

1 RESOLUTION NO.

2 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE,
3 CALIFORNIA, OFFERING A REWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000
4 FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO THE DETERMINATION OF THE
5 IDENTITY OF, AND THE APPREHENSION OF, THE PERSON OR
6 PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ATTEMPTED MURDER OF IZAAC
7 COLUNGA AND DOMONIC CASTILLO.

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, March 13, 2019, at approximately 12:11 a.m., Riverside Police
18 Department officers responded to the 6400 block of Nidever Avenue regarding multiple calls of shots
19 fired into a residence; and

20 WHEREAS, upon arrival, officers contacted several occupants inside the residence, including
21 two victims who had been struck by gunfire; victim Domonic Castillo suffered a single gunshot wound
22 to his forearm, was treated at a local hospital and later released; victim Izaac Colunga was critically
23 injured and was treated at a local hospital where it was discovered Mr. Colunga was paralyzed from
24 the neck down; and

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

27 WHEREAS, Riverside Police Department detectives interviewed several witnesses who
28 provided their accounts of the event, and a few persons provided a suspect and vehicle description;
and

1 WHEREAS, over the past year detectives have continued to work the case and up to this point
2 have exhausted all leads; and

3 WHEREAS, a press release was distributed regarding the incident, but no information has
4 been obtained as of this Resolution; and

5 WHEREAS, in April 2019, a \$10,000 reward was approved by the City Council and offered
6 to the public for assistance, however no further leads were developed; and

7 WHEREAS, in July 2021, an increase of the reward to \$20,000 was approved by the City
8 Council and offered to the public for assistance, with that reward set to expire after sixty (60) days;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, in November 2021, an increase of the reward to \$20,000 was approved by the
11 City Council and offered to the public for assistance, with that reward set to expire after sixty (60)
12 days; and

13 WHEREAS, Riverside Police Department detectives believe there may be witnesses to the
14 events leading up to the shooting or the shooting itself who have yet to come forward; and

15 WHEREAS, the Riverside Police Department believes that re-offering the reward of \$20,000
16 to the public for assistance would yield useful information that could possibly lead to the identification
17 and the apprehension of the person or persons responsible for the attempted murder of Domonic
18 Castillo and Izaac Colunga; and

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

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

24 WHEREAS, the offense was especially heinous, atrocious, or cruel and manifested exceptional
25 depravity.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Riverside,
27 California, that a reward in the amount of \$20,000 is hereby approved and authorized for information
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1 leading to the determination of the identity of, and the apprehension of, any person responsible for the
2 acts stated above.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the offer of reward by the City shall be effective for a
4 period of sixty (60) days or for the term of any extension thereof which may be approved by the City
5 Council prior to the termination of the offer of reward. An offer of reward by the City shall terminate
6 by payment, by revocation, or by withdrawal thereof by the City Council by resolution, motion, or
7 council report adopted by a majority vote of the City Council or by expiration of the time period set
8 forth in the resolution offering the reward or any extension thereof which was approved by the City
9 Council while the offer was otherwise effective.

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

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

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 53069.5 of the Government Code of
17 the State of California, the person or persons responsible for the attempted murders of Izaak Colunga
18 and Domonic Castillo shall be liable for the amount of any reward paid pursuant to this Section and if
19 the person is an unemancipated minor, his or her parent or guardian shall also be liable for the amount.

20 ADOPTED by the City Council this ____ day of _____, 2023.

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23 PATRICIA LOCK DAWSON
24 Mayor of the City of Riverside

25 Attest:

26 _____
27 DONESIA GAUSE
28 City Clerk of the City of Riverside

1 I, Donesia Gause, City Clerk of the City of Riverside, California, hereby certify that the
2 foregoing resolution was duly and regularly introduced and adopted at a meeting of the City Council
3 of said City at its meeting held on the _____ day of _____, 2023, by the following vote, to
4 wit:

5 Ayes:

6 Noes:

7 Absent:

8 Abstain:

9 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the
10 City of Riverside, California, this _____ day of _____, 2023.

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13 DONESIA GAUSE
14 City Clerk of the City of Riverside
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