

RESOLUTION NO. 104-10

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, CONDEMNING AND DISAPPROVING OF THE HATE CRIMES THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AND CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEMS

WHEREAS, in the spring of 2010 there were several hate crimes that took place in the University of California and California State University systems that impacted residents in the city of Richmond; and

WHEREAS, the event taking place on the February 15, 2010, was the racially offensive "Compton Cookout" party hosted by various fraternities within the Inter-Fraternal Council on University of California, San Diego's campus; and

WHEREAS, the instructions for the party included an extensive compilation of racial stereotypes and caricatures of African-American persons, and specifically went in-depth in creating caricatures of black femininity that depicted black women universally as being mentally incompetent, and collectively as being socio-economically dwarfed and subhuman; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the recent occurrence of the hate crime taking place on the campus of the University of California, San Diego, students of the University of California, Berkeley and University of California, Santa Cruz were affected with the same level of shock and indignation by the blatant mockery of Black History Month; and

WHEREAS, on February 10, 2010, two self identified gay male University of California, Riverside students were stalked, and eventually physically assaulted while enduring anti-gay epithets from three assailants while walking next to John W. North High School in Riverside, California; and

WHEREAS, both University of California, Riverside, students were hospitalized and treated for various injuries suffered during the beating; and

WHEREAS, On February 26, 2010, the University of California, Davis Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Resource Center was defaced and vandalized with derogatory and hateful words targeted at the Queer Community, including "Fags," and a specific reference to the "Cal Bears"; and

WHEREAS, a study done by the Regents of the University of California, Special Committee on Student Life and Alumni Affairs observed that the majority of all University of California students respondents felt that their sexual orientation was respected on campus, however, 30 percent of Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender (LGBT) students did not and 40 percent of LGBT students felt that the campus faculty and staff do not value them; and

WHEREAS, on April 18, 2010, a Richmond resident and Chico State student was followed and physically assaulted/stabbed while enduring racial epithets.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Richmond and the City of Richmond Human Relations and Human Rights Commission declare their opposition to and condemnation of the unfair, unjust and violent treatment of their residents and any other person that may have been affected by the hateful actions that have taken place on the University of California and California State University campuses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Richmond and the City of Richmond Human Relations and Human Rights Commission support future educational development for the successful completion of students in higher education.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Richmond and the City of Richmond Human Relations and Human Rights Commission support the implemented and agreed upon actions set forth in the March 24, 2010, UC San Diego Updates Campus Climate Goals and Accountability document that is attached hereto as Exhibit A and is incorporated herein by this reference.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Richmond City and the City of Richmond Human Relations and Human Rights Commission support the recommendations and actions set forth in the March 11, 2010 letter from the University of California, Davis Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Resource Center that is attached hereto as Exhibit B and is incorporated herein by this reference.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Richmond and the City of Richmond Human Relations and Human Rights Commission call upon the University of California Board of Regents and the University of California Chancellors Office to implement rules that would promote the safety and well being of all of their students.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond at a joint regular meeting thereof held on September 7, 2010, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Bates, Butt, Lopez, Rogers, Viramontes, Vice Mayor Ritterman, and Mayor Mclaughlin.

NOES: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

ABSENT: None.

DIANE HOLMES
Clerk of the City of Richmond

(SEAL)

Approved:

GAYLE MCLAUGHLIN
Mayor

Approved as to form:

RANDY RIDDLE
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. 104-10**, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a joint regular meeting held on September 7, 2010.