

Awards/Recognitions Ceremony Docket

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Richmond City Council Officially Awards/Proclaims the following:

#	TITLE/RECIPIENT/SPEAKER	TYPE	SUMMARY/NARRATIVE	MAIN PRESENTER
1	Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Richmond Alumnae Chapter To be received by: Members of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Richmond Alumnae Chapter	RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL RECOGNITION AWARD	To recognize, honor, and celebrate the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. - Richmond Alumnae Chapter and thank its members for their ongoing work in helping to make Richmond an even better place to live, love, work, learn, play, visit, and enjoy family.	CM. LAMBERT
2	Martin "Marty" Wegbreit To be received by: Martin "Marty" Wegbreit	RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD	To recognize, honor, and celebrate Marty Wegbreit for administering more than 40 years of pro-bono legal work and thank him for helping to make Richmond an even better place to live, love, work, learn, play, visit, and enjoy family.	CM. ROBERTSON

The following Richmond City Council Formal Award/s were written, prepared, produced, packaged, and provided for presentation in the community/separately, as indicated:

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3	Lou Lassiter <i>City Auditor, Richmond City Council Office of City Auditor</i> Presented Presented to Mr. Lassiter at his retirement event held on October 30, 2023	Richmond City Council Public Service Award	To recognize Mr. Lassiter on behalf of his more than 30 years of outstanding government public civil service, thank him for his dedication, and bring this to the grateful attention of all Richmond residents.	PRESIDENT



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RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL RECOGNITION 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 recognize:

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Richmond Alumnae Chapter

Whereas, Richmond City Council, the governing legislative institution of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, does hereby officially recognize, honor, and celebrate the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. - Richmond Alumnae Chapter in the Richmond community; and

Whereas, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., a historically Black sorority, was founded at Howard University in Washington, D.C. on January 13, 1913 and ranked among the first tier of sororal collegiate organizations established in the nation; and

Whereas, over the years, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. has grown in size, status, and stature and is now one of the largest and most prestigious predominantly Black sororities in the world; and

Whereas, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. currently includes more than 350,000 members and 1,000 undergraduate college/university chapters and local alumni chapters throughout North America, Africa, Europe, Asia, and the Caribbean; and

Whereas, established in 1942, the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. - Richmond Alumnae Chapter traces its history back to December 4, 1937 when its founding members were part of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. - Beta Epsilon Chapter, at Virginia Union University; and

Whereas, the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. - Richmond Alumnae Chapter has a longstanding tradition of community service and has earned a solid reputation of trust among our community's most respected organizations; and

Whereas, the Richmond Alumnae Chapter supports community service that incorporate the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. *Five-Point Programmatic Thrust* of International Awareness and Involvement, Educational Development, Physical and Mental Health, Economic Development, and Political Awareness and Involvement; and

Whereas, as an example of its service, in 1998 the Richmond Alumnae Chapter became a member of the Richmond Clean City Commission Adopt-A-Spot/Street/Gateway Program to help clean up a block of the original Richmond Black History Museum, located at 00 E. Clay Street in the Richmond's Jackson Ward Neighborhood. Since that time, the Richmond Alumnae Chapter has expanded its commitment and now also provides street cleanup at the Black History Museum and Cultural Center of Virginia, located at 122 W. Leigh Street; helping keep both sites in the Jackson Ward Neighborhood litter-free from March through September each year.

Now, Therefore, Richmond City Council does hereby officially recognize, honor, and celebrate the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. - Richmond Alumnae Chapter and thanks its members for their ongoing work in helping to make Richmond an even better place to live, love, work, learn, play, visit, and enjoy family.

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

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

The Honorable Kristen M. Nye
Council Vice President, Richmond City Council
Councilmember, Richmond Southwest 4th Voter District

The Honorable Ann-Frances Lambert
Councilmember, Richmond City Council
Richmond Northside 3rd Voter District

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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 recognize:

Martin “Marty” Wegbreit

Richmond City Council, the governing legislative institution of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, does hereby recognize, honor, and celebrate Martin “Marty” Wegbreit for administering more than 40 years of pro-bono legal work for those in need.

Serving as the Director of Litigation for the Central Virginia Legal Aid Society in Richmond for nearly 20 years, Marty Wegbreit has litigated extensively in state and federal courts for people of low income regarding critical civil legal issues; including unemployment compensation, housing, consumer law, and garnishment protection cases. Prior to that he worked for more than 20 years with the Southwest Virginia Legal Aid Society.

Established in 1971, the Central Virginia Legal Aid Society is a Richmond-based nonprofit providing free legal assistance in civil matters, primarily for people and families experiencing incomes below the federal poverty threshold who cannot afford to hire a lawyer when confronted with legal issues, and those 60+.

During his tenure with Legal Aid Society services, Marty Wegbreit has been a vital champion in promoting equity, fairness, and equal protection under the law. His lifelong work includes litigation, briefs, legal advice, negotiation, and counsel for administrative hearings on behalf of thousands of people regarding such matters as housing, consumer rights, healthcare, safety, family relations, employment, public benefits, and individual rights.

As further testament to his enduring community service, Marty Wegbreit served as a vital member of the Richmond City Council - Richmond Affordable Housing Trust Fund Supervisory Board (serving the maximum of two consecutive terms, 5.14.2018 to 10.10.2020 and 10.10.2020 to 10.11.2023), which oversees the administration and programs of the Richmond Affordable Housing Trust Fund, established by Richmond City Council as Richmond Code of Laws: Chapter 16, Article III, Division 1., Section 16-5 51.

Recognized for his exceptional legal aid work over the years, in 1992 Marty Wegbreit was the first recipient of the prestigious Virginia State Bar - Virginia Legal Aid Attorney Award.

Mr. Wegbreit's benevolence also includes serving as a member of the Housing Opportunities Made Equal (HOME) Legal Advisory Board, Virginia State Bar - Special Committee on Access to Legal Services, Virginia Housing Commission - Evictions Sub-work Group, and the Campaign to Reduce Evictions (CARE) - Steering Committee.

Marty Wegbreit earned his Juris Doctor from the University of Michigan Law School, Master of Arts in Political Science from the University of Michigan, and Bachelor of Science in Political Science from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Now, Therefore, Richmond City Council does hereby recognize, honor, and celebrate Marty Wegbreit for administering more than 40 years of pro-bono legal work and thanks him for helping to make Richmond an even better place to live, love, work, learn, play, visit, and enjoy family.

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

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RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC 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 recognize:

Lou Lassiter

City Auditor, Richmond City Council Office of City Auditor

Richmond City Council, the governing legislative institution of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, does hereby recognize, honor, and celebrate Lou Lassiter, Richmond City Auditor, Richmond City Council Office of City Auditor on the auspicious occasion of his retirement on October 31, 2023.

Joining the Richmond Office of the City Auditor on February 1, 2018, Lou Lassiter has provided the highest levels of quality, objectivity, and professionalism in auditing expertise; helping to ensure and increase the fiscal efficiency, effectiveness, management, integrity, and stewardship of Richmond Government operations on behalf of all Richmond residents.

Lou Lassiter excelled in the duties of the City Auditor, which include administering internal audit and investigation functions in verifying accountability over City resources; evaluating operational efficiency and effectiveness; and determining compliance with laws, regulations, and policies. This work also comprised the development, oversight, and management of the Richmond City Council Office of City Auditor staff and other resources necessary in auditing and evaluating city departments, offices, boards, etc. and other individual or entity expenditures of city-funded monies.

Prior to his appointment as the Richmond City Auditor, Lou Lassiter served as the Deputy County Administrator for Finance and Administration for Chesterfield County, Virginia where he served for more than 25 years, which included 18 years as its Internal Audit Director.

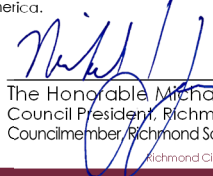
Lou Lassiter is a Certified Public Accountant and Certified Government Financial Manager. He served as President of the Virginia Local Government Auditors Association and as a member of the national Association of Local Government Auditors Board of Directors. He earned his Bachelor of Business Administration from James Madison University, located in Harrisonburg, Virginia.

Among many accomplishments during his tenure, Lou Lassiter is exceptionally distinguished for his diligence in ensuring Richmond's compliance with Government Auditing Standards, identifying process improvement opportunities for city operations, and mentoring, developing, and inspiring new auditors.

In America, government public civil service is considered to be among the highest and most noble and important work a person can do. Through his steadfast example of more than 30 years, Lou Lassiter has proven great dedication to, and support of, the principles and creed of our great nation: that our individual destinies and that of our families, communities, cities, states, and country include not only the aspiration of our constitutional federal republic but the time, talent, labor, investment, and dedication of all residents in realizing the fulfillment of its promise.

Now, Therefore, On behalf of his more than 30 years of outstanding government public civil service Richmond City Council does hereby officially bestow the **Richmond City Council Public Service Award** on Lou Lassiter, thanks him for his dedication, and brings this to the grateful attention of all Richmond residents.

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


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