

CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 20-17

**RESOLUTION APPROVING CITY OF RICHMOND CO-SPONSORSHIP OF A
“KNOW YOUR RIGHTS” EDUCATIONAL FORUM ORGANIZED
BY COMMUNITY GROUPS TO BE HELD ON APRIL 6, 2017**

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond welcomes and values all of its residents and wishes them to live and work free from discrimination, hostility, abuse, violence and fear; and

WHEREAS, one third of the residents of Richmond are persons who were born in foreign countries and who have come to the U.S. in search of better lives for themselves and their families; and

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond has been a Sanctuary City for a quarter of a century; and

WHEREAS, Richmond Ordinance No. 29-90 specifically prohibits City employees and police officers in the city from informing, assisting or cooperating with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and prohibits the use of City resources to enforce federal immigration laws in Richmond; and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance was reaffirmed with Resolution 11-07, adopted in 2007, which stated the City’s support for “comprehensive immigration reform that is fair, just and humane”; and

WHEREAS, Richmond Mayor Tom Butt stated in January of 2016 and in response to apprehension, expressed by immigrants and undocumented individuals living in Richmond about their security and protection following Donald Trump’s Presidential win, that “The City of Richmond joins many ‘Sanctuary Cities’ nationwide in providing a significant measure of security and protection for immigrants and undocumented persons living and working in the City of Richmond,” and

WHEREAS, according to local physicians the current statements, actions, and executive orders from the White House and other places of power are having a serious chilling effect on our undocumented immigrant population, who are experiencing increasing reluctance to seek needed medical care and a legitimate fear that even a medical visit will be reported; and

WHEREAS, similarly school and work attendance is affected by the atmosphere of fear and intimidation; and

WHEREAS, there is the need for all Richmond residents, in particular immigrants from all countries and nationalities given the current political climate, to know and affirm their rights under the Constitution and the rights they have in the City of Richmond; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Richmond will facilitate and co-sponsor the realization of a “KNOW YOUR RIGHTS” educational forum organized by community groups for that purpose by providing use of the Richmond Convention Center main room on Thursday April 6th 2017 (5-9 PM); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Richmond will collaborate with the community organizers in every possible way preparing, advertising (including KCRT and the Marquee) and implementing this educational forum.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting thereof held March 7, 2017, by the following vote:

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

PAMELA CHRISTIAN
CLERK OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND
(SEAL)

Approved:

TOM BUTT
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. 20-17**, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on March 7, 2017.



Pamela Christian

Pamela Christian, Clerk of the City of Richmond