

RESOLUTION NO. 78-14

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND,
CALIFORNIA, IN SUPPORT OF THE RICHMOND POLICE ACTIVITIES LEAGUE
(RPAL) MENTOR PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Richmond Police Activities League (RPAL) management promotes services to at-risk youth with the help of community volunteer mentors; and

WHEREAS, volunteer mentors play a critical role in ensuring that each youth understands the relationship between choices and consequences on their quest to becoming productive citizens; and

WHEREAS, Richmond Police Activities League has received funding to create 75 mentor-mentee matches among at-risk youth in the Richmond, California Area with an anticipated ratio of 1 successful match out of 5 applicants so that 375 mentor applicants need to be recruited; and

WHEREAS, 53% of youth ages 11 — 15 who live in the East Bay of the San Francisco Bay Area lack crucial positive adult guidance and are in dire need of an enriching relationship with a positive adult role model; and

WHEREAS, youth matched with a caring adult role model are 46% less likely to use illegal drugs, 27% less likely to start drinking, 52% less likely to skip school, 37% less likely to skip class, and in general are more trusting of their parents or guardians; and

WHEREAS, there is a strong need for an increase in mentors across all cultures and from all socio-economic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, this program is designed to be inclusive of all youth ages 11 — 15 who need and want a mentor; and

WHEREAS, in order to achieve the desired collective impact of improving the lives of at-risk youth within our community by pairing them with caring and supportive long term adult mentors, RPAL could use all the support we have to offer; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, I, Mayor Gayle McLaughlin on behalf of the Richmond City Council do hereby resolve that we support the RPAL Mentor Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, we encourage staff and community partners to participate in and promote a volunteer recruitment campaign focused on serving children and youth in Richmond, California.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the City 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.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTENTION: 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. 78-14**, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on September 16, 2014.