

RESOLUTION NO. 21-18

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, IN
SUPPORT OF THE REINSTATEMENT OF THE COMMUNITY INITIATIVES FOR
VISITING IMMIGRANTS IN CONFINEMENT (CIVIC) ADVOCATES PROGRAM AT
THE WEST CONTRA COSTA JAIL TO VISIT DETAINED UNDOCUMENTED
IMMIGRANTS**

WHEREAS, CIVIC has operated a visitation program and free hotline at the jail since 2011 and

WHEREAS, CIVIC volunteers play an essential role in supporting people in ICE detention and their families; and

WHEREAS, on February 15, ICE terminated CIVIC's free hotline with no advance warning or subsequent explanation; and

WHEREAS, shortly after, the Contra Costa Sheriff's Office suspended clearance for CIVIC's visitation program coordinator and subsequently revoking access for all CIVIC volunteers; and

WHEREAS, the sheriff's cites that CIVIC has habitually violated rules and regulations after an investigation into CIVIC's "emails, phone calls, radio and newspaper interviews," and allegedly found that "the organization poses a safety and security risk to the West County Detention Facility" but provided no further details; and

WHEREAS, CIVIC in November 2017 publicized allegations of abuse by deputies overseeing female ICE detainees; and

WHEREAS, these allegations led to numerous media reports and calls for an investigation; and

WHEREAS, this action by the Sheriff and ICE appears to be in retaliation: and

WHEREAS, none of the support provided by CIVIC volunteers are in violation of the facility's policies; and

WHEREAS, detainees do have rights under our constitution

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Richmond hereby calls for the reinstatement of CIVIC access to the community visitation program and its Hotline.

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 27, 2018, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Choi, Martinez, Myrick, Recinos, Vice Mayor Willis, and Mayor Butt.

NOES: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

ABSENT: Councilmember Beckles.

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. 21-18**, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on March 27, 2018.


Pamela Christian, Clerk of the City of Richmond