WHEREAS: On March 2, 2005, The Richmond Improvement Association in conjunction with its fellow co-founders of the Blessed are the Peacemakers campaign - the Richmond Mosque of the Nation of Islam and the Richmond Chapter of the NAACP - convened a community meeting to discuss methods by which the community could stop the senseless killing of men and women in Richmond California, and;

WHEREAS: On June 4, 2005, the Richmond Improvement Association sponsored the Richmond Black-on-Black Crime Summit. It attracted over three hundred attendees that participated in some or all of the conference activities, and;

WHEREAS: The participants in the Richmond Black on Black Crime Summit have committed to identifying ‘Best Practice’ intervention tactics in the areas of Crime & Violence, Education & Youth, Economic Development, Political Action, Cultural Awareness and Spiritual Responsibility and to secure support, resources and staff to implement effective programs, and;

WHEREAS: On March 7, 2006, the Richmond Improvement Association officially presented an executive summary of the Richmond Black-on-Black Crime Summit to the Mayor and Richmond City Council, which included the following identified ‘Best Practices’ and Faith Based Initiative” programs that were believed could contribute to a safe, peaceful and prosperous Richmond: Project Clean Slate, B.U.I.L.D. (Business United in Investing and Developing youth), Bidwell and Manchester Craftsmen’s Guild, Richmond Steelers For Life Program, The San Quentin Trust Project, the Pre-Apprenticeship program in Construction and Building Trades, and the 100 African American Men Against Crime, Violence and Injustice;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That Mayor Irma L. Anderson and the Richmond City Council do hereby acknowledge the efforts of the Richmond Improvement Association to bring about a safe, peaceful, and prosperous Richmond for all citizens, and recognize they are active stakeholders in this effort and fully support their goals.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond, California at a regular meeting held on March 21, 2006 by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Bates, Butt, Griffin, Marquez, McLaughlin, Rogers, Thurmond, Viramontes, and Mayor Anderson

NOES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

SANDRA THOMPSON
Acting Clerk of the City of Richmond

APPROVED:

IRMA L. ANDERSON
Mayor
I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of Resolution No. 26-06, finally passed and by the Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on March 21, 2006, and published in accordance with law.