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What: Chill with a Cop – Free ice cream social with Richmond Police Department

When: Saturday, August 17

Time: 11am – 1pm

Where: 1600 Nevin Plaza - MetroWalk Plaza/Richmond BART, 16th Street Entrance

**Kids and Kids at Heart Invited to *Chill with a Cop*
at 6th annual Free Ice Cream Social with Public Safety Officers**

Richmond, CA— **Chill with a Cop**, a “no agenda”, free ice cream social with the Richmond Police Department, returns to Downtown Richmond on **Saturday, August 17** from **11am – 1pm** in the MetroWalk Plaza at Richmond BART, in Downtown Richmond. Admission is free. All are welcome.

In addition to free ice cream and a chance for community members to meet and chat with their neighborhood police officers, Chill with a Cop will also feature crime prevention tips and resource booths, a free book faire, chess play, arts and crafts activities, and a CPTED training for residents and businesses at 12pm.

CPTED--Crime Prevention through Environmental Design—is a multi-disciplinary approach to reduce crime through simple & easy changes to the design and maintenance of residential and commercial properties.

“We’re mixing things up a little bit this year by having Chill with a Cop in the plaza at Richmond BART”, explains Alicia Gallo, programs and communications manager for Richmond Main Street Initiative. “This new location is very transit friendly, accessible, and surrounded by residences and some of Downtown’s newest businesses. We’re excited to try it out and activate the space with positivity...and delicious ice cream.”

Chill with a Cop is sponsored by Richmond Main Street Initiative, Lappert’s Ice Cream, Richmond Police Department, BART Police Department, and the City of Richmond, with generous support from West Coast Chess Alliance, Friends of the Richmond Public Library, and West County Reads.

For more information, visit (510) 236-4049 or visit www.RichmondMainStreet.org.

About the Richmond Main Street Initiative

Richmond Main Street Initiative is a community based non-profit dedicated to revitalizing historic downtown Richmond. RMSI partners with the City of Richmond, merchants, and residents to develop and improve downtown Richmond as a pedestrian-friendly urban village that offers products, services, arts and entertainment that reflect the community’s rich and diverse heritage. For more information and to read about the RMSI’s events and programs, please visit www.richmondmainstreet.org and www.facebook.com/richmondmainstreet.

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