

RESOLUTION NO. 62-17

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA
IN ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY FOR EQUITY AND ACCESS AT
CHARTER SCHOOLS**

WHEREAS, the West Contra Costa Unified School District (WCCUSD) has experienced a growth in Charter Schools in the last decade; and

WHEREAS, the current rules with regards to transparency, accountability, equity, and access are have not been sufficient to support the oversight of charter school operations; and

WHEREAS, the District Governing Board of Education is the democratically elected body that is responsible in increasing student achievement, protecting public monies, and improving equity and access to all schools; and

WHEREAS, AB 1360, Charter Schools: Pupil Admissions, Suspensions and Expulsions prohibits discriminatory admission practices and ensures due process in pupil discipline at charter schools;

WHEREAS, any practices that serve to deny or push out certain children or families must be eliminated; and

WHEREAS, AB 1478, Charter Schools accountability and transparency requires that charter operators be subject to the same conflict of interest laws and disclosure regulations that traditional schools follow as well as prohibits charter school board members and their immediate families from benefitting from their schools; and

WHEREAS, SB 808, Charter Schools: Charter Authorities and Approvals requires that the local education authority (LEA) hold the sole jurisdiction to approve or reject any charter school petition; and

WHEREAS, SB 808 maintains that local school boards are best equipped to make decisions regarding education programs within their jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, currently the County Board of Education and the State Board of Education can summarily overrule decisions of local education authorities, thus undermining local control and democratically elected leadership.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Richmond City Council hereby declares its support for AB 1360, AB 1478, and SB 808, and calls on the California State Legislature to approve their swift passage; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the City Clerk send a copy of this resolution to the State Legislature in support of AB 1360, AB 1478, and SB 808, as well as to the West Contra Costa Unified School District Superintendent and School Board Trustees.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting thereof held June 6, 2017, by the following vote:

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

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. 62-17**, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on June 6, 2017.

Certified as a True Copy

PAMELA CHRISTIAN
CLERK OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA

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ASSISTANT