

Awards/Recognitions Ceremony Docket

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RECOGNITIONS on behalf of the institution of Richmond City Council

SUMMARY/NARRATIVE

Richmond City Council recognizes and celebrates the following:

1 Richmond Older Residents Month

Richmond City Council is proud to have previously proclaimed and established the month of May as Richmond Older Residents Month.

Richmond is pleased to have thousands of fellow residents living in our city who are aged 55 and older.

Older residents help drive our city forward and their wealth of knowledge, experience, and abilities are critical to the continuing success of our community.

Richmond City Council thanks Richmond's older residents for helping make our city an even better place to live, love, work, learn, play, visit, and enjoy family.

Council Recognizes Guest Speaker: Amy Strite, Director, Senior Connections, Capital Area Agency on Aging

2 Richmond Public Schools John Marshall High School Jayem Justices Boys Basketball Team

Richmond City Council is pleased to recognize the Richmond Public Schools John Marshall High School Jayem Justices Boys Basketball Team for winning the Class 2 State Basketball Championship Tournament on March 12, 2022.

Richmond City Council is a champion of the continued success of all Richmond children, youth, and families and education, training, and activities that provide safe and structured learning environments that help them youth build the knowledge, skills, and abilities that prepare them for lifelong success.

Richmond City Council celebrates the work and dedication of the John Marshall High School Team members, coaches, staff, parents, teachers, families, caregivers, volunteers, supporters, Richmond Public Schools, and our community for their combined roles in helping to make such opportunity and achievement possible.

Special Remarks: Provided by Councilmember Ann-Frances Lambert, RCC Richmond Northside 3rd Voter Dist.

Council Recognizes Guest Speaker: Richmond Public Schools John Marshall H.S. Boys Basketball Team

3 Richmond Fair Housing Month

Richmond City Council is proud to have previously proclaimed and established the month of May as Richmond Fair Housing Month.

This year marks the 50th Anniversary of the Virginia Fair Housing Law and the month of April marks the 54th Anniversary of the historic passage of the U.S. Fair Housing Act of 1968, which was established to create a national policy to help eliminate discrimination in housing opportunities on behalf of all Americans.

Fair housing practices are critical to the continued wellbeing, livability and success of thriving communities.

And, a secure, safe and stable living environment is a core foundation for helping us grow, prosper, and prepare for life-long achievement and success.

Special Remarks: Provided by Councilmember Ellen F. Robertson, RCC Richmond Gateway 6th Voter District

Council Recognizes Guest Speaker: Thomas Okuda Fitzpatrick, CEO, Housing Opportunities Made Equal of Virginia

Richmond City Council Officially Awards/Proclaims the following:

#	TITLE/SPEAKER	TYPE	SUMMARY/NARRATIVE	MAIN PRESENTER
1	Central Virginia Legal Aid Society To be received by: Steven E. Dickinson, Executive Director, Central Virginia Legal Aid Society	Richmond City Council Community Service Award	To recognize, honor, and celebrate the Central Virginia Legal Aid Society for its important work as it commemorates its 50th Anniversary and thank its Board, Executive Director, Attorneys, Paralegals, Staff, and supporters for their important legal work on behalf all the residents it serves.	Jordan



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RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Central Virginia Legal Aid Society

Richmond City Council, the governing legislative institution of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, does hereby recognize, honor, and celebrate the Central Virginia Legal Aid Society for its important work as it commemorates its 50th Anniversary.

Established in 1971, the Central Virginia Legal Aid Society is a Richmond-based nonprofit organization that provides free legal assistance in civil matters primarily for people and families experiencing incomes below the federal poverty threshold and those over age 60, even if they do not meet the income qualifications, who cannot afford to hire a lawyer when confronted with legal issues.

Promoting equity, fairness, and equal protection under the law, the Central Virginia Legal Aid Society provides many services, including litigation, briefs, legal advice, negotiation, and representation in administrative hearings, in which it represents thousands of people each year in matters critical to their life needs, such as housing, consumer rights, healthcare, safety, family relations, employment, public benefits, and individual rights.

Earning a solid reputation for its outstanding service over the years, the Central Virginia Legal Aid Society is powered by the hard work and dedication of its Central Virginia Legal Aid Society Board of Directors, Executive Director, Attorneys, Paralegals, Legal Assistants, and its Administrative, Fiscal, Development, and Advocacy staff.

One of the oldest nonprofit legal aid providers in Virginia and created in response to a national movement of establishing nonprofit legal services for civil matters in the late 1960's, Central Virginia Legal Aid Society's history includes a 1981 merger of two Richmond legal aid entities founded in 1971, Neighborhood Legal Aid Society and Metropolitan Richmond Legal Aid Society, and a merger with Southside Virginia Legal Services (Petersburg) and Piedmont Legal Services (Charlottesville) in 2000.

Providing services across a large swath of Virginia, the Central Virginia Legal Aid Society serves people in five cities and 15 counties, with offices in Richmond, Charlottesville, and Petersburg.

Carefully maximizing limited resources, the Central Virginia Legal Aid Society is sustained through a combination of public grants and private donations.

An institution highly respected for its exceptional service, ethics, integrity, and legal expertise, the Central Virginia Legal Aid Society and its staff do not affiliate with a political party, support a specific political candidate, lobby for legislation, or represent criminal clients.

Now, Therefore, Richmond City Council does hereby recognize, honor, and celebrate the Central Virginia Legal Aid Society for its important work on the auspicious occasion of its 50th Anniversary commemoration and thanks its Board, Executive Director, Attorneys, Paralegals, Staff, and supporters for their important legal work on behalf all the residents it serves.

In witness whereof, this pronouncement was prepared for Richmond City Council presentation on the twenty-fifth day of April, two thousand twenty-two, in the two hundred eighty-third year of the foundation of Richmond in 1737, in the two hundred forty-fourth year 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 Ellen F. Robertson
Council Vice President, Richmond City Council
Councilmember, Richmond Gateway 6th Voter District

The Honorable Katherine Jordan
Councilmember, Richmond City Council
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