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Richmond, California Showcase - Green and Healthy City Tour

Richmond highlights strategies to improve health through integrated environmental, economic development and neighborhood revitalization initiatives

RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA – Today Richmond is hosting the [Funders Network](#) to highlight innovative green and healthy policies and implementation strategies, hosted by [Local Initiatives Support Corporation \(LISC\)](#), [The California Endowment](#), [Richmond Community Foundation](#), and [City of Richmond](#). National, regional and community-based organizations will gather to learn about initiatives in Richmond to create a healthy and more sustainable city.

Richmond is one of 14 communities selected by The California Endowment to participate in [Building Healthy Communities](#), a 10-year initiative to improve economic opportunities, education, housing, neighborhood safety, and more in order to create places where children are healthy, safe, and ready to learn.

Richmond recently adopted an innovative [General Plan 2030](#) to promote community health and sustainable development. The General Plan contains innovative policies to improve community health and wellness by increasing access to recreational activities, healthy food, medical services, public transportation, affordable housing, economic opportunities, safe neighborhoods, and improve environmental quality.

Mayor Gayle McLaughlin stated, "I am honored to share our vision for a green and healthy city. Developing and implementing the Richmond [Bicycle](#) and [Pedestrian](#) Plans, [Richmond Recovery Rebate - R³](#) and [Livable Corridors Project](#) to promote smart growth in Richmond's [Priority Development Areas](#) illustrates our commitment to sustainability."

The City of Richmond is one of the first cities in the country to include a comprehensive [General Plan element](#) dedicated to community health and wellness.

Serving the Richmond community for 30 years as a cardiologist, Councilmember Jeff Ritterman, M.D. stated, "We are working collaboratively, deconstructing traditional silos, to reduce health disparities and to provide increased educational and economic development opportunities with partners like the [East Bay Community Foundation](#) and [Richmond Community Foundation](#). The Nystrom United Revitalization Effort (NURVE) and [Richmond Health Equity Partnership](#) are two examples of the positive power of these partnerships."

The Richmond Greenway, Lillie Mae Jones Plaza, and downtown revitalization anchored by the East Bay Center for the Performing Arts and Richmond Main Street, will also be highlighted on the tour.

Richmond is an important industrial, commercial, transportation, shipping, and government center. Richmond boasts 32 miles of shoreline, the most of any city in the San Francisco Bay Area.

For additional information, please visit:

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