

Formal Awards Ceremony Docket

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There are no Richmond City Council Formal Awards scheduled for this meeting.

The following Richmond City Council Formal Awards were presented in the community at a different date.

1	<p>Richmond City Council Sister Cities Commission International Guidepost Installation</p> <p>Presented Presented in the community on August 6, 2018 to the Richmond City Council Sister Cities Commission</p>	<p>RICHMOND OFFICIAL JOINT RECOGNITION</p>	<p>To recognize installation of the Richmond City Council Sister Cities Commission International Guidepost in Kanawha Plaza in Richmond; August 6, 2018.</p>	<p>President Mayor</p>
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RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR LEVAR M. STONEY

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

RICHMOND OFFICIAL JOINT RECOGNITION

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 Honorable Levar M. Stoney, Mayor of Richmond and The Honorable Members of Richmond City Council, the governing body of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, do hereby and officially recognize:

Richmond City Council Sister Cities Commission

International Guidepost Installation

Whereas, The Honorable Levar M. Stoney, Mayor of Richmond, and The Honorable Members of Richmond City Council, the governing body of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, do hereby unite in solidarity and common purpose to officially recognize, honor, and celebrate the historic installation of the Richmond City Council Sister Cities Commission International Guidepost in Kanawha Plaza in Richmond on August 6, 2018; and

Whereas, This Guidepost was established to venerate and commemorate Richmond's individual formal Sister City relationships between itself and the eminent and distinguished international cities of Richmond upon Thames, England (Europe); Saitama City, Japan (Asia); Windhoek, Namibia (Africa); Zhengzhou, China (Asia); and, Segou, Republic of Mali (Africa); and

Whereas, This momentous occasion represents longstanding, ongoing, and successful relationships between Richmond and its five partner Sister City communities that have established, built, and grown long-lasting friendship between our residents; and

Whereas, The Richmond City Council Sister Cities Commission was established by Richmond City Council in 1980 and is one of about 50 entities that provide it assistance with various initiatives, projects, and priorities; and

Whereas, An early champion of international relations, Richmond began a relationship with its namesake, Richmond upon Thames, England, in 1930, formalizing it in 1938; and

Whereas, In 1956, a "Sister Cities" concept was established in the United States of America by President Dwight D. Eisenhower, who called for exchanges between Americans and the peoples of other countries, with a goal of fostering peace, understanding, and harmony; and

Whereas, The term "Sister City" is used to express a closeness engendered through commonalities between communities and friendships that help promote cultural understanding, education, and prosperity; and

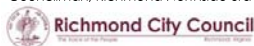
Whereas, Richmond is privileged to have relationships with such renowned international cities and is thankful for the ongoing and rewarding kindness, dedication, and hospitality that has been bestowed and exchanged between our residents over the years;

Now Therefore, The Honorable Members of Richmond City Council and The Honorable Levar M. Stoney do hereby officially recognize, honor, and celebrate the installation of the Richmond City Council Sister Cities Commission International Guidepost in Kanawha Plaza in Richmond on August 6, 2018 and bring this most historic occasion to the attention of all our residents;

And, Furthermore, We thank our important Sister Cities for their friendships and look forward to continued dialogues, exchanges, learning, and prosperity between our residents for many years to come.

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto given under our hands for presentation on the sixth day of August, two thousand eighteen, of the Common Era, in the two hundred eighty-first year of the foundation of Richmond in 1737, in the two hundred forty-second year of the Commonwealth of Virginia and United States of America.

The Honorable Chris A. Hilbert
Council President, Richmond City Council
Councilman, Richmond Northside 3rd Voter District



The Honorable Levar M. Stoney
Mayor
City of Richmond



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

