RESOLUTION NO. 78-14

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, IN SUPPORT OF THE RICHMOND POLICE ACTIVITIES LEAGUE (RPAL) MENTOR PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Richmond Police Activities League (RPAL) management promotes services to at-risk youth with the help of community volunteer mentors; and

WHEREAS, volunteer mentors play a critical role in ensuring that each youth understands the relationship between choices and consequences on their quest to becoming productive citizens; and

WHEREAS, Richmond Police Activities League has received funding to create 75 mentor-mentee matches among at-risk youth in the Richmond, California Area with an anticipated ratio of 1 successful match out of 5 applicants so that 375 mentor applicants need to be recruited; and

WHEREAS, 53% of youth ages 11 — 15 who live in the East Bay of the San Francisco Bay Area lack crucial positive adult guidance and are in dire need of an enriching relationship with a positive adult role model; and

WHEREAS, youth matched with a caring adult role model are 46% less likely to use illegal drugs, 27% less likely to start drinking, 52% less likely to skip school, 37% less likely to skip class, and in general are more trusting of their parents or guardians; and

WHEREAS, there is a strong need for an increase in mentors across all cultures and from all socio-economic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, this program is designed to be inclusive of all youth ages 11 — 15 who need and want a mentor; and

WHEREAS, in order to achieve the desired collective impact of improving the lives of at-risk youth within our community by pairing them with caring and supportive long term adult mentors, RPAL could use all the support we have to offer; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, I, Mayor Gayle McLaughlin on behalf of the Richmond City Council do hereby resolve that we support the RPAL Mentor Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, we encourage staff and community partners to participate in and promote a volunteer recruitment campaign focused on serving children and youth in Richmond, California.
I certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting thereof, held on September 16, 2014, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Bates, Boozé, Butt, Myrick, Rogers, Vice Mayor Beckles, and Mayor McLaughlin.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTENTION: None.

DIANE HOLMES
CLERK OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND

(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. 78-14, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on September 16, 2014.