

RESOLUTION NO. 62-14(a)

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND,
CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE RICHMOND
YOUTH COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, on November 26, 2013, the City Council received a report on RYSE's Listening Campaign, an inquiry process with young people from Richmond and West Contra Costa that engaged youth to share their experiences of trauma, violence, coping, and healing; and

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond has a clear interest in the welfare and development of our youth and in giving them opportunities to take advantage of opportunities to educate themselves, build relevant skills, and work in a professional setting; and

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond recognizes the value of input and the need for formal representation of unique perspectives and needs of its young residents; and

WHEREAS, the whole of our community benefits from greater civic participation by those who will one day be our leaders; and

WHEREAS, young people are disproportionately involved in and affected by the problems that beset communities; and

WHEREAS, on April 19, 2014, the Office of the Mayor, in partnership with the Eastbay Center for Performing Arts, Freedom Fighters, Raw Talent, Richmond Libraries Teen Services, Richmond PAL, RYSE Center, the Participatory Budgeting Project, and SEAYL, convened a Youth Summit at the Richmond Civic Auditorium to gather youth from many backgrounds, ages, and perspectives to give input on how the City of Richmond might address their needs; and

WHEREAS, the Richmond City Council has received a presentation from youth seeking the council's approval to form a Youth Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Richmond, California, hereby authorizes the establishment of the RICHMOND YOUTH COUNCIL, serving an advisory function and expanding the ability of youth from Richmond's schools, youth serving organizations, and all walks of life to collaborate and provide advice and input on all matters affecting youth;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the RICHMOND YOUTH COUNCIL shall have no fewer than seven (7) and a maximum of eighteen (18) members ages 14-21, and who shall be appointed by the Mayor with concurrence of at least three (3) members of the City Council, and who shall serve without compensation one-year terms, and whose appointment to the Youth Council does not preclude serving on other City Commissions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in order to allow the Youth Council members to begin meeting in the shortest possible time after their appointments, the Committee shall begin meeting under the following basic by-laws, which the Youth Council may eventually revise:

- The Youth Council shall elect a chair and vice-chair who shall serve in such capacity for a one (1) year term.
- The meetings will be conducted by the chair or vice-chair under Rosenberg's Rules of Order. Items for discussions must be agendaized in advance and any member may agendaize any Youth Council-related item. The chair and vice-chair will work with the staff liaison to prepare the agenda and make it public one week before each regularly scheduled meeting. For the purpose of conducting the business of the Youth Council, no less than 7 members of the appointed membership of the Youth Council shall be necessary. Members of the Youth Council shall strive first to make decisions by consensus and, failing that, decide matters by no less than two-thirds (2/3).

- Minutes, including the names of attendees, shall be kept for each meeting by the designated staff, and disseminated to all Youth Council members. Minutes shall be made available for public review on the City’s web site and elsewhere.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that regular meetings of the Youth Council shall be held a minimum of once each month at such day, time and place as designated by the Youth Council. All meetings of the Youth Council shall be open to the public.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that attendance at all regular and special meetings of the Youth Council is required, and absence from more than one fourth (1/4) in any twelve (12) month period shall be automatically considered by the Youth Council for automatic resignation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Richmond shall ensure that the Youth Council is adequately staffed to carry out its duties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the specific powers and duties of the Committee are as follows:

- (a) Represent and be an advocate for Richmond youth;
- (b) Review municipal matters referred to it by the City Council and City Staff and report findings and recommendations;
- (c) Initiate proposals on its own motion, which may be forwarded to City Council by staff for consideration;
- (d) Provide annual updates to City Council.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a special meeting thereof, held on July 22, 2014, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Bates, Boozé, Myrick, Rogers, Vice Mayor Beckles, and Mayor McLaughlin.
 NOES: Butt.
 ABSENT: None.
 ABSTENTION: None.

DIANE HOLMES
 CLERK OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND

(SEAL)

Approved:

GAYLE MCLAUGHLIN
 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. 62-14(a)**, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a special meeting held on July 22, 2014.