

RESOLUTION NO. 44-18

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA IN
SUPPORT OF CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL 1421: PEACE OFFICERS AND RELEASE
OF RECORDS**

WHEREAS, the people of California, including the residents of Richmond, instill authority in peace and custodial officers in order to maintain peace in communities, and the misuse or abuse of that authority represents a danger to the people of California and Richmond; and

WHEREAS, the public has the right and the will to be made aware of misconduct and the misuse of the authority on the part of peace and custodial officers, especially in instances of the use of excessive force, deadly force, and violations of civil rights; and

WHEREAS, the California Penal Code currently requires that records pertaining to complaints against or the misconduct of peace and custodial officers remain confidential and inaccessible to the public; and

WHEREAS, preventing the public from accessing records pertaining to misconduct and the misuse of authority degrades public trust in peace and custodial officers, illegitimizing their work and preventing them from effectively serving communities; and

WHEREAS, Senator Nancy Skinner has introduced Bill 1421 to the California Senate to amend sections 832.7 and 8.32.8 of the California Penal Code regarding peace officer records; and

WHEREAS, California Senate Bill 1421 would require that certain records pertaining to complaints against and the misconduct of peace and custodial officers be made accessible to the public; and

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond is committed to furthering the improvement of relations between communities and peace and custodial officers, and improving transparency and the public's access to city departments and information.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Richmond does hereby support California Senate Bill 1421, and calls on members of the California Senate and the California Assembly to ensure its approval; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Richmond will continue to affirm our city's values of community, transparency, and civil rights, and foster better relations between communities and peace and custodial officers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution will be sent to Governor Jerry Brown, State Senator Nancy Skinner, and Assemblymember Tony Thurmond.

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 19, 2018, by the following vote:

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

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. 44-18**, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on June 19, 2018.

Certified as a True Copy

PAMELA CHRISTIAN
CLERK OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA

BY *Jabrina Lundy*
ASSISTANT