

**RESOLUTION NO. 60-18**

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA  
OPPOSING ZERO TOLERANCE IMMIGRATION POLICIES**

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**WHEREAS**, the City of Richmond is committed to cultural diversity and the protection of all community members regardless of immigration status, and has been an active sanctuary city for nearly three decades; and

**WHEREAS**, immigrants to the United States often arrive seeking asylum from violence and oppression, and per the United Nations' 1951 Refugee Convention, 1967 Protocol, and 1980 Refugee Act to which the United States is bound, it is the legal right of any individual to seek asylum without retaliation; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Department of Justice has adopted a "zero tolerance" policy toward individuals apprehended at the border, which calls for the prosecution of all migrants entering the United States outside of ports of entry; and

**WHEREAS**, thousands of families have and will be either separated or held in detention for an undisclosed amount of time, including young children, exposing them to further traumatization after a dangerous journey to the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the implementation of zero tolerance policies has led to the escalation of the wrongful detention of legal and permanent residents, further violating the safety and civil rights of already vulnerable communities; and

**WHEREAS**, policies that break families apart and/or forcibly keep them detained in detention centers have subjected children and asylum seekers to egregious human rights violations and abuse, and are condemned by human rights and child protection organizations globally; and

**WHEREAS**, housing children in detention centers, even with their families, may lead to prolonged exposure to stress which can cause irreparable harm to the developing brain and negatively affect short and long term physical and mental health; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the right of women, children, and families to flee domestic violence, and zero tolerance immigration policies undermine this right by disproportionately impacting individuals escaping domestic violence; and

**WHEREAS**, the current treatment of families who cross the border to escape violence and harm is not only unconscionable, it is reminiscent of America's shameful past and the atrocities experienced by people of color throughout our country's history, undermining the work of our nation's leaders to build a country that champions human rights and welcomes all.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the City of Richmond calls for an end to zero tolerance immigration policies, and any policy that threatens, separates, and detains families; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the City of Richmond urges Congress to take action immediately to ensure that the Department of Justice and the Department of Homeland Security are prohibited from separating or detaining families at the border; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the City of Richmond calls for the immediate implementation of plans to reunify families, and compliance with court orders to reunify families within a 14 to 30 day timeframe; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the City of Richmond opposes the coopting of local resources for unjust policies, and as such is opposed to the construction of any detention facilities in Contra Costa County and California as a whole; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the City of Richmond will continue to work with our partners to keep our city secure by providing resources to community organizations and advocacy networks, and upholding our civic duty to resist inhumane policies and protect vulnerable families; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, this resolution will be provided to Governor Jerry Brown, State Senator Nancy Skinner, Assemblymember Tony Thurmond, and the Trump Administration.

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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 July 10, 2018, by the following vote:

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| AYES:        | Councilmembers Beckles, Choi, Martinez, Myrick, Recinos, Vice Mayor Willis, 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. 60-18**, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on July 10, 2018.

**Certified as a True Copy**  
PAMELA CHRISTIAN  
CLERK OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA  
BY *Pamela Gandy*  
ASSISTANT