

Awards/Recognitions Ceremony Docket

For Official Presentation: Monday, February 23, 2026 Updated 2.20.2026/1415hrs./srs

Richmond City Council Officially Awards/Proclaims the following:

#	TITLE/RECIPIENT	TYPE	SUMMARY/NARRATIVE	MAIN PRESENTER
1	<p>Richmond Free Press</p> <p>To be received by: Staff of the Richmond Free Press</p>	<p>COUNCIL-MAYOR JOINT RICHMOND RECOGNITION AND COMMENDATION</p>	<p>To recognize, honor, celebrate and commend the Richmond Free Press for the important role, impact, and legacy it served for more than thirty years and thank its founding family and its reporters, staff, photographers, and editors for the worthy and prominent role they served in our community.</p>	<p>President Mayor</p>



RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL & the MAYOR of RICHMOND

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA - CITY OF RICHMOND

RICHMOND RECOGNITION AND COMMENDATION

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

Richmond Free Press

Whereas, Richmond City Council, the governing legislative institution of Richmond, Virginia, and the Mayor of Richmond, in the United States of America, do hereby recognize, honor and celebrate the *Richmond Free Press* as it printed its final edition following more than three decades of publication; and

Whereas, Founded in 1992 by Mr. Raymond H. Boone, Sr., the Richmond Free Press was an independent black family-owned and operated community newspaper distributed free of charge each week to locations throughout the Greater Richmond area; and

Whereas, Respected for its significance and influence, the Richmond Free Press served as a meaningful voice on behalf of African American community and culture throughout the Richmond region in promoting equality, racial justice, and economic opportunity; and

Whereas, A renowned local journal of record, the *Richmond Free Press* sought to cover issues that would empower, impact, resonate with, and improve the lives of African American and minority communities; and

Whereas, Throughout the years, the enormous work of the *Richmond Free Press* was undertaken by Mr. Boone, his wife Ms. Jean P. Boone, daughter Regina, son Ray Jr., and extremely talented photographers, staff, reporters, and editors; and

Whereas, The loss of the Richmond Free Press will be experienced by all the supporters, readers, and community organizations who have who have enjoyed and relied on this cultural icon for information on local news, events, and culture;

Now, Therefore, Richmond City Council and Mayor Danny Avula do hereby recognize, honor, celebrate and commend the Richmond Free Press for the important role, impact, and legacy it served for more than thirty years and thank its founding family and its reporters, staff, photographers, and editors for the worthy and prominent role they served in our community.

In Witness Whereof, this has hereunto been established for official presentation on this twenty-third day of February, two thousand twenty-six, of the Common Era, in the two hundred eighty-eighth year of the foundation of Richmond in 1737, in the two hundred fiftieth of the Commonwealth of Virginia and United States of America.

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



The Honorable Danny Avula
Mayor
City of Richmond



The Honorable Katherine L. Jordan
Council Vice President, Richmond City Council
Councilmember, Richmond North Central 2nd Voter District

