

Richmond Police Department

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Board of Supervisors, Contra Costa County Martinez, California

Consent Item #76:

Greetings Supervisors,

My name is Allwyn Brown and am Chief of Police in the Richmond Police Department. I strongly believe that West County is a safer place thanks to the effective work that Rubicon and others provide through the Richmond Re-Entry Success Center to change lives and get those returning to their community from incarceration to integrate and become contributing members of our city.

Without the essential services that Rubicon and its partners provide so effectively and efficiently, many people who are returning citizens would be set up to fail, and much more likely to return to the justice system, which would make our community less safe.

I hope that the Board will accept the recommendation of the impartial evaluation panel and the County Administrator's Office of Re-Entry and Justice to once again award the contract to Rubicon Programs so that they continue to make Richmond a safer place through the ongoing work of the Richmond Re-Entry Success Center. They've been successfully operating this center for two years and its track record of success merits an extension of the existing contract.

It would be unfortunate if their work were to be delayed. It is far too important.

Thank you,

Allwyn Brown Chief of Police