

1 RESOLUTION NO.

2 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE,
3 CALIFORNIA, OFFERING A REWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,000
4 FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO THE DETERMINATION OF THE
5 IDENTITY OF, AND THE APPREHENSION OF, THE PERSON OR
6 PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MURDER OF KEITH WHITNEY
7 ALLEN.

8 WHEREAS, the City of Riverside may offer and pay rewards as authorized by Section 53069.5
9 of the Government Code of the State of California; and

10 WHEREAS, Section 53069.5 specifically authorizes the City to offer and pay a reward, the
11 amount thereof to be determined by the City for information leading to the determination of the
12 identify of, and the apprehension of, any person whose willful misconduct results in injury or death to
13 any person; and

14 WHEREAS, on March 20, 2001, the City Council of the City of Riverside adopted Resolution
15 No. 19873, approving the Riverside Police Department's Reward Program and authorizing its
16 implementation; and

17 WHEREAS, on Friday, August 21, 2020, at approximately 6:03 a.m., Riverside Police
18 Department officers were dispatched to a call of a "subject down" at the intersection of 4th Street and
19 Commerce Avenue, in the City of Riverside; and

20 WHEREAS, officers arrived and located the victim, later identified as Mr. Keith Whitney
21 Allen, lying face down suffering from multiple gunshot wounds; and

22 WHEREAS, medical personnel attempted life saving measures, however Mr. Allen
23 succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased at 6:11 a.m.; and

24 WHEREAS, Riverside Police Department's Robbery – Homicide Unit responded and
25 assumed the investigation with the assistance of the Gang Intelligence Unit and the Forensic Unit; and

26 WHEREAS, Riverside Police Department detectives and officers canvassed the
27 neighborhood surrounding the incident for surveillance footage and witnesses, however no witnesses
28 to the shooting were located; and

1 WHEREAS, surveillance footage was obtained which showed a possible suspect vehicle
2 driving around the neighborhood before the shooting, however the footage was too dark to determine
3 the make and/or model of the vehicle; and

4 WHEREAS, investigators learned Mr. Keith Whitney Allen was a resident of the City of
5 Hemet and a native of the State of Texas, and was employed at 220 Laboratories in the City of
6 Riverside and rode the RTA bus to work; and

7 WHEREAS, on the morning of August 21, 2020, Mr. Allen had finished his shift as a factory
8 warehouse worker and had left around 4:15 a.m., and is believed that have proceeded towards a bus
9 stop when he was gunned down; and

10 WHEREAS, a press release was distributed regarding the incident, but information has yet to
11 be obtained; and

12 WHEREAS, Riverside Police Department investigators have worked tirelessly to solve this
13 unsolved crime; and

14 WHEREAS, investigators believe that there may be witnesses with information to this crime
15 who have not yet come forward; and

16 WHEREAS, the offer would be consistent with and is taken for the immediate protection of
17 public peace, health, and safety; and

18 WHEREAS, the offense was of such a nature or committed under special circumstances that
19 as a matter of public policy, the City of Riverside should provide a reward as an added inducement or
20 incentive for persons to come forth with information leading to the arrest of the perpetrator(s); and

21 WHEREAS, the offense was especially heinous, atrocious, or cruel and manifested exceptional
22 depravity; and

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Riverside,
24 California, that a reward in the amount of \$30,000 is hereby approved and authorized for information
25 leading to the determination of the identity of, and the apprehension of, any person responsible for the
26 acts stated above.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the offer of reward by the City shall be effective for a
28 period of sixty (60) days or for the term of any extension thereof which may be approved by the City

1 Council prior to the termination of the offer of reward. An offer of reward by the City shall terminate
2 by payment, by revocation, or by withdrawal thereof by the City Council by resolution, motion, or
3 council report adopted by a majority vote of the City Council or by expiration of the time period set
4 forth in the resolution offering the reward or any extension thereof which was approved by the City
5 Council while the offer was otherwise effective.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all decisions with respect to the relevance or materiality
7 of information received, whether or not utilized in establishing the determination of the identity of and
8 the apprehension of any one or more persons, and whether such information provides a basis for the
9 payment of a reward, are within the sole discretion of the City Council.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all determinations effective, or dispositive of the offer of
11 reward, shall be within the sole discretion of the City Council and shall be final.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 53069.5, the person or persons
13 responsible for the murder of Keith Whitney Allen shall be liable for the amount of any reward paid
14 pursuant to this Section and if the person is an unemancipated minor, his or her parent or guardian
15 shall also be liable for the amount.

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17 ADOPTED by the City Council this ____ day of _____, 2021.

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20 Patricia Lock Dawson
21 Mayor of the City of Riverside

22 Attest:

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25 Interim City Clerk of the City of Riverside

26 I, Eva Arseo, Interim City Clerk of the City of Riverside, California, hereby certify that the
27 foregoing resolution was duly and regularly introduced and adopted at a meeting of the City Council
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1 of said City at its meeting held on the _____ day of _____, 2021, by the following vote, to
2 wit:

3 Ayes:

4 Noes:

5 Absent:

6 Abstain:

7 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the
8 City of Riverside, California, this _____ day of _____, 2021.

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Interim City Clerk of the City of Riverside
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