

Awards/Recognitions Ceremony Docket

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Awards & Proclamations on behalf of the institution of Richmond City Council

Richmond City Council Officially Awards/Proclaims the following:

#	TITLE/SPEAKER	TYPE	SUMMARY/NARRATIVE	MAIN PRESENTER
1	Second Baptist Church <i>Richmond, Virginia</i> To be received by: Second Baptist Church	Richmond City Council Community Service Award	To officially bestow the Richmond City Council Community Service Award upon Second Baptist Church, located at 3300 Broad Rock Boulevard, in Richmond, Virginia, for partnering with the Virginia Department of Health - Richmond Public Health District and serving as a free community satellite Covid-19 testing and information location. And, due to the outstanding success of this partnership, Second Baptist Church became the first official Richmond Public Health District Community Hub partner site established in the city for extending Covid-19 outreach, information, and access and is recognized for its key role in helping dispel misconceptions about Covid-19 and, when vaccines were developed and made available, for facilitating the vaccinations of thousands of individuals across the city.	Cm. Jones



Richmond City Council

The Voice of the People

Richmond, Virginia

RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

By virtue of the authority vested in the United States of America, Commonwealth of Virginia, Virginia Code of Laws, and the Richmond City Charter, Richmond City Council, the governing legislative institution of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, does hereby and officially exalt:

Second Baptist Church

Richmond, Virginia

Whereas, Richmond City Council, the governing legislative institution of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, does hereby affirm the health and wellness of Richmond residents and visitors as vital to the ongoing happiness and success of our thriving community; and

Whereas, Critical to the wellbeing of Richmond residents and visitors is the prevention of and protection from life-threatening injury, illness, and disease, which directly impact our individual and collective health, safety, livelihood, and prosperity; and

Whereas, Beginning in early 2020, Richmond became confronted with the enveloping shadow of a new threat to the health of its residents in the form of an unfamiliar, highly infectious, and often deadly viral disease, Covid-19; and

Whereas, During the onset of this rapidly spreading disease, many people worked diligently on the front lines and behind the scenes, putting their health and that of their families in harm's way in responding to the crisis as thousands were becoming infected and many lives were being lost; and

Whereas, As we navigated these uncertain times together in Richmond and across the nation, a valid, reasonable, and persisting sense of fear, distress, grief, loss, and anxiety permeated our consciousness and constrained our daily lives; and

Whereas, With these outlooks at hand came fundamental questions and concerns regarding how to properly protect ourselves, our families, and those we care about against the disease; and

Whereas, During that time a growing alarm also began to sound regarding racial and ethnic disparities in Covid-19 outcomes, particularly of people of African American, Latino, Alaska Native, Pacific Islander, and Native American descent, which were experiencing much higher rates of Covid-19 infection, hospitalization, and death, as percentages of Americans; and

Whereas, In responding to a call to action to help regarding disparities, questions, and needs, Second Baptist Church, located at 3300 Broad Rock Boulevard, in Richmond, Virginia, began partnering with the Virginia Department of Health - Richmond Public Health District in serving as a free community satellite Covid-19 testing and information location; and

Whereas, Due to the outstanding success of this partnership, Second Baptist Church became the first official Richmond Public Health District Community Hub partner site established in the city for extending Covid-19 outreach, information, and access and is recognized for its key role in helping dispel misconceptions about Covid-19 and, when vaccines were developed and made available, for facilitating the vaccinations of thousands of individuals across the city;

Now, Therefore, Richmond City Council does hereby recognize, honor, celebrate, and bestow the Richmond City Council Community Service Award upon Second Baptist Church and thanks its leadership and members for providing crucial Covid-19 support in helping make Richmond an even better and healthier place to live, love, work, learn, play, visit, and enjoy family.

In witness whereof, this pronouncement was respectfully prepared and hereunto established for official Richmond City Council effectuation on behalf of the residents of Richmond on the twenty-sixth day of September, two thousand twenty-two, in the two hundred eighty-sixth year of the City of Richmond, founded in 1737, the two hundred forty-seventh year of the Commonwealth of Virginia, established in 1776, and the United States of America.

The Honorable Cynthia I. Newbille
Council President, Richmond City Council
Councilmember, Richmond East End 7th Voter District

The Honorable Ellen F. Robertson
Council Vice President, Richmond City Council
Councilmember, Richmond Gateway 6th Voter District

The Honorable Michael J. Jones
Councilmember, Richmond City Council
Richmond South Central 9th Voter District

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