

**RESOLUTION NO. 64-17**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND,  
CALIFORNIA IN SUPPORT OF AB 1578: PROTECTING CALIFORNIANS AGAINST  
FEDERAL ATTACKS ON LAWFUL MARIJUANA ACTIVITY**

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**WHEREAS**, the City of Richmond welcomes and values all of its residents and supports them to live and work free from discrimination, hostility, abuse, violence, exploitation and fear of local, state and federal law enforcement; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Richmond currently holds dear our sanctuary policies as stated in Resolution 35-06 (April 18, 2006), Resolution 11-07 (February 6, 2007) and Ordinance 29-90 (August 20, 1990); and

**WHEREAS**, in 2016, the voters of California overwhelmingly approved Proposition 64, the Adult Use of Marijuana Act, which provided that adults 21 and over could purchase and possess a limited amount of marijuana for personal use

**WHEREAS**, President Trump and Attorney General Jeff Sessions' crackdown on the recreational use of marijuana, using state and local resources for the administration's agenda is an overreach that would completely undermine both the will of California voters and the laws approved by our State Legislature; and

**WHEREAS**, AB 1578 is supported by many cities and organizations: City of Oakland, City of West Hollywood, Courage Campaign, Drug Policy Alliance, American Civil Liberties Union of California, Americans for Safe Access, Amity Foundation, Cage Free Cannabis, California Cannabis Manufacturers Association, California Minority Alliance, California Chapter of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws, California Public Defenders Association, California State Conference of the NAACP, California Youth Empowerment Network, Homeless Health Care Los Angeles, Humboldt Cannabis Tours, Immigrant Legal Resources Center, Immigrant Youth Coalition, International Cannabis Farmers Association, Institution of the Black World 21st Century, Law Enforcement Action Partnerships, Los Angeles Cannabis Taskforce, Los Angeles Regional Reentry Partnership, Marijuana Policy Project, South Los Angeles Reintegration Council, Southern California Coalition, Service Employees International Union California (SEIU), and many more; and

**WHEREAS**, AB 1578 creates a safe haven and will protect Californians who are operating lawfully under our state laws by providing that absent a court order signed by a judge, a state or local agency (including law enforcement and regulatory agencies) shall NOT:

1. Use agency resources to assist a federal agency to investigate, detain, report, or arrest a person for marijuana activity authorized by state law.
2. Respond to a request by a federal agency for information about a person who is authorized to possess, cultivate, transport, manufacture, or sell marijuana or marijuana products, if that request is made to enforce federal laws.
3. Provide information about a person who has applied for or received a license to operate legally under state marijuana laws.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Richmond City Council supports AB1578; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City of Richmond will continue to work to assure every resident has adequate healthcare; and promote, protect and ensure the full enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms by all persons with disabilities; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City Council directs the City Manager and/or designee to send copies of this resolution of support to our State representatives: AB 1578 Author Assembly member Jones-Sawyer, and Co-Authors Assembly Members Bonta, Chiu, Wood, Eggman, Cristina Garcia, and Thurmond; State Senators Skinner and Wiener.

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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 June 6, 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. 64-17**, 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  
BY *Pabrina Lundy*  
ASSISTANT