

Resolution No. 28-16
SUPPORTING THE CREATION OF THE
2016 DAVIS 1,000 MENTORS FOR YOUTH CHALLENGE

WHEREAS, youth mentoring is a structured and trusting relationship that brings young people together with caring individuals who offer guidance, support and encouragement aimed at developing the competence and character of the mentee. There are approximately 3,000,000 young people in the United States benefiting from solid mentoring relationships but, there are still nearly 15,000,000 young people in need of mentors; and

WHEREAS, quality youth mentoring programs provide benefits to the children and youth served such as improved academic achievement, self-esteem, social skills and career development and reduces the likelihood of substance abuse and other high risk behaviors; and

WHEREAS, it is important for organized youth mentoring programs to facilitate carefully created matches between each mentor and mentee for program efficacy and for the safety of all children and youth served; and

WHEREAS, adults from outside the family circle play a critical role in helping a child develop to his or her full potential; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the 2016 Davis 1,000 Mentors for Youth Challenge (Challenge) will pair volunteers with opportunities to mentor youth to close the opportunity gap for at-risk children in our community; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Challenge is a joint initiative of the Davis Joint Unified School District and the City of Davis, partnering with local businesses and community organizations to provide mentor volunteers and opportunities; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the 1,000 Mentors for Youth Challenge builds upon the Davis community's high-level of volunteerism and commitment to education and youth and mentoring opportunities exist through internships with businesses, after-school programs, school and classroom volunteering, peer tutoring, recreational and athletic programs, UCD partnerships, and county library as well as interfaith-sponsored youth programs; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Challenge will launch in October 2015, with the goal of connecting 1,000 Davis youth with new mentors by December 2016.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 3rd day of September, 2015 by the following vote:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS:

Alan Fernandes, President
Board of Education

ATTEST:

Winfred B. Roberson, Jr.
Superintendent

