

RESOLUTION NO. 102-14

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE “MY BROTHERS KEEPER” INITIATIVE TO HELP YOUNG MEN OF COLOR STAY ON TRACK BY BUILDING LADDERS OF OPPORTUNITY THROUGHOUT THE RICHMOND COMMUNITY AND REGION

WHEREAS, the President's My Brother's Keeper (MBK) initiative is focused on helping boys and young men of color achieve success and ensuring that all young people can reach their full potential;

WHEREAS, as part of the MBK Initiative, President Obama issued the “MBK Community Challenge,” which is a call to action to encourage communities to implement coherent cradle-to-college-and-career strategies for improving the life outcomes of all young people and ensure that they can reach their full potential, regardless of who they are, where they come from, or the circumstances into which they are born;

WHEREAS, the six goals of the MBK Community Challenge are to:

- Ensure our youth enter school cognitively, physically, socially, and emotionally ready;
- Ensure our children read at grade level by third grade;
- Ensure our youth graduate from high school and are prepared for college and/or career pathways;
- Ensure our youth complete post-secondary education or training to enter the workforce;
- Ensure all youth out of school are employed; and
- Ensure all youth remain safe from violent crime.

WHEREAS, the MBK Community Challenge encourages communities to focus on at least two of the six goals and to conduct a policy review and form recommendations for action to address these issues as well as to launch a plan of action, next steps, and a timetable for review;

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond accepts the "MBK Community Challenge" to join communities across the country to implement strategies that will put boys and young men on the path to success by working and partnering with foundations, businesses, and community leaders to ensure that all young people, including boys and young men of color, who are willing to work hard have an opportunity to get ahead and reach their full potential;

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond adopted a Health in All Policies (HiAP) Ordinance and Strategy on April 15, 2014 which aims to ensure that all Richmond residents should have the opportunity to make the choices that allow them to live a long, healthy life, regardless of their job, neighborhood of residence, level of education, immigration status, sexual orientation, ethnic background or religion.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Richmond pledges its commitment to the MBK Community Challenge to continue to build on the use of proven tools throughout the Richmond community in order to expand opportunity for young people, including access to health, transportation, environmental quality, nutrition, outdoor recreation, mentorship, and high-quality early education; help youth secure employment; and to partner with stakeholders and police to reduce violence, to make our classrooms and streets safer, and to enhance the vitality and prosperity of our community.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting thereof held on December 2, 2014, by the following vote:

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

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. 102-14**, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on December 2, 2014.