

RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, May 5, 2020

The Richmond City Council Evening Open Session was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Thomas K. Butt via teleconference.

Due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, Contra Costa County and Governor Gavin Newsom issued multiple orders requiring sheltering in place, social distancing, and reduction of person-to-person contact. (See, for example, March 31, 2020, County Order extending the shelter-in-place order until May 3, 2020, and March 19, 2020, statewide shelter-in-place order). Accordingly, Governor Gavin Newsom issued executive orders that allowed cities to hold public meetings via teleconferencing (Executive Order N-29-20).

DUE TO THE SHELTER IN PLACE ORDERS, attendance at the City of Richmond City Council meeting was limited to Councilmembers, essential City of Richmond staff, and members of the news media. Public comment was confined to items appearing on the agenda and was limited to the methods provided below. Consistent with Executive Order N-29-20, this meeting utilized teleconferencing only. The following provides information on how the public participated in the meeting.

The public was able to view the meeting from home on KCRT – Comcast Channel 28 or AT&T Uverse Channel 99, or live-streamed online at <http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/3178/KCRT-Live>.

*Written public comments were received via email to cityclerkdept@ci.richmond.ca.us and eComment. Comments received by 3:00 p.m. on May 5, 2020, were put into the record and considered before Council action. Comments received via email during the meeting and up until the public comment period on the relevant agenda item closed, were read into the record. Comments were also received via telephone during the public comment period. **Attached herewith all written public comments received.***

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Ben Choi, Demnlus Johnson III, Eduardo Martinez, Jael Myrick, Vice Mayor Nathaniel Bates, Melvin Willis, and Mayor Thomas K. Butt. **Absent:** None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The city clerk announced that the purpose of the Open Session was for the City Council to hear public comments on the following items to be discussed in Closed Session:

CITY COUNCIL

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) of Subdivision (d) [as applicable] of Government Code Section 54956.9):

One case. In light of the California Court of Appeals' decision in Fowler v. City of Lafayette, the City Attorney's Office attached to the agenda a Right to Sue letter regarding a complaint by Lisa Stephenson to the Department of Fair Employment and

Housing. The Right to Sue letter was published with the final agenda packet. It provided the existing facts and circumstances for going into closed session on the item pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2).

Luis Padilla submitted comments via email and Ben Therriault gave comments via telephone regarding the Lisa Stephenson case.

**CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY
NEGOTIATOR (Government Code Section 54956.8):**

Property: Port of Richmond (Terminal 3)
Agency negotiators: Jim Matzorkis
Negotiating party: Richmond Terminal 3 Partners (Bobby Winston, Orton Development and Tom Lockard)
Under negotiations: Price and terms of payment

The Open Session adjourned to Closed Session at 5:35 p.m.
Closed Session adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order at 6:36 p.m. by Mayor Butt via teleconference.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Choi, Johnson, Martinez, Myrick, Vice Mayor Bates, and Mayor Butt. **Absent:** Councilmember Willis arrived during the Open Forum.

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

AGENDA REVIEW

Items G-14, G-17, and G-18 were continued to the May 19, 2020, City Council meeting. Items G-15, G-16, and G-20 were removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion at the end of the agenda.

City Manager Laura Snideman requested the Council to consider adding an urgency item to the agenda regarding the Safe Parking Pilot Program funding. Ms. Snideman provided the following information as set forth in the Brown Act guidelines for adding an urgent item to the agenda during the meeting: (1) described the item at agenda review and identified that it was an open session matter; (2) explained why the item was urgent and needed immediate attention; (3) explained how a representative of the agency discovered the need to take immediate action after the 72-hour agenda posting deadline; and (4) requested that the Council make a motion or take action finding that the staff recited conditions describing urgency and the need for immediate attention were true, and that the item may be considered by the Council at the meeting with the required two-third vote. On motion of Councilmember Myrick, seconded by Vice Mayor Bates, an urgency item regarding the Safe Parking Pilot Program funding was added to the agenda immediately following the approval of the Consent Calendar by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Choi, Johnson, Martinez, Myrick, Vice Mayor Bates, and Mayor Butt. **Noes:** None. **Absent:** Councilmember Willis. **Abstained:** None.

REPORT FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY ON FINAL DECISIONS MADE DURING CLOSED SESSION

Interim City Attorney Rachel Sommovilla stated there were no final actions to report.

REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Laura Snideman reported the following updates related to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic: On May 4, 2020, Contra Costa County modified its shelter order with a slight lessening of earlier restrictions due to progress and improvements related to the virus. The Richmond Rapid Response Fund was launched on May 5, 2020, to support the Richmond community. Ms. Snideman acknowledged the partners and organizations that helped to establish the fund and provided the website address: www.RichmondResponseFund.org. Ms. Snideman announced that the Richmond Works program received a grant for \$162,000 to provide support services to Richmond residents affected by COVID-19 by calling (510) 307-8014. The City of Richmond was conducting a request for donations for personal protective equipment, childcare supplies, and supplies for patients in need. Donations were accepted through May 7, 2020, at the parking lot at Nevin Avenue and 22nd Street from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The following individuals submitted the following comments via email, eComment, or telephone:

An eComment guest user gave comments regarding item G-5, expressing appreciation for the City of Richmond's ongoing support of the Richmond National Institute of Art and Disabilities (NIAD) Art Center.

Alicia Jrapko, Nesbit Crutchfield, David Stephens, Kristi Laughlin, Rita Barouch, and Tarnel Abbott gave comments in support of Item G-12, regarding a medical collaboration between the United States and Cuba during the COVID-19 crisis.

Cordell Hindler recommended having the standing committees revised to meet the needs of the City of Richmond. Mr. Hindler requested to have the Bay Area Rapids Transit (BART) general manager provide an update regarding the Del Norte BART Station project. Mr. Hindler expressed concerns regarding the idea of having an outside firm conduct the City of Richmond's classification and compensation study.

Robin Macdonald expressed concerns regarding Items G-17 and G-18, regarding the proposed classification and salary for Police Records and Property Manager.

Ali Uscilka, Cynthia LeBlanc, Debra Ballinger, Alex Werth, Asuncion Carmona, Ayesha Smith, Blanca Retano, Christina Lorenzana, David Sharples, Diodoro Martinez, Enicia Montalvo, Ezequiel Chum, Florytulia Castro, Gabriela Hernandez, Gaby Mercado, Gorgina Baldadano, Irene Gonzalez, Jess Jollett, Jesus Perez, Jim Becker, Jose Espinoza, Juan Gutierrez, Juan Lozano, Kristi Laughlin, Maria Sanchez, Paul Larudee, Ricardo Zepeda, Sandra Colon, Sara Rodriguez, and Xiomara Portillo gave comments in support of Item G-21, regarding protections for

evictions and a moratorium on rent increases. The group requested an extended grace period to repay rent.

CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion of Councilmember Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Choi, the items marked with an (*) were approved by the unanimous vote of the City Council:

***G-1.** Approved an agreement with Magdave Associates to remove an old unit and support placing a portable building at the Port Potrero Marine Terminal for a total value of \$39,000.

***G-2.** Adopted **Resolution No. 35-20** approving the Engineer's Report for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 for the Hilltop Landscape Maintenance District ("HLMD"), declaring the Council's intention to increase the annual assessment in the HLMD, and announcing a public hearing about the proposed increased assessment on June 2, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber at 440 Civic Center Plaza in the City of Richmond.

***G-3.** Adopted **Resolution No. 36-20** approving the Engineer's Report for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 for the Marina Bay Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance District, declaring the Council's intention to increase the annual assessment in the Marina Bay Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance District, and announcing a public hearing about the proposed increased assessment on June 2, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber at 440 Civic Center Plaza in the City of Richmond.

***G-4.** Adopted **Resolution No. 37-20** to appropriate and authorize the use of the Park Impact Fee fund balance in an amount not to exceed \$60,017.21 for improvement costs, which exceeded the original scope of work for Martin Luther King, Jr. Park improvements; approved a contract with The Trust for Public Land (TPL) in an amount not to exceed \$51,641.21; and approved a contract with Landscape Structure, Inc. (LSA) in an amount not to exceed \$8,376.

***G-5.** Approved a contract with NIAD Art Center to support ongoing arts programs and collaborations in Richmond, in an amount not to exceed \$55,000, for a term beginning February 27, 2020, to February 28, 2021.

***G-6.** Approved a contract with East Bay Center for the Performing Arts to support ongoing arts programs and collaborations in Richmond in an amount not to exceed \$55,000, for a term beginning February 27, 2020, to February 28, 2021.

***G-7.** Approved I Heart Richmond Fiscal Year 2019-2020 budget; and appropriated revenues generated from the solid waste collection Franchise Fee increase of 7.5 percent beginning January 1, 2020.

***G-8.** Approved a purchase from LC Action Police Supply for tactical safety helmets for the Police Department's SWAT Team in an amount not to exceed \$24,629.32.

***G-9.** Approved a one-time purchase from Pacific Fitness Products LLC for the police department's gym in an amount not to exceed \$27,224.59.

***G-10.** Received the City's Investment and Cash Balance Report for the month of March 2020.

***G-11.** Approved an amendment to the contract with Alliance Graphics, Inc. to provide graphic art services and promotional products for the RichmondBUILD Academy and RichmondWORKS Workforce Development Programs. The contract term was extended through June 30, 2022. The contract amount increased by \$12,000 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$20,000.

***G-12.** Adopted **Resolution No. 38-20** in support of medical collaboration between the United States and Cuba during the COVID-19 crisis and join the Richmond-Regla, Cuba Friendship Committee in urging the lifting of restrictions on Cuban medical expertise in order to be unified during this pandemic.

***G-13.** Approved a purchase from LC Action Police Supply for tactical safety helmets for the Police Department's SWAT Team in an amount not to exceed \$24,629.32.

G-14. Continued to the May 19, 2020, meeting the matter to introduce an ordinance (first reading) to establish the wages, salaries, and compensation for the new Industrial Building Inspector classification (Salary Range No. 060G \$8,154 - \$9,864).

G-15. The matter to adopt a resolution amending the City of Richmond's Position Classification Plan to add the new classification of Deputy Building Official was removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion. Community Development Director Lina Velasco provided an oral report. Discussion ensued. On motion of Vice Mayor Bates, seconded by Councilmember Johnson, grouped items G-15 and G-16 together and adopted **Resolution No. 39-20** by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Choi, Johnson, Myrick, Willis, Vice Mayor Bates, and Mayor Butt. **Noes:** Councilmember Martinez. **Absent:** None. **Abstained:** None.

G-16. The matter to introduce an ordinance (first reading) to establish wages, salaries, and compensation for the new classification specification for Deputy Building Official (Salary Range No. 073 \$8,978 - \$10,890/month) was removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion and grouped with item G-15. On motion of Vice Mayor Bates, seconded by Councilmember Johnson, said ordinance received the first reading and was laid over for two weeks for the second reading by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Choi, Johnson, Myrick, Willis, Vice Mayor Bates, and Mayor Butt. **Noes:** Councilmember Martinez. **Absent:** None. **Abstained:** None.

G-17. Continued to the May 19, 2020, meeting the matter to adopt a resolution amending the City of Richmond's Position Classification Plan to add the new Police Records and Property Manager classification and abolish the Police Records Supervisor classification.

G-18. Continued to the May 19, 2020, meeting the matter to introduce an ordinance (first reading) to establish wages, salary, and compensation for the new Police Records and Property Manager classification (Salary Range No. 070D \$9,535 - \$11,532/month).

***G-19.** Adopted **Resolution No. 40-20** in support of Assembly Bill 1851 (Wicks) which, if passed and signed into law, would allow for the elimination of residential parking requirements on faith-based properties for qualifying housing development projects.

G-20. The matter to authorize the city manager to negotiate and execute contracts totaling no more than \$50,000; and appropriate funds in an amount not to exceed \$50,000, to be used to hire qualified consultants, political strategists, community organizing or civic engagement management firms, for the polling and engagement needed to inform the public concerning revenue generating ballot measures as early as the November 2020 election was introduced by City Manager Laura Snideman. Discussion ensued. Deputy City Manager Economic Development Shasa Curl presented a Powerpoint slide that highlighted potential tax revenue generating ballot measures. Further discussion ensued. The Council requested staff to provide projected revenue amounts with the proposed ballot measures. A motion was made by Councilmember Martinez, seconded by Councilmember Willis, to approve said authorization and appropriation. Further discussion ensued. The motion passed by the unanimous vote of the City Council.

***G-21.** Adopted **Resolution No. 41-20** ratifying the Director of Emergency Service's Second Supplemental Order (Resolution No. 34-20) adding protections for commercial properties for evictions and placing a moratorium on residential rent increases while this Order is in effect or until a date determined by the Director of Emergency Services.

***G-22.** Approved a short-term contract with Russ Branson Consulting to provide financial consulting services through July 31, 2020, in an amount not to exceed \$24,760.

URGENCY ITEM

(The following urgency item was added to the agenda during Agenda Review in compliance with the Brown Act guidelines required for adding an urgent item to an agenda during the public meeting).

The matter to authorize the city manager or their designee to allow for utilization of a portion of unencumbered Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) funding allocated by Contra Costa Health Services Health, Housing and Homeless Services for a City of Richmond Safe Parking Program to assist in expanding emergency hotel housing for the City of Richmond's homeless population during the Shelter at Home Order was introduced by Crime Prevention Manager Michelle Milam. Discussion ensued. The Council requested the inclusion of North Richmond residents in discussions for their feedback regarding the implementation of the program in their community. On motion of Councilmember Myrick, seconded by Councilmember Willis, authorized said funding for homeless hotel housing by the unanimous vote of the City Council.

BUDGET SESSION

H-1. The matter to acknowledge receipt of the first draft of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-21 Annual Operating and Capital Improvement Budget, and establish the review process and

schedule for City Council review and adoption was introduced by City Manager Laura Snideman. Finance Director Belinda Warner, Budget Administrator Markisha Guillory, and Revenue Manager Antonio Banuelos presented a Powerpoint that highlighted the following: COVID-19 headlines showing various other agencies experiencing budget deficits; budget goals; current budget status including the FY 2020-21 draft budget deficit for \$27 million; FY 2020-21 draft General Fund revenues for \$166 million and expenditures for \$193 million; revenue enhancements; and budget balancing measures. Mayor Butt provided an overview of the ad-hoc committee that he formed in mid-April 2020 consisting of Councilmembers Ben Choi, Melvin Willis, and himself. The purpose of the ad-hoc committee was to work with the city manager, staff, and labor unions to review revenue and expenditure data to craft a budget for FY 2020-21. Mayor Butt provided an overview of potential budget balancing strategies that were developed by staff and reviewed by the ad-hoc committee. Mayor Butt proposed holding special meetings on May 12 and June 9, 2020, for the full Council's consideration. Discussion ensued. Finance Director Belinda Warner, Budget Administrator Markisha Guillory, and Jo Mortensen of Public Resources Advisory Group presented a Powerpoint that highlighted the following: structural vs. one-time solutions; implications of using reserves; and next steps. The following speakers submitted comments via email or telephone: Cordell Hindler, Joe Summers, Josh Anjar, Michelle Milam, Yen Do, Yolanda Skelton, John Adams, Don Gosney, and Sean Staulbaum, Dee Karnes, Jill Perry, Manuel Sarracino, Ofelia Alvarez, and Alfredo Gonzalez. Mayor Butt requested staff to provide the Council with the departmental budget requests that were provided to the labor unions. Further discussion ensued. On motion of Councilmember Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Martinez, acknowledged receipt of the first draft of said budget by the unanimous vote of the City Council.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS: REFERRALS TO STAFF, AND GENERAL REPORTS (INCLUDING AB 1234 REPORTS)

Councilmember Johnson encouraged everyone to complete their 2020 Census submission.

Vice Mayor Bates congratulated and thanked Police Chief Bisa French and staff for assistance with the eviction of a squatter that was occupying a property on Tulare Avenue.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m., in memory of George Calvin McKnight, Robert L. Wenz, and Arlene Hendricks, to meet again for a Special Meeting on Tuesday, May 12, 2020, at 6:30 p.m.

Clerk of the City of Richmond

(SEAL)

Approved:

Mayor

Sabrina Lundy

From: Alicia Jrapko <ajrapko@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 2:43 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Comments for City Council Resolution

On behalf of the International Committee for Peace, Justice, and Dignity we fully support the resolution that will be presented at the Richmond City Council supporting the US-Cuba Canada Collaboration in Fighting COVID 19.

In times of a terrible pandemic that affects the entire world, particularly the United States, it is important to look at what we can do for people here at home to alleviate the effects of the pandemic.

Cuba has much to offer. It is time to collaborate with Cuba. It is time to save lives.

Sincerely

Alicia Jrapko

Sabrina Lundy

From: Cordell Hindler <cordellhindler@ymail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2020 9:00 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: open forum for public comment

hello Sabrina, here is my comments for the council

1. to have the Standing Committees revised to meet the needs of the City
2. to have the General Manager to provide an update in regarding the Del Norte Bart Project
3. i am concerned about the idea of having an outside firm to do the Class & comp study

Sincerely
Cordell

Sabrina Lundy

From: Robin Macdonald <robinmac4880@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, May 04, 2020 4:43 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Public comment agenda item G17 &G18

Agenda Items G17 & G18

Human Resources has selected what positions to include into this salary survey. They have included some Police Manager positions and some Records Supervisor positions, what is it? The top 4 cities, ALL supervise more than 2 units with far more than 13 employees. San Mateo Police Records and Communications Manager supervise the Records Unit, the 911 Communications Center and the Property Unit. San Leandro Police Support Services Manager supervises Records, 911 Communications Center and the Jail staff. Palo Alto Public Safety Program Manager supervises Volunteers, Contract Employees, Parking Enforcement, Records and Secretary Staff. Walnut Creek Police Services Supervisor supervises Records, 911 Communications Center, Information Technology, Property, Training and Volunteers.

Saying this is a “mid management” position and then comparing it to upper level management positions within the salary survey is unacceptable. All Public Safety Managers and Supervisors are subject to be called 24/7.

The current salary of the Records Supervisor is 7623.00 monthly with the 7% differential, which places this position mid-range compared to the other positions/responsibilities of the like positions in the compared salary cities. This current salary is also 38 % more than the highest paid employee they supervise. Which is far more than the MOU mandate of 15 % more than the highest paid subordinate.

Again, this position has always been responsible for 2 units, the Records Unit and the Police Transcribers, which were eliminated about 15 years ago. This salary already reflects 2 units and has been paid for over 15 years for 2 units. The City and the Community are now asking this position to do what we have always been paying them to do. Why would the City of Richmond allow the reclassification to manager and give this position a 61 % pay increase?

Sent from my iPhone

Sabrina Lundy

From: Cordell Hindler <cordellhindler@ymail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2020 9:08 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Budget Session

hello Sabrina, here is my recommendation in regarding the Budget, i was thinking that the council can review the materials on either the 19 or 26th of May

Sincerely
Cordell

Sabrina Lundy

From: Joe Summers <joe@cclabor.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 2:57 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Cc: Joshua Anijar
Subject: Public Comments - Agenda Item H-1

Mayor Butt and Councilmembers,

On behalf of the 85 unions and 85,000 union members affiliated with the Contra Costa Labor Council, we are writing to strongly encourage the City of Richmond to adopt a NO IMMEDIATE LABOR CUTS goal in the City of Richmond as the City attempts to balance the projected Budget shortfalls due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Now is not the time for reactionary, regressive policies that would inflict lasting harm on working families and reduce vital services to Richmond residents and businesses when needed most. Instead, now is the time for bold leadership, good decision-making based on accurate data and information, and progressive policies that will protect public services for Richmond residents and businesses and avoid exacerbating the adverse economic impacts of COVID-19.

The City's immediate goal should be the development of a comprehensive plan to close the projected FY19-20 Budget shortfall without any labor cuts, and to close the projected FY 20-21 Budget shortfall using labor cuts only as a last resort to be negotiated with the City's labor partners after the real long-term Budget shortfalls are better understood and all other expenditure reductions and new revenue ideas have been pursued. Many local agencies are already delaying budget processes or passing Temporary Budgets to be revisited in late summer / early fall with a better understanding of the financial situation.

By implementing already identified, non-labor, targeted budget reductions and savings measures in the short and mid-terms, the City would have time to receive better information about the projected mid and long-term Budget shortfalls including our best options to address them. This time would also allow the City more time to work collaboratively with the City's unions to identify and advocate for federal, state and local revenue solutions to the temporary COVID-19 pandemic budget challenges.

Labor cuts should always be considered last, not first, and only after we have accurate information about the City's projected shortfalls and all other ideas for expenditure reductions and new revenues have been pursued.

Sincerely,

Josh Anijar,
Executive Director
Contra Costa Labor Council

Sabrina Lundy

From: Michelle Milam <milam_michelle@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 2:43 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Public Comment

I agree, that cuts to labor should be a last resort, not a first one, and employees should be included in helping to find ways to close the budget gaps when possible.

Richmond has an incredibly resourceful staff that knows what is needed to operationalize efforts, trim expenses and expand revenue opportunities. We should not miss out on an opportunity to use their expertise in this process.

I would also encourage the council to consider exploring all options, including the use of any state dollars that may be allocated to cities for recovery and engaging our local senate and assembly leadership. The regional power of cities and counties collectively advocating for change, especially at this challenging time in our history must be exercised. Together, we can.

Michelle Milam

Sabrina Lundy

From: Sean Stalbaum <sstalbaum@ifpte21.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 2:59 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Cc: Dee Karnes; Jill Perry; Yolanda Skelton; Manuel Sarracino; Ofelia Alvarez; Alfredo Gonzalez
Subject: L21 Public Comment for Council Agenda Item H1

Hon. Mayor Butt and Council Members:

Regarding Item H1, on behalf of the 150 City of Richmond employees represented by IFPTE Local 21, I ask you to adopt the “No Immediate Labor Cuts” goal suggested by the Contra Costa Central Labor Council. The Ad Hoc Budget Committee came up with a very long list of Budget Balancing Strategies, many of which would not require immediate labor cuts. Past actions by Richmond leaders to impose austerity measures on the Richmond workforce, balancing the budget on their backs, have not served Richmond residents well. Worse, such measures harm the local economy and prolong economic downturns. The COVID-19 economic shock is not permanent. Rather than rush to austerity which would exacerbate the negative economic impacts of COVID-19 in Richmond, we strongly encourage restraint during your Budget deliberations and a focus on non-labor expenditure reductions and new revenues to solve the current crisis. We ask you to stand with and support your workers who are providing critical, essential services at risk to their health and the health of their families. Please adopt a “No Labor Cuts” approach to your Budget deliberations.

Sincerely,
Sean Stalbaum

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Sabrina Lundy

From: Yen Do <Yen.Do@seiu1021.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 1:38 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: May 5, 2020 PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the City of Richmond Council,

My name is Yen Do and I am the SEIU 1021 staff and Field Representative, representing your hard working service workers. We are facing challenging times with the uncertainty of COVID-19 but this is more of reason to pull together to figure out how to best care for the faces of your City – City Workers! We are demanding that City leaders take NO positions on, **“cuts, layoffs, furloughs and concessions”** on the backs of the people who do the work for the community – our members, your workers. If anything, we should all ban together to protect these workers who are doing the work through this pandemic.

We are hearing that the City is facing financial woes, but then again, the City has been in dire straits for some time and this is nothing new to you. Honestly. This is a sad statement but yet, the City’s reality and this needs to change. No matter what disastrous circumstance, labor will always stand by our members to make certain that, first and foremost, our workers are the center and priority in every conversation. The only way out of this COVID-19 and financial crisis is to work with COR’s labor coalition as a partner. With this said, we ask, will you, Members of the Richmond City Council, stand with us?

Your City is as strong as you make it and by listening to our demands in respecting the dignified work that City workers do, we assert for the Council to PROTECT ALL CITY WORKERS by saying **“no cuts, no layoffs, no furloughs and no concessions on the back of workers.”**

We love our workers and we know that you do too, so let’s work together to make substantial and bold change on behalf of workers and for the City in which you serve. I thank you for your time.

Yen L. Do, MPP
SEIU 1021
Field Representative

Sabrina Lundy

From: ydskelton <ydskelton@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 2:59 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: No Immediate Labor Cuts
Attachments: No Immediate Labor Cuts in Richmond.pdf

Hello,

I'm Yolanda Skelton from Local 21 group would like to express my opinion against the immediate labor cuts that will be presented at the tonight's meeting as the city's attempt to balance the projected budget shortfall due to COVID-19 pandemic. This action will not only hurt the Richmond residents who will need vital services, it will harm a lot of working families during this time when stability is needed the most. With the help of our labor unions, we can develop comprehensive plan to close the budget gap without any labor cuts. The Ad Hoc Budget Committee has been working hard to find cure to this economic downturn with long list of ideas to reduce expenditures and increase revenues. This pandemic is not permanent and with God's help, we can see the light at the end the tunnel. Thank you very much.

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

Central Labor Council

Contra Costa County AFL-CIO

May 5, 2020



Dear Mayor Butt and City Council Members:

On behalf of the 85 unions and 85,000 union members affiliated with the Contra Costa Labor Council, we are writing to strongly encourage you to adopt a NO IMMEDIATE LABOR CUTS goal in the City of Richmond as you attempt to balance the City's projected Budget shortfalls due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Now is not the time for reactionary, regressive policies that would harm working families and reduce vital services to Richmond residents and businesses when needed most. Instead, now is the time for bold leadership, good decision-making based on accurate data and information, and progressive policies that will protect public services for Richmond residents and businesses and avoid exacerbating the adverse economic impacts of COVID-19.



The recent rapid economic downturn is not the usual economic crisis. Before COVID-19 the fundamentals of the economy remained strong. Since COVID-19, major sectors of the economy have been intentionally shut down to prevent community spread of the deadly virus. While so far proving effective at slowing the spread of the virus and protecting the public's health, those actions are also causing a temporary decrease in economic activity and short-term reductions in once-reliable city revenues. At the same time, the large majority of City workers remain on the job, at significant risk to their health and the health of their families, providing essential services to Richmond residents and businesses.



It's important for City policy makers not to overreact to the temporary revenue challenges posed by COVID-19 by using the same regressive budget balancing tactics local governments used in the aftermath of the 2008-09 economic downturn. If the City imposes layoffs and/or serious pay or benefit concessions on city workers including first responders, essential staff, and all employees residents and businesses depend on to enrich and maintain our communities, it would have two immediate impacts: 1) it would reduce City services at a time when they are needed most, and 2) it would force more Bay Area workers into the ranks of the unemployed and housing challenged, which would hurt the regional economy and prolong the COVID-19-induced economic downturn.



Instead, the City should adopt as an immediate goal the development of a comprehensive plan to close the projected FY19-20 Budget shortfall without any labor cuts, and to close the projected FY 20-21 Budget shortfall using labor cuts only as a last resort to be negotiated with the City's labor partners after the real long-term Budget shortfalls are better understood and all other expenditure reductions and new revenue ideas have been pursued. The City's Ad Hoc Budget Committee has developed a long list of potential budget savings options including many non-labor cutting ideas such as reducing planned non-labor departmental expenditures, eliminating vacant funded positions, implementing a city-wide hiring freeze, delaying expensive projects (in part or whole) such as the

**Richmond Police
Management Assoc.**

planned IT upgrade, cutting or reducing non-essential outside contracting expenses, and spending some of the City's reserves. By implementing these and other non-labor targeted budget reductions and savings measures in the short and mid-terms, it would buy time for the City to get better information about the projected mid and long-term Budget shortfalls including our best options to address them. Several local agencies are either delaying their budget processes or passing Temporary Budgets now so they can revisit their budgets in late summer / early fall with more public scrutiny when they will have more accurate financial data about the true losses in revenue they will experience moving forward. Adopting a NO IMMEDIATE LABOR CUTS goal at this time would also allow the City more time to work collaboratively with the City's unions to identify and advocate for progressive federal, state and local revenue solutions to the temporary COVID-19 pandemic budget challenges.

Again, now is the time for bold, progressive leadership by Bay Area policy makers. On behalf of the 85 unions and 85,000 members of the Contra Costa County Labor Council, we strongly urge you to adopt a NO IMMEDIATE LABOR CUTS approach to balancing the City's COVID-19 induced budget shortfalls. Labor cuts should be considered last, not first, and only after we have accurate information about the City's projected shortfalls and all other ideas for expenditure reductions and new revenues have been pursued.

Sincerely,



Steve Older
President



Josh Anijar
Executive Director |

Council Meeting - 5/5/2020

Meeting Time: 05-05-20 18:30

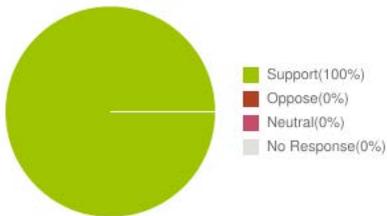
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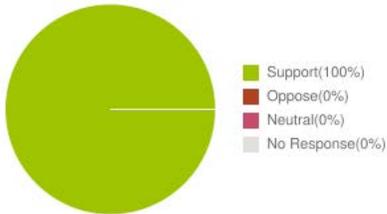
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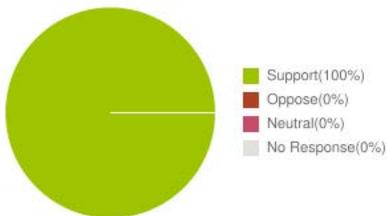
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Agenda Item: eComments for F. OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

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Submitted At: 4:14pm 05-05-20

Regarding agenda item G5, my comment is in appreciation of the City of Richmond's ongoing support for NIAD Art Center with a proposed grant of \$55,000, comprising 4% of our annual budget. NIAD recently made the pivot to a Virtual Studio for the 70 artists and 23 staff members who work 6 days/week at NIAD's 23rd Street gallery and art studio, maintaining full employment for staff, artist programs, and continued online sales. We are honored to continue over 38 years of partnership in Richmond!

Sabrina Lundy

From: Ali Uscilka <ali.uscilka@hab45.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 4:41 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Item: Open Forum for Public Comment

PLEASE READ ALOUD AT MAY 5TH COUNCIL MEETING

Good evening,

My name is Ali Uscilka and I am the Director of Healthy & Active Before 5. We thank you for coming together to strengthen Richmond's eviction protections during the COVID-19 crisis.

As advocates and service providers for families with young children, we know that housing insecurity poses significant risks to a child's physical and emotional well-being. And we are concerned that thousands of Richmond families whose housing is secure in the near term, will emerge from this crisis facing the reality that an eviction is just around the corner. As many other local cities have recognized, a longer grace period for paying back rent will allow families to recover economically, and ensure that landlords receive the money they are owed. For families with young children, this means parents can safely provide for their children's immediate needs while working toward paying off their debts.

We respectfully request that you consider a grace period of 180 days per month of missed rent, and that this item be placed on the agenda for May 19th.

Thank you for all that you are doing to keep Richmond families safe and healthy during this time.

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Sabrina Lundy

From: Cynthia LeBlanc <cleblanc29@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 3:05 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Public Comment- Housing

Council Members,

I am appreciative of all that the City Council is doing around housing for those impacted by COVID 19. If there is a way to strengthen the ordinance to provide the opportunity for those impacted by COVID 19 to pay rents that are due to, at least, 180 days from the due date, that support would be very helpful. We have all been impacted by COVID 19, directly and indirectly. Let's see what we can do further assist those directly impacted. Thank you for your consideration.

Be safe.

Cynthia M. LeBlanc
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Richmond, CA 94804

Sabrina Lundy

From: Debra Ballinger <Debra@monumentimpact.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 4:37 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Public Comment for Tonight: Please Read

Good evening, Councilmembers and Staff.

My name is Debra Ballinger and I am the Executive Director on Monument Impact in Concord. We serve immigrants and refugees from all over the county and we have been active in urging strong eviction moratoriums and rent freezes. We hear from tenants every day and they are desperate for stronger protections and financial support during COVID-19. Monument Impact started a Relief Fund to help undocumented tenants during this crisis, but it will never be enough.

Tonight, I want to emphasize two key and urgent needs that your continued leadership can and must address:

1. **Establish a meaningful grace period of 180 days for each month that tenants were unable to pay their rent.** We all know the economic recovery is going to be slow and painful, especially for low income communities of color. A shorter grace period will only exacerbate the homeless crisis as tenants will struggle to get back on their feet while facing debilitating debt. Even today, after multiple moratoriums have passed in cities and at the County level, we are seeing landlords trying to force tenants into signing a payment plan with threat of eviction once the shelter in place order has been lifted. Tenants need protection NOW.
2. **Pass a rent increase moratorium.** Those who were struggling before are hardest hit now, and we cannot ignore their conditions any longer. We are hearing about rent increases in Concord even in the face of a rent freeze.

We are grateful to Council for your leadership and for working to improve these protections. There cannot be further delay. Each week that passes, Monument Impact is getting more requests for financial assistance and the distress is palpable. The COVID-19 crisis has exposed the fragility of our housing system and underlying income and racial inequalities. People have lost their jobs and can no longer afford rent or mortgages. Small businesses are shuttered by the shelter in place order. The whole fabric of our city's future economic recovery depends on stabilizing all of us **now**.

Thank you,
Debra Ballinger

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Sabrina Lundy

From: Nesbit Crutchfield <nesbitdvc@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 3:08 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Support for Resolution on Collaboration wirh Cuba

Dear Council persons, i want to register my strong support for the Saving Lives medical collaboration with Cuba Resolution. As a Black man, and a citizen of the USA, i support Cuba's use of Interferon Alpha 2b as an anti-viral against covid-19,. Please registers my support for this Resolution

Sabrina Lundy

From: John Adams <adamsjp007@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 3:23 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: No to Staff Layoffs

sorry my message is late.

But as a tax paying Richmond resident and as supporter of services, I would hate to see staff layoff.
John Adams

Sabrina Lundy

From: Luis Padilla <local188prez@outlook.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 5:30 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: For Closed Session Public Comment CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL ANTICIPATED LITIGATION- Lisa Stephenson

Hi Pam, I would like to submit the following comment below to be read during the Public Comment before Closed Session.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL ANTICIPATED LITIGATION- Lisa Stephenson

Local 188 would like to express our full support of Human Resource Director, Lisa Stephenson. Ms. Stephenson has had an excellent working relationship with Local 188 over the years. The trust she has earned is extremely valuable to us. This action by the city manager, during this critical time, creates uncertainty and appears to be an attack on us by removing a trusted department head. The City is paying for two City Managers, a City Attorney on leave, two Police Chiefs, and now two HR Directors. When is this craziness going to stop? It is going to be very difficult to sit at the table and talk about concessions, when a trusted employee is removed for doing a great job. Local 188 requests that Ms. Stephenson be reinstated immediately. We would like her back on the job and working with us to try and find a solution during this crisis.

Luis M. Padilla
President
Richmond Firefighters Local 188

Sabrina Lundy

From: Alex Werth <alex@ebho.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 5:45 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Public Comments - Agenda Item #G-21

Dear Mayor Butt and Members of the City Council,

On behalf of East Bay Housing Organizations, I'm writing to thank you for moving to pass a moratorium on rent increases during the state of emergency this evening. Thousands of Richmond residents are already worried about how they're going to pay their rent, or the rent they've missed, without adding untimely and unnecessary rent increases into the picture. This strengthened moratorium will help address some of that worry.

We at EBHO appreciate our partnership with the City of Richmond, and especially your recent proclamation honoring May as Affordable Housing Month. Clearly, the coronavirus pandemic is the single most pressing issue impacting our community's ability to ensure that everyone has a safe, stable, and affordable place to call home. That's why we urge you to take up a measure to extend the City's repayment period for missed rent at your meeting on May 19th. Specifically, we encourage you to provide tenants with 180 days per month of arrears, or at least a year, to pay back their missed rent.

We're all going to need considerable time to get back on our feet after the worst of this has passed. Without a longer grace period, Richmond is likely to see a wave of evictions that displaces residents and causes rent-controlled units to spike up to market rate. This could spell disaster in terms of both community stabilization and affordability.

So, again, we ask you to consider a longer grace period on May 19th.

Thank you for leadership in this extraordinary time,
Alex Werth, Policy Associate, EBHO

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Alex Werth | Policy Associate
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Join us for EBHO's first virtual Affordable Housing Week Kickoff! [RSVP here](#) to get the link to this digital event.

Sabrina Lundy

From: Ali Uscilka <ali.uscilka@hab45.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 5:53 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Re: Item: Open Forum for Public Comment

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My name is Ali Uscilka and I am the Director of Healthy & Active Before 5. We thank you for coming together to strengthen Richmond's eviction protections during the COVID-19 crisis.

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We respectfully request that you consider a grace period of 180 days per month of missed rent, and that this item be place on the agenda for May 19th.

Thank you for all that you are doing to keep Richmond families safe and healthy during this time.

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Sabrina Lundy

From: Edith Pastrano <epastrano@calorganize.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 6:43 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TO BE READ ALOUD

Asuncion Carmona,

Thank you for doing you best but we are in this together and a number of other cities have done right by their residents durng COVID 19.

We are having problems to pay the rent and other bills, and food, my hours were cut at work and I know I will not be able to make it.

I am writing to urge you to Pass an eviction and rent increase moratorium that offers a stronger grace period than the County. Families need at least 180 day per month of arrears—or no less than a year. Please do better I know you can.

Thank you for your time.

Good evening Mayor, council members and staff. My name is Ayesha Smith, a Richmond resident, mother, and a member of the West County Regional Group.

Tonight I would like to ask you to think back to the first night when a moratorium on evictions and rent increases was brought up. Did the community ask you for a longer grace period? We never asked for 6 months. We asked for what we know we need. Which is **180 days per month of arrears**. Please just listen and act accordingly. It is not reasonable for low-income families who live paycheck-to-paycheck to come up with thousands of dollars in that amount of time.

This is a very critical time for families. Many have shared very personal details about the impact COVID-19 has had on their lives but instead of taking families lived experiences into consideration; we have been confronted with skepticism and condescension. If our very own elected officials, question if families are in crisis or assume that we are not suffering due to this pandemic, who can we turn to for help? What more data or research do you need than families taking the time to write in for help? It is extremely worrisome to hear my elected leaders defer to other elected bodies for policies you have the power to enact. You were elected to represent the community; you were elected to protect the city of Richmond, please take action now.

It is imperative that you revisit the grace period and extend it to 180 days per month of arrears or no less than 1 year.

I am a single mother, currently at home with a special needs child, stressing about when I will be able to return to work. I am looking to you to protect my son and me. This is the most challenging time of my life especially because I am also struggling with underlying health issues while being a parent and a teacher for my son. We rely on you to make the right decisions, to protect us, to care for the city and its residents. Take action and extend your grace period to 180 days per month of arrears.

Thank you,

Sabrina Lundy

From: Edith Pastrano <epastrano@calorganize.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 6:31 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT PLEASE READ ALOUD FOR BLANCA RETANO

*** THIS IS A PUBLIC COMMENT FROM BLANCA RETANO TO BE READ ALOUD***

Blanca Retano-

I live with my family we are 6 people in the household (ages: 8,12,17, 20,46, 48) I lost my job at Chavez Elementary as an instructor for Parents expanding their education. My husband lost hours at work as a chef at a local restaurant on 23rd, El Tapatio. He now works only 4 hours for 3 days out of the week. Neither of us qualify for EDD benefits and will not be receiving stimulus checks. We had to borrow money to pay April's rent and yet we are still not sure how we are going to make it by. Richmond families need a policy tailored to our community's needs. This is a time for bold leadership that does not bow down to threats of lawsuits but instead stands for the city's residents and public health. We need at least 180 days PER MONTH of arrears, this is not impossible to do, other cities have taken immediate steps to strengthen their moratoriums and grace periods to pay back rent owed, for instance Concord, Antioch, Oakland and others. Richmond is falling behind, and this council needs to stop delaying we are suffering out here! Remember that there are other payments that need to be made and it's not just rent. Don't stand in the way by allowing tenants like myself who are hard workers to fall behind when you all have the capability of doing something about this. I request that this body agendize this item for May 19th.

Blessings to the City Leaders, thank you.

Sabrina Lundy

From: Edith Pastrano <epastrano@calorganize.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 6:31 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT PLEASE READ ALOUD

This is a public comment from Cristina Lorenzana, Richmond tenant

" My main concern is my rent payment and secondly the concern of buying food, and payment of other bills at the end of the quarantine. Health wise me and my daughter are good, however I suffer from the anxiety of not knowing what is going to happen. I'm now 8 weeks with no job and I'm at a loss for grounding because I don't know if I will even get my job back. I already don't get paid enough, everything I earn is just barely enough to pay my rent. I don't have any savings to my name and we don't know what to do. I am writing to first thank you for strengthening our moratorium and urge you to pass a moratorium that offers a stronger grace period than the County, much like other cities like San Pablo and other in the county. Families need at least 180 day per month of arrears. Please put your best foot forward as our leaders and serve the most in need. We need you to take action immediately this need to be a topic on the agenda to discuss for the next meeting. The longer it takes the more we are hurting, we need you all to act now!

Thank you."

Cristina Lorenzana

Sabrina Lundy

From: David Sharples <dsharples@calorganize.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 6:06 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Public Comment for Open Forum

Good Evening councilmembers. My name is David Sharples. Richmond resident and Director of Contra Costa County ACCE. I want to thank you for strengthening the existing moratorium ordinance and urge you to pass a stronger grace period with 180 days per month in arrears IMMEDIATELY. Other cities like San Pablo, Antioch, Concord and Oakland have passed stronger grace periods. Richmond should too. I ask that you agendize the item for May 19th.

Sabrina Lundy

From: Debra Ballinger <Debra@monumentimpact.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 6:44 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Cc: Rhea org>
Subject: Public comment-please read

Good evening, Councilmembers and Staff.

My name is Debra Ballinger and I am the Executive Director on Monument Impact in Concord. We serve immigrants and refugees from all over the county and we have been active in urging strong eviction moratoriums and rent freezes. We hear from tenants every day and they are desperate for stronger protections and financial support during COVID-19. Monument Impact started a Relief Fund to help undocumented tenants during this crisis, but it will never be enough.

Tonight, I want to emphasize two key and urgent needs that your continued leadership can and must address:

1. **Establish a meaningful grace period of 180 days for each month that tenants were unable to pay their rent.** We all know the economic recovery is going to be slow and painful, especially for low income communities of color. A shorter grace period will only exacerbate the homeless crisis as tenants will struggle to get back on their feet while facing debilitating debt. Even today, after multiple moratoriums have passed in cities and at the County level, we are seeing landlords trying to force tenants into signing a payment plan with threat of eviction once the shelter in place order has been lifted. Tenants need protection NOW.
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Thank you,
Debra Ballinger

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Sent from my iPhone

Sabrina Lundy

From: Edith Pastrano <epastrano@calorganize.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 6:39 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TO BE READ ALOUD

Public comment for Diodoro Martinez

Diodoro Martinez. We don't have any money to pay our rent, buy food, because of the global pandemic and we are looking to the elected leaders to take action in passing an eviction and rent increase moratorium that offers a stronger grace period than the County. This is a time for bold leadership that does not bow down to threats of lawsuits but instead stands for the city's residents and public health. Families need at least 180 day per month of arrears—or no less than a year. We need your leadership and for this item to be on the agenda at the very next meeting.

Thank you

Good evening Mayor, council members and city staff. My name is Enicia Montalvo, I'm a community member and a pastor.

Thank you for your leadership in strengthening protections for Richmond families by enacting a moratorium on rent increases. I believe that during moments of crisis we must support each other to be healthy and safe.

I'm writing to urge you that in addition to these protections you also extend the current grace period of 6 months to 180 days per month of arrears—or no less than a year. This extension will assure that families are able to remain housed as they pay owed rent after the Shelter in Place order is lifted. We need a sufficient grace period to allow us enough time to recover and get back on our feet. It is crucial that this grace period be addressed immediately, as families need time to plan and some peace of mind.

Many of us have lost our jobs. It will take a long time to recover economically from this. In my case alone, I expect to owe \$5,700 at the end of the shelter in place. This amount will be impossible to pay back in just 6 months on top of all the other bills and current monthly rent I have.

We ask that you put families first during this time of crisis, as many other neighboring cities have done. It's important for you to act now, similarly to San Pablo, Antioch and Concord who have all enacted longer grace periods to support their families. This will be our 5th council meeting urging you to be the leaders Richmond families need during this time. Please make May 19th our last meeting and agendaize this item for that date. Not having enough time to pay back owed rent can result in a catastrophic housing crisis. Please vote tonight for the moratorium on rent increases and pass a grace period of 180-days for every month of arrears during your May 19th meeting.

Thank you

Sabrina Lundy

From: Edith Pastrano <epastrano@calorganize.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 6:32 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TO BE READ ALOUD

This is a public comment from Ezequiel Chum to be read aloud

Ezequiel Chum, Richmond tenant

Thank you council, for allowing me to express my point of experience. It's a very difficult time right now with no money to pay rent or to buy food , no one is working now and we don't have a way out. You all can do something to make a change, please pass better protections for our city. I am writing to urge you to Pass an eviction and rent increase moratorium that offers a stronger grace period than the County. Families need at least 180 day per month of arrears. Please do not delay and put this on the agenda for the next meeting, May 19th.

Thank you all so much.

Good evening mayor, council members and city staff. My name is Flor Castro, I'm a Richmond resident and mother of 2 children.

Thank you for supporting Richmond families tonight during these uncertain times with a rent increase moratorium.

There is still one more protection that families are requesting during this time: to grant a longer grace period of 180 days per month of arrears to pay back rent. This will assure that no Richmond families will be evicted from their home as we pay back rent once the order is lifted.

My family has been severely impacted by COVID-19, just like many others. My family will need time to recover, not just emotionally from the fear and anxiety around this virus, but also financially. How can families be able to afford bills, rent and food in the upcoming months when many in our community have had no income since mid-March? It has been almost 2 months since we saw our last paycheck. It is necessary for you as our elected leaders to take action immediately and grant us a longer grace period.

My family pays \$1500 a month. By the time, the shelter in place order is lifted; we will owe at least 3 months of rent, which is \$4500. I agonize every night thinking about the repayment of the owed rent and realize we just don't make enough to pay it all back in 6 months.

Please direct staff to agendaize this item for May 19 and stop putting it off any longer. Take action tonight and consider a grace period of 180 days per month in arrears on May 19 to better protect our community from living on the streets.

Thank you!

Good evening mayor, council members, and city staff, my name is Gabriela Hernández. I'm a Richmond resident. Thank you for your leadership in considering a moratorium on rent increases. It is an important protection all Richmond families need during this unpredictable time. Equally, essential, to prevent further suffering and citywide consequences, we urge you to extend the ordinance's grace period to **180 days per month of arrears.**

I am a single mother of two, who works as a housekeeper. My job was already unstable before the Shelter in Place, sometimes only providing me with work 3 days a week. However, now due to COVID-19, I have not been able to work for almost 2 months and have no other income. My biggest fear is losing my home and being forced to live on the streets with my children. Like me, many other Richmond families are looking to you to keep them sheltered while they pay back overdue rent.

I urge you to grant a grace period that is sufficient for those of us living paycheck to paycheck. 6 months is simply not enough time. It is not realistic for thousands of Richmond residents. Other cities have provided a longer grace period for families. Why can't you?

Please understand the consequences of your inaction. This is our 4th council meeting requesting an extension to the grace period but we have yet to see this item as part of the agenda discussion. So here, I am once again, urging you to have this item on your upcoming agenda of May 19th. At the end of the Shelter in Place, I will owe \$4500 and for a single mother like me with no income for almost 2 months--that amount of money is impossible to come up with in 6 months.

We do not know how long this Shelter in Place will last. It is best to have a formula that allows for things to change.

Please put this on the agenda for May 19th and pass a grace period of **180 days per month of arrears.**

We're counting on you to do what's right and protect Richmond families. Thank you.

Sabrina Lundy

From: Edith Pastrano <epastrano@calorganize.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 6:30 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT PLEASE READ ALOUD FOR GABY MERCADO

This is a public comment to be read aloud for Gaby Mercado

Gaby Mercado, Richmond resident. Thank you for strengthening the existing ordinance. However, it can be stronger, and must be passed immediately. I am a Single mom, my daughter is 7, I lost my employment as a florist associate. I won't be getting a stimulus check, and I do not qualify for EDD benefits. It is a very hard time because I do not have money for anything. I asked for help with a one time payment for rent from Catholic Charities but I have not been receiving money or help. I am writing to urge you to Pass an eviction and rent increase moratorium that offers a stronger grace period than the County. Families need at least 180 day per month of arrears—or no less than a year. Other cities like San Pablo, Antioch, Concord, Oakland and Alameda have passed stronger grace periods. Why shouldn't Richmond? Please do not let the County legislate for Richmond City Council, and agendaize this item for May 19th. Richmond families need a policy tailored to their needs. This is a time for bold leadership that does not bow down to threats of lawsuits but instead stands for the city's residents and public health.

Thank you,

Gaby Mercado

Sabrina Lundy

From: Edith Pastrano <epastrano@calorganize.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 6:41 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TO BE READ ALOUD

Public comment for Gorgina Vasquez Baldadano Richmond Homeowner

There is no money to pay the mortgage on my house and bills on top of that plus keeping food on the table. We need relief now. I am writing to urge you to Pass an eviction and rent increase moratorium that offers a stronger grace period than the County. Families need at least 180 day per month of arrears—or no less than a year. Please put this on the next agenda meeting.

Gracias,

Gorgina.

Sabrina Lundy

From: Edith Pastrano <epastrano@calorganize.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 6:32 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TO BE READ ALOUD

This is a public comment from Irene Gonzalez to be read now

Irene Gonzalez, There are 6 people in my house ages 6,13,13,16,17,41 I have difficult time because the covid-19 I am not working, I have 5 kids and I a single mother, I have to decide to buy groceries or pay rent, I decide to buy groceries.

I am writing to thank you for passing a much needed moratorium yet we need to do better. Please pass an eviction and rent increase moratorium that offers a stronger grace period than the County. Families need at least 180 day per month of arrears—or no less than a year.

Thank you.

Sabrina Lundy

From: Jess Jollett <jjollett@liftupcoco.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 6:14 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: public comment for this evening's meeting (5/5)

Good Evening Mayor, Councilmembers, and staff. My name is Jess Jollett and I am the executive director of Lift Up Contra Costa, a countywide coalition of labor, advocacy, and community organizations.

I want to thank the council for their continued efforts in shaping a strong and thorough rent moratorium for the city. We know so many families are being crushed by the weight of this economic collapse. Now - more than ever - we need strong, steady leadership.

I am submitting a comment today to urge the council to pass a stronger grace period for the families that will need to pay back missed rent. Other cities in Contra Costa have considered how heavy this burden will be and have created a grace period that gives families 180 days per months missed to pay back the rent.

We are asking you to create such a policy at your May 19th city council meeting. Families need this protection now and assurance that they will not be facing homelessness during this terrifying time.

Please do the right thing. Thank you so much for your time.

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Jess Jollett
Lift Up Contra Costa
Executive Director
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Lift Up Contra Costa members include Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment (ACCE), Asian Pacific Environmental Network (APEN), Communities for a Better Environment, The Contra Costa AFL-CIO Labor Council, East Bay Alliance for a Sustainable Economy, SEIU Local 1021, SEIU Local 2015, Safe Return Project, and the Richmond Progressive Alliance

Good evening council members and city staff, my name is Jesús Pérez. I'm a Richmond resident father of 3, and a community activist with the West County Regional Group sponsored by First 5 Contra Costa.

I'm writing to ask you to support all Richmond families who live paycheck-to-paycheck and as a result of COVID-19 have lost their jobs. I have been without a job for almost 2 months now and need you as our elected leaders to pass the moratorium on rent increases and grant a longer grace period to pay back rent. What we need is **180 days per month of arrears**, not 6 months.

I just learned that you will NOT be talking about an increased grace period tonight. This requires us, the community, to come back to a 5th meeting to ask you again to pass something that could have been passed at the first meeting, like other cities have done.

If we only have 6 months to pay back rent, then I would have to use my entire paycheck for the next 3 months just to pay back the rent. I wouldn't have money to pay my other bills or buy food for my children. We do not qualify for government financial assistance and would likely end up on the streets with 3 children and an eviction on my record.

It is not unreasonable to ask to be protected from eviction while we pay back a debt that we had no role in creating. Why are you not listening to the community? Do you still believe that there is no crisis? Our families are suffering, stressing out, being hit the hardest and you need almost 6 weeks to think about passing some more protections?

We look to you to lead the city and be role models for all Richmond children. As you vote tonight, think about the generations to come, the kind of leadership you want them to follow.

I urge you to pass the moratorium on rent increases and give tenants 180 days per month of arrears to pay back rent. Tonight, you can make a difference. It is extremely important in these moments of crisis for you to show your leadership and represent us—in Richmond.

Thank you.

Sabrina Lundy

From: Jim Becker <jbecker@richmondcf.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 6:36 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Public Comments

Good afternoon Mayor Butt and Richmond City Council members,

My name is Jim Becker, President and CEO of the Richmond Community Foundation. On behalf of the Board and staff of the foundation, I would like to thank Mayor Butt for making a donation from the Mayor's Community Fund, a component fund of the Richmond Community Foundation, of \$25,000 to the COVID – 19 Richmond Response Fund, a fund that will support the immediate and ongoing needs of the community during and after the COVID-19 pandemic. I also want to thank the entire council for supporting a rent and eviction moratorium for residential and commercial renters during this pandemic. You have a chance now to bring this ordinance in alignment with other Contra Costa Cities by providing a grace period of 180 days per month of arears for all renters. This will provide sufficient time for residential and commercial renters to repay rents and eliminate the need for costly evictions across the city. Please act quickly, we need your support.



Jim Becker

President and CEO

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Sabrina Lundy

From: Edith Pastrano <epastrano@calorganize.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 6:46 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TO BE READ ALOUD

This is a public comment for Jose Alfredo Palma Espinoza (Please read)

Like many neighbors and co workers, I am also having problems paying my rent and there is nothing that will take away the feeling, anxiety, and sadness of not being able to pay rent and keep our families from starving, it must be known that people will rather pay for food and figure out rent a different time. But right now we are hurting and it will go further and the pain will be more severe. Please do what you need to do to make sure you are taking care of us. I am writing to urge you to Pass an eviction and rent increase moratorium that offers a stronger grace period. Families need at least 180 day per month of arrears—or no less than a year. Please do not let the County legislate for Richmond City Council. Richmond families need you right now more than ever and we trust in you to do better.

Thank you,

Jose.

Sabrina Lundy

From: Edith Pastrano <epastrano@calorganize.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 6:32 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TO BE READ ALOUD

Public comment from Juan Jose Gutierrez to be read out loud

My name is Juan Jose Gutierrez, I am responsible for 6 people in my family, I am in constrution but because covid-19 I am not working and can not pay my rent and buy groceries, I am not going to get any money from the government
I am writing to urge you to Pass an eviction and rent increase moratorium that offers a stronger grace period than the County. Families need at least 180 day per month of arrears—or no less than a year. Please do right by our people.
Please put this on the agenda for May 19th.

Thank you

Sabrina Lundy

From: David Stephens <dstephens@dons.usfca.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 7:22 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Support for Item G-12

City Council of the City of Richmond, California

Please support the resolution to lift the restrictions on Interferon Alfa 2B Recombinant from Cuba, and support the medical collaboration between the United States of America and Cuba in the fight against COVID-19.

Medical access to Interferon Alfa 2B Recombinant would benefit the health of the citizens of Richmond adversely affected by COVID-19.

Thank you and stay well.

David Stephens
Marina Bay
Richmond, CA 94804

Sabrina Lundy

From: Edith Pastrano <epastrano@calorganize.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 6:32 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT PLEASE READ ALOUD

*** THIS IS A PUBLIC COMMENT FROM JUAN LOZANO PLEASE READ ALOUD***

"I am 25 years old and 1 of 7 in my household (ages: 4, 19, 21, 23, 25, 56, 58) I lost my job at Nutiva food packaging and my father lost many jobs as a landscaper. My sister is still working and earning \$500 a week but has a husband and her son she has to take care of. We are holding on by a thread. This is a crisis for many of us who are already struggling to make ends meet. The moratorium that was recently strengthened shows that our city is working to serve its residents but still there is more that can be done. Other cities have longer grace periods written in their moratorium like San Pablo. We are right next door to San Pablo and demographically not much different. Please Pass a moratorium that offers a stronger grace period than the County for the sake of our community. We need at least 180 day per month of arrears in order for us to get our footing during this time of need. Please do the right thing and extend the grace period. When people start going back to work, they will want to take care of the rent. Don't make it harder because we can't take any more hurt.

God Bless you all,
Thank you"

Sabrina Lundy

From: Teresa Walsh <teresawalsh@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 7:20 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Support for item G-12

I live in Richmond, and I believe it would be valuable for us to have medical cooperation between Cuba and Richmond, especially right now. Right now because Cuba has a version of Interferon Alpha 2B Recombinant which shows promise in treating Covid-19. Medical cooperation with Cuba would be valuable for Richmond citizens in the long run, too.

Teresa Walsh
Zip code: 94804

Sabrina Lundy

From: Kristi Laughlin <Kristi@workingeastbay.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 6:29 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Public comment for 5/5/20 - Please read aloud

PLEASE READ ALOUD.
PUBLIC COMMENT FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING 5/5/

Good evening Mayor, Councilmembers and staff,

I am Kristi Laughlin with the East Bay Alliance for a Sustainable Economy. We support the struggles of low-income workers and tenants in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties.

I am writing to you to urge you to take immediate action to strengthen your eviction moratorium to include a moratorium on rent-increases during this pandemic and in its aftermath, and to offer a more realistic grace period for people to pay back their rents.

I submitted a public comment last week about this as well. Quite honestly, I am distressed that this process of creating a more robust policy that addresses people's real needs and anxieties is not moving more swiftly. We are eight weeks into this shelter-in-place order, and another rent payment came due for people on Friday. This is two months without work for people, with debts mounting. We need you to do all you can to make sure that at least no costs rise during this time! So, please enact a moratorium on rent increases tonight. I actually talked to tenants on May Day who had just received notice of a rent increase. It seems implausible, but this is still happening.

It is also important that you establish a longer grace period for residents to pay back their rent. A total of 180 days is simply not sufficient. I know that I make over double what a minimum wage worker makes in my non-profit job. Yet, I would not be able to pay two months of my back rent on top of my current rent w/in just 6 months after losing two months of salary. As my rent is \$2,100 per month, I would have to come up with an additional \$700 each of those six months on top of my current rent. THIS would not leave me enough for food, insurance and childcare expenses. Please extend the grace period to allow 180 days PER month of rent in arrears.

The truth is that if you leave this provision unchanged, this ordinance will not serve its purpose of preventing evictions. We will simply see an avalanche of evictions six months down the road. Please offer a more realistic and compassionate grace period. Thank you.

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Kristi Laughlin
Senior Campaign Director
East Bay Alliance for a Sustainable Economy

Concord office: 2140 Minert Rd, 94518
510-847-2399

Preferred pronouns: She/her or They/them

Sabrina Lundy

From: Lincoln BERGMAN <lbergman@berkeley.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 10:06 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Regla and Richmond

Dear City Clerk and Richmond City Council: I want to voice support for the further growth and increased intensity of scientific and cultural cooperation and exchange between Cuba and the United States, as exemplified by the bond between Richmond and the city of Regla. Increased mutual aid and cooperation has many benefits for both partners, and has become particularly relevant as we learn about the advanced levels of medical expertise in Cuba, including research and development of medications of proven value in the treatment of COVID-19, as well as the dedication of numerous teams of Cuban health workers who have provided crucial assistance to diverse nations around the world. As a former co-poet laureate of Richmond who worked in Cuban radio over a one-year period, I hereby express my strongest possible support for the Resolution for US-Cuba Medical Collaboration. Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely,
Lincoln Bergman, 1546 Santa Clara St., Richmond CA 94804, (510) 236-6203 or (510) 367-8922.

Sabrina Lundy

From: Edith Pastrano <epastrano@calorganize.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 6:37 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TO BE READ ALOUD

**This is a public comment from **
Maria Esther Sanchez,

I didn't pay my rent this month because I don't have a job due to COVID Shelter in Place order. I need more time to figure out my finances and what is more important whether feeding my family or ending up in debt, or homeless or both. I am writing to urge you to Pass an eviction and rent increase moratorium that offers a stronger grace period than the County. Families need at least 180 day per month of arrears. Other cities are doing much better than us, please follow behind them or set the example for the rest.

Thank you very much

Sabrina Lundy

From: Edith Pastrano <epastrano@calorganize.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 6:32 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TO BE READ ALOUD

* THIS IS A PUBLIC COMMENT TO BE READ ALOUD FOR PAUL LARUDEE*

Good Evening Richmond City Council,
My name is Paul Larudee,

I repair pianos. Since COVID-19's outbreak and the shelter in place order I get no income from my business. Unemployment is giving me issues, and I don't know if I qualify for a small business loan. My wife & I get social security . However, that is not enough to pay my mortgage or utilities. My reserves are \$2000. I don't know if I'll have this money in June.

The people who depend on you need to know that they are being taken care of. If this results in hard hardship for you then the people you depend on will have to take care of you.

I am writing to urge you to Pass an eviction and rent increase moratorium that offers a stronger grace period than the County. Families need at least 180 day per month of arrears—or no less than a year. Please do not let the County legislate for Richmond City Council. Richmond families need a policy tailored to their needs. This is a time for bold leadership that does not bow down to threats of lawsuits but instead stands for the city's residents and public health.

Thank you.

Sabrina Lundy

From: Edith Pastrano <epastrano@calorganize.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 6:32 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TO BE READ ALOUD

* THIS IS A PUBLIC COMMENT TO BE READ ON BEHALF OF RICARDO ZEPEDA*

Good evening council, My name is Ricardo Zepeda, my wife lost her job at Blue Apron and my daughter's hours got cut at her job, my son lost his jobs at two different restaurants where he work. We are 5 people living in the household (ages: 19,22,26,44,45) We are struggling with rent, car payments, insurance bills everyone has bills of their own. It is really difficult to live on my fixed income when I also depend on the combined incomes in the family. PLEASE pass a moratorium with a stronger grace period of at least 180 days to be able to pay PER MONTH of arrears so not only me and my family can catch up on our financial situation, but everyone else.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME

Sabrina Lundy

From: Rita Barouch <baile.rita@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 6:44 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Submitting comments on G 12 on tonite's Consent Calendar

Please accept my strong support for G12 on tonite's Consent Calendar. We in Richmond have the distinguished opportunity to call for Scientific and Medical Collaboration between the US and Cuba. This would advance the efforts for medications and a vaccine to save lives.

As a Public Health Social Work professional for 40 years, I know that we in Richmond and beyond will benefit from the advanced Interferon Alpha B medication, developed in Cuba, which has been requested by over 45 countries. The Cuban model for tracking and isolating and treating people with COVID is world famous and should be available to people here. Join this historic Resolution to support health, mutual aid, and cooperation.

Sincerely,
Rita Barouch MSW
20 year Richmond resident,

Sabrina Lundy

From: Edith Pastrano <epastrano@calorganize.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 6:33 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TO BE READ ALOUD

* THIS IS A PUBLIC COMMENT FROM SANDRA A. COLON

Sandra Aldava Colon, I live with my family of 5, I was in housekeeping before all this happened. But now I don't have means to provide food for my family because of COVID-19. Please pass a moratorium, please I am writing to urge you to Pass an eviction and rent increase moratorium that offers a stronger grace period than the County. Families need at least 180 day per month of arrears—or no less than a year. We all need good news these days and I hope this board will agendize this topic for May 19th.

Thank you.

Sandra A. Colon

Sabrina Lundy

From: Edith Pastrano <epastrano@calorganize.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 6:31 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT PLEASE READ ALOUD

THIS IS A PUBLIC COMMENT FROM SARA RODRIGUEZ, PLEASE READ ALOUD

Sara Rodriguez- We are 6 people in the household, (ages: 2 months, 3, 4, 30, 34, 62) I Lost my job as a babysitter of 2 girls because their father lost his job and no longer requires my services. I don't qualify for EDD benefits nor the stimulus check. I depleted what little I had saved up in covering last month's rent and have not been able to pay this month's rent.

We are desperate, indoors, we are hungry and barely making it. One of the members in the family had influenza and he also couldn't pay his part of rent, he didn't receive any sick days.

Families need at least 180 day per month of arrears—or no less than a year. Please do not let the County legislate for Richmond City Council when other cities in this county and others have adopted their own stronger grace periods for their communities. Please explore some; Antioch, Concord, San Pablo, Oakland and Alameda. We need you to stand up and be strong for us, and stop worrying about lawsuits, courts aren't even looking at punishing residents for not being able to pay rent during this unprecedented time. Be with your people, on the side of what is right and good. I would also request that this be an agendized topic for May 19th I can't express further urgency...

Thank you.

Sabrina Lundy

From: TARNEL ABBOTT <tarnelabbott@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 7:16 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: written Public Comment Consent Calendar Item g 12

My Name is Tarnel Abbott Richmond resident

I am a member of the Richmond Regla Friendship Committee.

I hope you pass Consent Calendar Item G 12.

The Cubans have developed a treatment for Covid 19. U.S. citizens should be able to benefit from this treatment. Over 45 countries around the world are using it. The human family can overcome this pandemic if we work together.

We Can OVERCOME.

Thank you

Sabrina Lundy

From: Edith Pastrano <epastrano@calorganize.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 6:35 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TO BE READ ALOUD

Public comment from Xiomara Elisabeth Portillo

We don't have enough money for food, rent and ther expenses because of Covid Shelter in Place
I am writing to urge you to Pass an eviction and rent increase moratorium that offers a stronger grace period than the County. Families need at least 180 day per month of arrears—or no less than a year. Help us all, we are in this together.
thank you!

Xiomara E. Portillo