



**City Of Richmond, Virginia
Office of the City Clerk**

Request to Withdraw Legislation

Paper Number: Res. 2015-R064

Chief Patron: Councilor Charles Samuels

Introduction Date: November 9, 2015

Chief Patron Signature: *Ch. S.*

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Attestation: *Jeanette Egan*

Effective Date: *December 12, 2016*

INTRODUCED: November 9, 2015

A RESOLUTION No. 2015-R64

To request that the Chief Administrative Officer cause to be conducted a study to determine the feasibility of developing a program to connect panhandlers in the city of Richmond with day jobs and charitable and social service organizations by using mobile services and the City's 311 Call Center as an initiative to reduce homelessness and panhandling.

Patrons – Mr. Samuels, Mr. Agelasto and Vice President Hilbert

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

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WHEREAS, according to *Governing* magazine, the city of Albuquerque, New Mexico, has developed a program to connect panhandlers with day jobs and charitable and social service organizations by using mobile services and a local call center as part of an initiative to use resources more effectively to reduce homelessness and panhandling; and

WHEREAS, the Council believes that it is in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Richmond that the Council request that the Chief Administrative Officer cause to be conducted a study to determine the feasibility of developing a program to connect panhandlers in the city of

AYES: _____ NOES: _____ ABSTAIN: _____

ADOPTED: _____ REJECTED: _____ STRICKEN: _____

Richmond with day jobs and charitable and social service organizations by using mobile services and the City's 311 Call Center as an initiative to reduce homelessness and panhandling.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND:

That the Chief Administrative Officer is hereby requested to cause to be conducted a study to determine the feasibility of developing a program to connect panhandlers in the city of Richmond with day jobs and charitable and social service organizations by using mobile services and the City's 311 Call Center as an initiative to reduce homelessness and panhandling.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Chief Administrative Officer is hereby requested to cause to be included in such study the costs and budgetary needs to operate such a program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Chief Administrative Officer is hereby requested to complete such study and to provide the Council with a report on the study and its conclusions within 180 days after the date of the adoption of this resolution.



Richmond City Council

The Voice of the People

Richmond, Virginia

Office of the Council Chief of Staff

Ordinance/Resolution Request

TO Allen Jackson, City Attorney

THROUGH Lou Ali, Council Chief of Staff *Uba*

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COPY Charles Samuels, 2nd District Council Member
 Craig Bieber, 2nd District Liaison
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DATE October 29, 2015

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TITLE Requesting a Feasibility Study on Connecting Persons Who Panhandle with Employment and Services.

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This is a request for the drafting of an **Ordinance** **Resolution**

REQUESTING COUNCILMEMBER/PATRON

C. Samuels

SUGGESTED STANDING COMMITTEE

Education & Human Services

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION SUMMARY

Patron requests that a resolution be drafted for Council's consideration that requests that the CAO have the City's Department of Social Services or other appropriate offices study and make recommendations to the City Council on the feasibility of developing a program that connects persons who panhandle to employment, day jobs, charitable and social services using mobile services and 311 within six months of Council approval of the resolution. The study should include costs and potential budgets of a Richmond program.

BACKGROUND

The City of Albuquerque, NM has developed a program called "There's A Better Way." The uses City owned vans to reach out to panhandlers to connect them to work with the City's Department of Public Works on jobs like litter and weed control. Albuquerque has also connected the program to the City's United Way, food banks, and other organizations for fundraising support services for homeless persons.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Fiscal Impact Yes No

Budget Amendment Required Yes No

Estimated Cost or Revenue Impact \$ N/A

Attachment/s Yes No