

RESOLUTION NO. 36-19

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, IN
SUPPORT OF CHARTER SCHOOL REFORM BILLS**

WHEREAS, students, teachers, parents, and district school board members should be empowered to have control over public education policy decisions that affect them; and

WHEREAS, charter schools are run by unaccountable self-appointed boards, rather than elected school boards that represent the interests of the public; and

WHEREAS, research does not indicate that charter schools lead to better educational outcomes for students, only that charter schools can be lucrative investments and lead to significant tax breaks for their financial backers; and

WHEREAS, the successful Oakland and Los Angeles teachers strikes demanded regulation and oversight of charter schools, and the local school boards for both jurisdictions passed moratoriums on approving new charter schools; and

WHEREAS, charter school expansion diverts money away from neighborhood public schools; and

WHEREAS, the Charter School Act of 1992 set a statewide cap of 100 charter schools with no more than 10 charter schools per school district, but 1998 law repealed these caps; and

WHEREAS, the Charter School Act of 1992 allows state and county entities to approve charter schools even after local school boards deny the petition; and

WHEREAS, a loophole in the Charter School Act of 1992 allows charters to operate in jurisdictions in which they have not been approved; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Richmond City Council urges Senator Nancy Skinner and Assembly member Buffy Wicks to support, the California Legislature to pass, and Governor Gavin Newsom to sign into law the California State Assembly Bills 1505, 1506, and 1507; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution will be sent to Governor Gavin Newsom, Senator Nancy Skinner, and Assembly member Buffy Wicks.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Richmond hereby stands in support for charter school state bills.

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 21, 2019, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Johnson, Martinez, Myrick, Willis, Vice Chair Choi, and Mayor Butt.
NOES: None.
ABSTENTIONS: None.
ABSENT: Councilmember Bates.

PAMELA CHRISTIAN
CLERK OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND
(SEAL)

Approved:

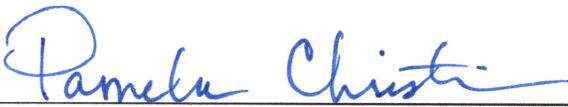
TOM BUTT
Mayor

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. 36-19**, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on May 21, 2019.


Pamela Christian, Clerk of the City of Richmond