change through taking stock of current situations and thinking about the future of young men, women, children and families that will assist to reduce and eliminate incarnating repeat offenders;

**WHEREAS**, this Resolution will assist the City of Richmond and the MWP to define and seek human arrangements where there is emphasis on self-help, self-regulation, and cooperation in support of the public and common good for young men, women who are affected by crime in the community;

**WHEREAS**, through this partnership the MWP will provide the leadership that is needed to nurture and create mechanisms for leveraging social capital to promote connectedness and caring that is the essence of crime prevention and social justice;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Richmond supports the MWP's efforts to promote social responsibility and their working with all City Departments engaged in this effort for an improved and crime free community.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Richmond agrees with the partnership between the City and the Men & Women of Purpose for the assurance of working with agencies and individuals within the Richmond community to reduce recidivism for Richmond residents.

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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 on **September 16, 2014**, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Bates, Boozé, Butt, Myrick, Rogers, Vice Mayor Beckles 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:

BRUCE GOODMILLER  
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. 81-14**, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on September 16, 2014.