CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 19-17

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA,
IN SUPPORT OF SB 300 (MONNING) THE HEALTH WARNING LABEL
ON SUGAR-SWEETENED BEVERAGES ACT

WHEREAS, one third of all children and nearly half of African American and Latino children in California will develop type two diabetes during their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, the consequences of type-two diabetes include: a shortened lifespan and an increased risk of heart attack, stroke, blindness, kidney disease, and limb amputation; and

WHEREAS, type two diabetes is a preventable disease; and

WHEREAS, the excess sugar intake from sugar sweetened beverages is one of the main factors driving the type-two diabetes epidemic; and

WHEREAS, liquid sugar in the form of sugar-sweetened beverages is far more harmful that consuming the same amount of sugar in food because of the rapid absorption of the sugar; and

WHEREAS, consuming one or two sugar-sweetened beverages a day increases one’s risk of developing type-two diabetes by 29%; and

WHEREAS, more than 50% of Americans drink one or more sugar sweetened beverages per day; and

WHEREAS, in California, 29% of 2-5 year olds, 32% of 6-11 year olds, and 65% of 12-17 year olds consume one or more sugar sweetened beverage per day; and

WHEREAS, the average medical expense for a diabetic is more than 2 times greater than the expense of someone without diabetes; and

WHEREAS, diabetes adds an extra $1.6 billion yearly to California’s hospitalization costs, including $254 million in Medi-Cal costs; and

WHEREAS, in addition to type-two diabetes, consumption of one or more sugar-sweetened beverages a day is associated with an increased risk of dying from a heart attack; and

WHEREAS, consumption of sugar sweetened beverages also significantly increases one’s risk for obesity; and

WHEREAS, 60% of California’s adults and 40% of California’s children are overweight or obese; and

WHEREAS, consumption of sugar-sweetened beverages is a major cause of tooth decay; and

WHEREAS, tooth decay is the most common chronic illness of childhood, and results in much pain and suffering and is a major cause of absence from school; and

WHEREAS, health experts globally have advocated for efforts to drastically reduce sugar-sweetened beverage consumption in order to curb the epidemics of obesity and type-two diabetes and to prevent dental caries; and

WHEREAS, health warning labels have lowered consumption of other harmful products, such as tobacco; and

WHEREAS, California Senator William Monning, is introducing SB 300, The Health Warning Label on Sugar-Sweetened Beverages Act; and
WHEREAS, SB 300, requires a health-warning label be placed on sugar-sweetened beverages sold in California that contain added sweeteners and 75 calories or more per 12 ounces; and

WHEREAS, the Health Warning Label will read: “State of California Safety Warning: Drinking beverages with added sugar(s) contributes to obesity, type 2 diabetes, and tooth decay.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Richmond, CA wholeheartedly endorses SB 300 and encourages other governmental bodies throughout the state to do the same.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting thereof held March 7, 2017, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Choi, Martinez, McLaughlin, Myrick, Willis, Vice Mayor Beckles, and Mayor Butt.

NOES: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

ABSENT: None.

PAMELA CHRISTIAN
CLERK OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND
(SEAL)

Approved:

TOM BUTT
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. 19-17, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on March 7, 2017.

Pamela Christian, Clerk of the City of Richmond