

RESOLUTION NO. 33-18

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, IN
SUPPORT OF ADOPTING A SANCTUARY CITY CONTRACTING AND
INVESTMENT ORDINANCE**

WHEREAS, President Trump issued an Executive Order on January 25, 2017 titled “Border Security and Immigration Enforcement” and created heightened fear and insecurity among many immigrant communities in Richmond and across the nation; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the City of Richmond has a moral obligation to protect its residents from persecution; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that immigrants are valuable and essential members of both the California and Richmond community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond is a Sanctuary City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that a registry or database of individuals identified by religion, national origin, or ethnicity, could be used by the government to persecute those individuals; and

WHEREAS, President Trump has repeatedly signaled that he intends to require Muslims to register in a database; and

WHEREAS, Trump advisors have invoked WWII Japanese-American internment as a precedent for the proposed expansion of the registry; and

WHEREAS, the Census Bureau turned over confidential information in 1943, including names and addresses, to help the US government identify Japanese Americans during World War II for the purpose of relocation; and

WHEREAS, President Trump has ordered a sweeping expansion of deportations and assigned unprecedented powers to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers targeting and terrorizing immigrant communities; and

WHEREAS, President Trump has issued three executive orders banning entry from certain Muslim-majority countries; and

WHEREAS, ICE Enforcement Removal Operations issued a Request for Information on August 3, 2017, to obtain commercial subscription data services capable of providing continuous real-time information pertaining to 500,000 identities per month from sources such as State Identification Numbers; real time jail booking data; credit history; insurance claims; phone number account information; wireless phone accounts; wire transfer data; driver’s license information; Vehicle Registration Information; property information; pay day loan information; public court records; incarceration data; employment address data; Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) data; and employer records; and

WHEREAS, ICE has a \$1.6 million contract with Thomson-Reuters, maker of popular law firm software products such as WestLaw and PeopleMap, for the above services via its CLEAR software (Consolidated Lead Evaluation and Reporting); and

WHEREAS, ICE has proposed a \$13.6 million four-year contract with Thomson-Reuters for continuing access to CLEAR that requires CLEAR to interface with Palantir’s FALCON analytics, for the purposes of asset forfeiture investigations; and

WHEREAS, ICE has a \$41 million contract with Palantir Technologies for the development of an intelligence system called Investigative Case Management, intended to be capable of providing information pertaining to an individual’s schooling, family relationships, employment information, phone records, immigration history, foreign exchange program status,

personal connections, biometric traits, criminal records, and home and work addresses; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Homeland Security published a new rule on September 18, 2017, authorizing the collection of social media information on all immigrants, including permanent residents and naturalized citizens; and

WHEREAS, ICE has awarded Giant Oak with \$3 million for three separate contracts pertaining to social media data analytics services; and

WHEREAS, on September 8, 2017, ICE arrested hundreds of immigrants in intentionally targeted ‘sanctuary’ cities; and

WHEREAS, ICE’s “Extreme Vetting Initiative” industry day attracted large corporations like IBM, Lexis-Nexis, and Palantir in pursuit of contracts that would provide ICE with various data broker, social media threat modeling, and extreme vetting services; and

WHEREAS, on January 8, 2018, ICE awarded a contract to Vigilant to obtain access to Vigilant’s commercially available license plate reader database; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes the adoption of a policy to require contractors to refrain from providing information about contracted workers to ICE would protect immigrants from potential persecution; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes prohibiting investment in service providers involved in creating databases or registries that identify immigrants by religion, national origin, or ethnicity.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Richmond hereby supports the adoption of a Sanctuary City Contracting and Investment Ordinance.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting thereof held May 15, 2018, by the following vote:

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

PAMELA CHRISTIAN
CLERK OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND
(SEAL)

Approved:

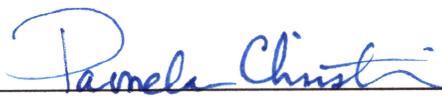
TOM BUTT
Mayor

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. 33-18**, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on May 15, 2018.



Pamela Christian, Clerk of the City of Richmond