

## **RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, March 17, 2020**

The Richmond City Council Special Meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by Mayor Thomas K. Butt via teleconference.

*On March 16, 2020, the Health Officer of Contra Costa County issued an Order through April 7, 2020 that directed that all individuals living in the county to shelter at their place of residence except that they may leave to provide or receive certain essential services or engage in certain essential activities and work for essential businesses and governmental services.*

*Under the Governor's Executive Order N-25-20, this meeting may utilize teleconferencing. Members of the public will still be able to observe and offer public comment in City Council Chambers at 440 Civic Center Plaza.*

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

*Written public comments were received via email by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 17, 2020. Comments received by 4:00 p.m. were put into the record and considered before Council action and were submitted by email to [cityclerkdept@ci.richmond.ca.us](mailto:cityclerkdept@ci.richmond.ca.us).*

### **ROLL CALL**

**All Council Members participated via teleconference.**

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

### **STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None.

### **AGENDA REVIEW**

None.

### **REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager, Laura Snideman, reported regarding the City's Covid-19 situation and response, which highlighted the following: An emergency was declared by the city manager for the City of Richmond and the City Council ratified the declaration under agenda Item G-21; the City's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was opened and convened; health officials from seven Bay Area Counties, including Contra Costa County, announced a mandatory shelter-in-place order for all residents; vast majority of city services were closed to the public; court ordered residential evictions were not being enforced. Ms. Snideman thanked all those who participated in the EOC. Ms. Snideman also stated that the public comment period for the Point Molate Mixed Use Development Project Draft Subsequent Environmental Impact Report was extended until April 16, 2020 and persons could also leave verbal comments at (916) 301-4141. Ms. Snideman further announced that the City of Richmond and Richmond Build received the 2020 Environmental Project award for the Marin Clean Energy (MCE) Solar One Project.

*City Cler, Pamela Christian called roll again and all members were present.*

### **OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following comments were submitted by the following individuals via e-mail:

Stuarts Flashman, David Helvarg, BK Williams, Lindsey Hack, Jeanne Kortz, Deborah Bayer, Elsa Stevens, Alix Mazuet, Tarnel Abbott, Carol Telschick, Janis Hashe, Elizabeth Kudo, Carolyn Graves, and Grover DeMarinis, requested that the discussion regarding the Point Molate Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) be postponed to a later date when members of the public were able to participate in person.

Jane Courant, David Sharples, Susan Pulliam, Deborah Bayer, and Mike Parker gave comments in support of a moratorium on evictions.

BK Willams gave comments regarding preparation for potential early vote-by-mail and absentee voting for the national election, she also gave comments in support of a moratorium on evictions.

Linda Kalin gave comments in opposition of any additional taxes or sewer taxes being imposed on residents.

Grover DeMarinis gave comments against the installation of street sweeping signs in the Panhandle Annex neighborhood.

Jenny Balisle requested information on how the City planned to assist residents, the homeless population, and immigrants during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The following individuals presented their comments in person:

Cordell Hindler requested information on Item G-9 regarding a contract with Bob Murray and Associates to conduct a recruitment for a police chief. Mr. Hindler also stated that he continued to recruit individuals for the City's various boards and commissions.

Rick Perez gave comments regarding the recruitment of the police chief.

Patricia Perez gave comments regarding the alleged cover-up of the investigation in the death of Pedie Perez.

Gregory Everetts, President of SEIU, Local 1021, expressed employee concerns and potential safety issues regarding the City's response to Covid-19.

### **CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR**

On motion of Councilmember Willis, seconded by Councilmember Myrick, the items marked with an (\*) were approved by the unanimous vote of the City Council.

**\*G-1.** Approved a contract with Badawi & Associates to provide annual audit services to the City of Richmond and its related entities for fiscal years 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22,

with an option to extend the contract in one-year periods, not to exceed a total of two additional fiscal years, for amounts not to exceed \$297,420, \$303,625, \$309,775, and \$309,775 in the two option years, respectively.

**\*G-2.** Adopted **Resolution No. 21-20**, by the City Council of Richmond authorizing the reduction of SEIU Local 1021 and the City's December 6, 2019 Tentative Agreement to final Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) language and providing for the submittal of the final MOU to the City Council for approval.

**\*G-3.** Introduced an ordinance to compensate the classifications represented by the Service Employees' International Union (SEIU Local 1021) in the City's classified service.

**\*G-4.** Approved a contract with Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley, PC for services provided by National Demographic Corporation for redistricting and public hearing services in connection with the City's transition to By-District Elections in an amount not to exceed \$63,500.

**\*G-5.** Approved a standing purchase order with Kelly-Moore Paints to purchase paint and painting supplies to be used in the care and maintenance of City owned buildings in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00 over a three year period, with an option to extend two years.

**\*G-6.** Approved a contract amendment with Nichols Consulting Engineers for additional design services on the Yellow Brick Road project. The proposed Contract Amendment would extend the term of the contract for two years and increase the amended contract amount by \$203,000.00 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,198,697.58.

**\*G-7.** Accepted and appropriated \$40,000 in reimbursement funds in order to install electronic bicycle lockers.

**\*G-8.** Approved a one year contract with Legacy1Media, for online law enforcement recruiting services to include recruitment consulting strategy, department branding, video production, brochure and print design and content provider, in an amount not to exceed \$19,800. The term is from January 27, 2020, to December 31, 2020.

**\*G-9.** Approved a contract with Bob Murray and Associates to conduct a recruitment for a police chief, in an amount not to exceed \$24,000 and for a term ending June 30, 2021.

**\*G-10.** Adopted **Resolution No. 22-20**, authorizing service contracts for on-call civil and land development plan check and related inspection services for an amount not to exceed \$500,000 per firm over three years from March 2020 through June 2023, with an option to extend the contracts for two years.

**\*G-11.** Adopted **Resolution No. 23-20**, acknowledging that Contra Costa County adopted Resolution No. 2020/36 issuing multifamily housing revenue bonds not to exceed \$80,000,000 to finance the acquisition and rehabilitation of Hacienda Apartments.

**\*G-12.** Approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in partnership with Rosie the Riveter Trust and Rosie the Riveter/WWII Home Front National Historical Park and the City of Richmond Community Services Department, effective June 1, 2020 through September 30, 2020; and appropriated grant funding of \$31,850 to cover start-up costs, supplies, participation fees, and staff.

**\*G-13.** Approved a contract with A-Para Transit to provide paratransit services for Richmond residents in an amount not to exceed \$300,000; contract term will be from March 18, 2020, to March 30, 2022.

**\*G-14.** Approved an appointment to the Economic Development Commission: appointed Reza Yazdi, new appointment, seat #5, term expiration date of March 30, 2023.

**\*G-15.** Approved actions to update the Youth Council: appointed Ashlee Davis, re-appointment, seat #8, term expiration date October 1, 2020.

**\*G-16.** Approved appointment to the Workforce Development Board; appointed Geovanni Flores, new appointment, seat #7, labor, joint-management apprenticeship programs, community-based, and youth-serving organizations representative, term expiration date March 1, 2024; Hakim Johnson, new appointment, seat #9, business majority representative, term expiration date March 1, 2024; Chuck Carpenter, new appointment, seat #12, governmental, economic development, and community representative, term expiration date March 1, 2024; Miquel "Mick" Penn, new appointment, seat #13, business majority representative, term expiration date March 1, 2024; Jeffrey Carr, re-appointment, seat #22, entities administering education, and community representative, term expiration date March 1, 2024; Steve Bell, re-appointment, seat #23, labor, joint-management apprenticeship programs, community-based, and youth-serving organizations representative, term expiration date March 1, 2024; Sarah Wally, re-appointment, seat #26, business majority representative, term expiration date March 1, 2024.

**\*G-17.** Approved an appointment to the Arts and Culture Commission: appointed Melissa Kirk, re-appointment, seat #11, term expiration date January 31, 2024.

**\*G-18.** Approved an appointment to the Recreation and Parks Commission: appointed Soheila Bana, re-appointment, seat #9, term expiration date October 26, 2023.

**\*G-19.** Approved appointments to the Richmond-Zhoushan Sister City Commission; appointed Matthew Lewis, re-appointment, seat #1, term expiration date December 31, 2022, and Joseph Kong, re-appointment, seat #5, term expiration date December 31, 2022.

**\*G-20.** Approved the minutes of the February 25, 2020, Regular City Council meeting.

**\*G-21.** Adopted **Resolution No. 19-20**, ratifying the proclamation (Resolution No. 18-20) of a local state of emergency in the City of Richmond that was issued by the City Manager (Director of Emergency Services) on March 10, 2020, due to the

potential of impacts of the outbreak of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) to the City of Richmond.

**\*G-22.** Reviewed the revised purchasing policy that modifies the City's normal purchasing practices to assure that, in both emergency and exigent circumstances caused by a proclaimed disaster or emergency, the City is able to acquire the goods and services required to address an immediate threat to life safety or public health and adopted **Resolution No. 24-20**, approving the policy.

**\*G-23.** Adopted **Resolution No. 25-20**, approving a budget appropriation of \$1.5 million in the Emergency Recovery Fund from the General Fund cash reserves in order to fund expenditures related to the COVID-19 response.

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

City Manager, Snideman thanked everyone who participated in the City Council meeting and stated that future meetings would possibly have to be conducted in this manner.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m., to meet again on Tuesday, March 24, 2020, at 6:30 p.m.

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Clerk of the City of Richmond

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Approved:

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Mayor

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March 16, 2020

Mayor Tom Butt  
Richmond City Hall  
450 City Center Plaza  
Richmond, CA 94804

Re: Richmond City Council Meeting set for March 17, 2020

Dear Mayor Butt:

I am writing on behalf of the Point Molate Alliance, Citizens for East Shore Parks, and SPRAWLDEF regarding tomorrow night's scheduled and agenda meeting of the Richmond City Council. As you know, most of the Bay Area, including Contra Costa County, is now under an *emergency shelter in place order* due to the risk posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. Nevertheless, the Richmond City Clerk, as of 3:30 PM today, was still telling people that tomorrow evening's City Council meeting would go on as announced.

As you know, people over sixty-five years old and those with adverse health conditions are considered at elevated risk from COVID-19. They have been specifically cautioned against leaving their homes unless absolutely necessary. While I know that you consider the City Council's meetings to be of vital importance, they are not important enough to ask people to risk their lives to attend. It would, however, be an outrage against the public process and an outright violation of the Brown Act for the Council to attempt to hold a meeting, knowing that the public, and particularly members of the public over the age of sixty-five and those with adverse health conditions, could only attend and participate by putting their lives at risk.

My clients therefore respectfully request that, out of respect for Richmond citizens' health and welfare, you cancel tomorrow night's council meeting.

In addition, there are many important matters, including the proposed development proposal for Point Molate, that will also be affected by the just-announced shelter in place order. My clients also respectfully request that the City place a moratorium on all meetings, timelines, deadlines, or other processes involving such important policy issues and decisions until such time as Richmond citizens are again able to move freely and take part in their civic duties.

Most respectfully

  
Stuart M. Flashman

cc: Richmond City Clerk  
Richmond City Attorney  
Hon. John Gioia

## Jasuara Castaneda

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**From:** helvarg@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 17, 2020 1:06 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Comment for city council on need to defer any action on Point Molate during emergency

On Friday I appeared on KPFA radio on behalf of the Save Our Point Molate coalition along with Courtney Cummings, an indigenous activist and resident of Richmond. We were talking about saving nature and indigenous Ohlone culture at Point Molate. The local is global. When you destroy natural habitat and displace, kill or eat endangered wildlife you invite disaster. That's what happened with the emergence of HIV AIDS, the Sars Virus and now the Coronavirus that threatens our global health and economy.

Now we're forced to shelter in place and hopefully take some time to reflect on how we as a species must become more careful and caring of our natural resources in this hotter, more crowded world we've created.

Until the emergency situation is ended and the people of Richmond can fully participate in public hearings including on planning, the SEIR being proposed and promoted by southern California Developer SunCal, etc. the city council must not move forward on any further action related to Point Molate.

Again, its a time for reflection and following the precautionary principle in all our planning.

Regards and good health,

David Helvarg  
Richmond Resident  
Co-Chair Point Molate Alliance

**Jasuara Castaneda**

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**From:** BK Williams Productions <againsthate2015@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 17, 2020 4:57 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** 3/17/2020 City Council Meeting

Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

We look to you for leadership during this unusual time where residents are facing unprecedented issues and fears. Participating in civic duties is not a priority for many under current circumstances, yet tonight, you might be preparing to discuss issues of concern to the public and I ask you to consider justice and your leadership right now by certain actions:

**Eviction Moratorium** -- please support this and other emergency measures that are not listed on the agenda. The last thing we need is more housing insecurities and you can make this a reality. I realize that owners of property will also face challenges right now, so they too will require support.

**No Action on Point Molate**-- The Point Molate development was to be discussed at a Planning Commission meeting this week and then at public hearing on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report. Please defer action of any kind on Point Molate until such time as it is clear that the emergency situation is over with regard to the coronavirus and people are able to attend the meetings in person.

**Vote by mail preparation** - In order to not cause extreme chaos and low voter turnout in November, I urge the clerk and the city to push strongly for early mail in/absentee voting for **National Elections**.

cc: [cityclerkdept@ci.richmond.ca.us](mailto:cityclerkdept@ci.richmond.ca.us).

Thank you,

**B K Williams**  
*Politics in itself is incomplete. It is through our humanity that it becomes complete.*

In Solidarity,

B K Williams

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**Jasuara Castaneda**

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**From:** Lindsey Hack <lindseymhack@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 17, 2020 8:03 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Comment for 3/17 council meeting

As a resident of Richmond and concerned citizen, I'd like to encourage an eviction moratorium in response to the COVID-19 outbreak. Action needs to be taken now to keep people safe and able to quarantine if they get sick.

I'd also like to request that no action be taken on Point Molate until after the Coronavirus emergency has passed, and people can attend council meetings in person.

Thank you!

Lindsey Hack

## Jasuara Castaneda

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**From:** Jeannette Kortz <jeannekortz@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 17, 2020 8:24 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Cc:** Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Ben Choi; Nat Bates; Tom Butt - external  
**Subject:** Comment for City Council On Need to Defer Any Action Regarding Point Molate during COVID-19 Emergency

On Friday, March 13th, David Helvarg appeared on KPFA radio on behalf of the Save Our Point Molate coalition along with Courtney Cummings, an indigenous activist and resident of Richmond. They were speaking to saving nature and indigenous Ohlone culture at Point Molate. The local is global. When you destroy natural habitat and displace, kill or eat endangered wildlife you invite disaster. That's what happened with the emergence of HIV/AIDS, the Sars Virus and now the Coronavirus that threatens our global health and economy.

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Kind regards, and stay safe!

Jeanne Kortz  
Richmond Resident

**Jasuara Castaneda**

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**From:** Deborah Bayer <dbayer49@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 17, 2020 9:03 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Cc:** Pam Stello  
**Subject:** Postponement of Public Hearing on Pt. Molate EIR

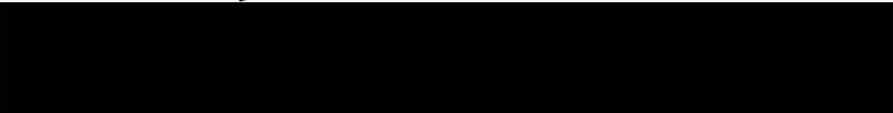
Please forward these comments to the City Council and Planning Commissioners:

The public scoping session for the draft SEIR for Point Molate scheduled for Thursday, March 16, should be postponed until public meetings are once more permitted. The same applies to the Planning Commission meeting on the same date.

Open meetings and public input is a legal necessity for both meetings, and the current emergency restrictions preclude both.

All of our lives have been inconvenienced and delayed, but we have to bow to the necessity of the times. This includes public business as well as our own private business.

Thank you,  
Deborah Bayer



**Pamela Christian**

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**From:** Jane Courant <janecourant@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 17, 2020 9:29 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Eviction moratorium

To the city council:

Please follow the governor's executive order for an eviction moratorium through May. I quote from today's Chronicle:

Gov. Gavin Newsom issued an executive order authorizing local governments to halt evictions for renters and homeowners who fall behind on their payments because of the coronavirus....“People shouldn't lose or be forced out of their home because of the spread of COVID-19.....Over the next few weeks, everyone will have to make sacrifices — but a place to live shouldn't be one of them. I strongly encourage cities and counties take up this authority to protect Californians.” Earlier Monday, San Francisco and Alameda County suspended all evictions.

Thank you.

Jane Courant  
Richmond resident

**Pamela Christian**

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**From:** Elsa Stevens <cubanela@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 17, 2020 9:50 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept; Eduardo Martinez; Melvin Willis  
**Subject:** Pt Molate today

**DON'T TOUCH POINT MOLATE  
UNTIL RICHMOND CITIZENS  
CAN ONCE AGAIN ATTEND  
PUBLIC MEETINGS!!!**

Elsa Stevens  
Richmond resident and voter

**Pamela Christian**

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**From:** Al M <alix.mazuet@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 17, 2020 10:16 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Hearing and Planning Commission Agenda this Thursday on Pt Molate  
Subsequent Environmental Impact Report

Dear City leaders,

Until the Covid-19 emergency situation is resolved and the people of Richmond can fully participate in public hearings, the City must not move forward with the SEIR for Point Molate — or any other actions related to Point Molate.

Otherwise, you are encouraging people to come to CC sessions in violation of mandatory shelter in place orders.

This is a time for reflection and following the precautionary principle in all of our planning. Please show responsible leadership that we can be grateful for, and proud of, in the future.

Best regards,

Alix Mazuet

## Pamela Christian

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**From:** TARNEL ABBOTT <tarnelabbott@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 17, 2020 10:25 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept; irene.perdomo@ci.richmond.ca.us  
**Subject:** Comments City Council "meeting" 3/17/20

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1. Take no action on Point Molate development until people can meet in person publicly. Do NOT hold the DSEIR public hearing as scheduled for March 19, 2020. Defer it until such time as the public can meet in person. Extend the public comment period.
2. For the duration of this COVID 19 emergency I think that the City council should recess, following the lead of the California State Legislature. We do not know yet how remote/virtual democracy works. There IS still a digital divide in our community.

Tarnel Abbott, Richmond resident

## Pamela Christian

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**From:** Carol Teltschick <cteltschickfall@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 17, 2020 10:25 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Cc:** Lina Velasco; Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Ben Choi; Eduardo Martinez; Melvin Willis; Nat Bates; Gabino Arredondo; Irene Perdomo  
**Subject:** Point Molate SIER

Dear City leaders,

Until the Covid-19 emergency situation is resolved and the people of Richmond can fully participate in public hearings, the City must not move forward with the SEIR for Point Molate — or any further actions related to Point Molate.

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Best regards,

Carol Teltschick  
Richmond resident, voter, former Planning Commissioner

**Pamela Christian**

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**From:** Janis Hashe <openlinescom@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 17, 2020 10:33 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public comment: No action on Point Molate while crisis continues

In the interests of public participation and transparency, there should be no further action/decisions on development at Point Molate until the COVID-19 crisis is under control.

Janis Hashe



**Pamela Christian**

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**From:** elizabeth kudo <elizabethkudo@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 17, 2020 10:56 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept; admin@pointmolateseir.com  
**Subject:** Point Molate

Dear City Council Members, Lina Velasco, Community Development Director,

I am writing to urge you to hold off on the SEIR for Pt. Molate and all other actions regarding Point Molate.

We do not want to gather in violation of the recent mandate issued to shelter in place. This is an exceptional time needing thoughtful leadership. It is crucial that we come together and set priorities that need immediate attention. Many of us will be excluded from fully participating in the public hearings should the scheduled SEIR public meeting go forward.

Please postpone the SEIR public meeting and take no action on Point Molate right now. Let us gather and discuss when the mandate is lifted and when we can comfortably exchange thoughts on what is best for Point Molate and our community.

Sincerely,  
Elizabeth Kudo  
elizabethkudo@yahoo.com

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPad](#)

## Pamela Christian

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**From:** Linda Kalin <linda\_kalin@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 17, 2020 11:15 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Agenda 3/17 public comment

Good morning Council Members and Mayor Butt,

I would like to request that you refrain from adding additional tax burdens to homeowners in Richmond.

Many people who are lucky enough to own homes here are limited financially. As with many fixed income seniors, I do not have a constantly rising income that is commensurate with our continuing property tax increases. Rising property tax can force people out of their homes and out of the area.

Please consider this when you discuss sewer or other taxes that will add additional financial stress to your fixed income residents. Fixed income is just that. Fixed - not limitless.

Thank you for your time.  
Stay safe.

Linda Kalin

[Sent from AT&T Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

**Pamela Christian**

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**From:** David Sharples <dsharples@calorganize.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 17, 2020 11:20 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** City council comment emergency moratorium on evictions

My name is David Sharples. I am a Richmond resident and I want to encourage the city council to pass an emergency moratorium on evictions.

**Pamela Christian**

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**From:** Susan Pulliam <spulliam47@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 17, 2020 11:57 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** moratorium on evictions

During this crisis when so many people are being laid off from their jobs they should not also have to face the prospect of being made homeless. Please pass a moratorium on evictions in Richmond during this crisis.

Susan Pulliam

Richmond

## Pamela Christian

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**From:** Debbie <dbayer49@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 17, 2020 12:11 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Moratorium on evictions -- public forum comments.

Please read this as I am precluded from leaving my home.

Richmond should follow the example of Los Angeles and issue a moratorium on evictions during the current coronavirus crisis. The moratorium will have to last long enough after the crisis passes to allow the economic crisis to also return to normal. Please consider placing such a moratorium on next week's agenda.

The City must also direct staff to open up emergency centers (with room for social distancing) for the homeless residents of Richmond. Staying out on the street during a pandemic is equivalent to a death sentence. AND ensure that all incarcerated people be given a safe environment.

Thank you,  
Deborah Bayer

## Pamela Christian

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**From:** Shiva Mishek <shiva.mishek@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 17, 2020 1:09 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Comment: Eviction Moratorium

I am writing **in support** of the proposed eviction moratorium for the City of Richmond.

We are a city built by the working class. We take pride in this knowledge and wear it as a badge of honor. But if we do not take this very basic measure, in the midst of a global pandemic, that pride is only nostalgia for what we once were. Symbols like Rosie the Riveter become virtually meaningless to us, as a city.

At this juncture, the measures we adopt as a society serve as examples. We would be within the first waves of those cities enacting humane housing policy in the United States during this time. Richmond has not yet become decimated by gentrification and unbearable rents. It is still a community.

I believe the moral argument for an eviction moratorium should be sufficient, but it is also undeniably smart policy. Contra Costa County and the larger Bay Area is under a shelter-in-place order as an emergency measure. The data is scant, but suggests this virus is aggressive and deadly to all age groups. Hospitals cannot handle a widespread outbreak of this virus. We don't even have tests. To deprive our citizens of shelter, in the face of a shelter-in-place order, will undermine the stability and wisdom of such measures. It is also unrealistic to assume these dwellings would be readily filled anyway, as it is highly unlikely people are shopping around for new apartments during a global pandemic.

I humbly ask that the council vote in favor of an eviction moratorium.

Shiva Mishek

## Pamela Christian

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**From:** M Parker <mparker@rts-tech.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 17, 2020 2:12 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Comment for City Council this evening

The Governor made an emergency declaration that allows cities but does not require them to pass non-eviction emergency rules. I believe it is important for Richmond to go beyond recommending no-evictions but lead the way in declaring that it is illegal for any eviction to take place during this emergency with heavy fines or even criminal penalties for violation. Complaints about its legality can be sorted out later.

Mike Parker

## **Pamela Christian**

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**From:** CCG1@ASTOUND.NET  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 17, 2020 2:15 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Cc:** ccg1@astound.net  
**Subject:** Point Molate discussions at City Council and Planning Commission meetings should be postponed until people can again attend meetings in person

Greetings to the Mayor and City Council members.

Please postpone discussions and any/all actions regarding Point Molate until such time as it is clear that the emergency situation is over with regard to the coronavirus and people are able to attend the meetings in person.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Regards,  
Carolyn Graves

## Pamela Christian

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**From:** Grover G <rollovergrover@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 17, 2020 2:41 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept; irene.perdomo@ci.richmond.ca.us  
**Subject:** Comments for City Council on 3/17/20

Hello,

I am writing as a concerned citizen about the project at Point Molate. It should be known I am not opposed to large projects such as this, I know they can be a great asset to our city and its residents. I just want to see them done correctly.

I was glad to see the early info included a police station and a fire station to be built by the developer, but was concerned I saw nothing about providing school resources. Would the city/county be expected to pay to bus students to schools in other neighborhoods? If so, what would be the long term related costs to our citizens who reap no direct benefit from this project?

I am also concerned about how the city would fund the added police and fire stations. There are a great deal of costs associated with this project outside of the scope of the developer. And I do not see how this project will generate the revenue in the long run to cover these costs.

Please think about the long term economic and environmental impacts to our future generations before leaping into such endeavors.

Thank you,  
Grover DeMarinis

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## Pamela Christian

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**From:** Grover G <rollovergrover@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 17, 2020 2:27 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept; irene.perdomo@ci.richmond.ca.us  
**Subject:** Comments for the City Council "meeting" 3/17/20 - Please read aloud to Council Members

Hello,

My name is Grover DeMarinis. I am commenting today in my role as President of the Panhandle Annex Neighborhood Council.

As a representative of my neighbors it is my duty to bring to you their concerns about the street sweeping signs proposed in the Panhandle Annex.

At our last neighborhood meeting this issue was discussed and neighbors overwhelmingly were opposed to having these signs added to the neighborhood, for a variety of reasons. There were also very concerned that this issue was not brought to the neighbors and that the citizens pushing this issue DO NOT live in our neighborhood.

We as a neighborhood feel these signs will do little to impact the cleanliness of our drains (our streets are quite clean, and we keep them that way. They are in fact cleaner than most neighborhoods that have these signs), these signs will take away from the neighborhood culture, they will have the greatest negative impact on the most vulnerable people in our neighborhood (the elderly and disabled), and that they are a misuse of city funds, in a city that has no money to misspend. We feel the monetary and time resources for such a project could be used in other parts of the city far more effectively to beautify and improve it for all residents.

When the issue was originally brought up years ago there were agreements made between the city and residents as to the time street sweeping would occur in our neighborhood. The city has not held up its end of the agreement, sweeping earlier than was agreed upon, not giving residents time to move their cars before the sweepers come. Many of our residents brought up this issue as well.

Please let me know what further information I can supply you about this issue.

Thank you,  
Grover DeMarinis  
President of the Panhandle Annex Neighborhood Council

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## Pamela Christian

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**From:** Jenny E. Balisle <balisle@att.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 17, 2020 3:59 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comments for City Council Meeting

Hello,

My name is Jenny Balisle. I'm an educator, artist, notary, and was Chair of the Richmond Arts & Culture Commission and Public Art Advisory Committee.

Today I'm writing this letter urging the city of Richmond to follow Berkeley's lead in containing COVID-19:

1. What is the city of Richmond's plan for housing for people experiencing homelessness?
2. Do outreach workers have enough supplies?
3. Is there a safety hotline (routed to law enforcement) for racist or xenophobic violence related to COVID-19?
4. Will there be no evictions during this crisis?
5. What plans are in place for seniors?
6. How will immigrant communities be protected and supported?

These are just a few of many questions.

It would be beneficial for the mayor, council members, and community stakeholders to hold a weekly online chat with residents to answer questions during this crisis.

Consistent communication and transparency is key to a healthy Richmond and Democracy.

Sincerely,

Jenny Balisle

Link:  
<https://www.cityofberkeley.info/coronavirus/>

Graph:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Berkeley City Council and The City of Berkeley adopt the following provisions while working to contain COVID-19:

- 1) The City should have a plan for housing the sick, including people experiencing homelessness.
- 2) Calls to 24/7 local reporting hotlines must remain anonymous and must not under any circumstances lead to any involvement of law enforcement, ICE, or detention of callers against their will as a result of using the hotline, and this must be made clear to public health authorities, law enforcement, and callers.
- 3) Berkeley should have a protocol for shelters and outreach workers to implement around screening for illness and what to do after someone has been screened. This information should be widely available.
- 4) Shelters and outreach workers should have stashes of surgical masks to give out only to those who are sick or who have symptoms.
- 5) Shelters and outreach centers must be able to remain open. Berkeley should provide added support to ensure baseline services for people experiencing homelessness are maintained or exceeded.
- 6) Discharge planning protocols for people who were sick and received housing through the end of the quarantine period.
- 7) Assistance should be extended to help people enroll in Medicaid or local health plans, so that more people will have access to care.
- 8) Berkeley must ensure adequate protective measures for health care workers. All hospitals and care facilities must brief workers on what measures are being taken to mitigate the risks they face when providing care.
- 9) Berkeley should offer a safety hotline (which is not routed to law enforcement) that people who experience racist or xenophobic violence related to COVID-19 can call for assistance.
- 10) Medical teams must be dispatched to jails, halfway houses, and other locked facilities to assess and treat patients. Physicians on-site must have the authority to dictate necessary changes in facility conditions in order to treat the sick and slow the spread of the illness.
- 11) There must be aggressive public education about the illness, how it spreads, and best safety practices. These educational efforts must also actively dispel racist, xenophobic assumptions about the disease, such as characterizations of certain people representing a public health threat.
- 12) Berkeley's COVID-19 plan should include transportation assistance and accessible care for patients with disabilities. These guidelines should be developed in collaboration with disabled people and public health officials and must respect the rights and autonomy of people with disabilities.
- 13) Berkeley's public housing buildings or seniors facilities should have dispatch teams or create "clinic hours" on site to ensure that elderly and disabled residents who may have difficulty seeking medical care have access to it. Additionally, Berkeley should make sure public housing authorities and senior living facilities are coordinating with local health providers to get important information to residents.
- 14) A commitment from public health authorities, law enforcement, prosecutors, and immigration authorities that disclosure or failure to disclose COVID-19 symptoms will not under any circumstances lead to criminalization, family court involvement, or involvement of immigration authorities.