

## **RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, April 21, 2020**

The Richmond City Council Evening Open Session was called to order at 5:04 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 and eComment. Comments received by 3:00 p.m. on April 21, 2020, 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). 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, and Mayor Thomas K. Butt.  
**Absent:** Vice Mayor Nathaniel Bates arrived after the roll was called. Councilmember Melvin Willis was absent for the entire Closed Session.

### **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**

LIABILITY CLAIMS - (Government Code Section 54956.9):

Sabrina Del Jesus-Perez Rivera vs. City of Richmond

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

Property: Point Molate  
Agency negotiators: Laura Snideman  
Negotiating parties: Winehaven Legacy LLC (SunCal)  
Under negotiations: price and terms of payment

The following gave comments via email, eComment, or telephone regarding Point Molate: Jeanne Kortz, Margaret Child, Max Dashu, Sarah Mesnick, Steven Holladay, Tarnel Abbott, Daniel Large, and Deborah Bayer.

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT (Government  
Code Section 54957.6):

Title: City Attorney

Cordell Hindler gave comments via email regarding the City Attorney.

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION  
(Government Code Section 54957):

Title: City Manager

The Open Session adjourned to Closed Session at 5:10 p.m.  
Closed Session adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order at 7:14 p.m. by Mayor Butt via teleconference.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Councilmembers Choi, Johnson, Martinez, Myrick, and Mayor Butt. **Absent:** Councilmember Willis arrived during the report from the city manager and Vice Mayor Bates arrived after the approval of the Consent Calendar.

**STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None.

**AGENDA REVIEW**

Items G-1, G-2, G-3, G-4, G-6, and G-7 were continued to the May 5, 2020, City Council meeting. Item G-20 was removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion as the first item under Council as a Whole, immediately following Item H-1.

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

Acting City Attorney Rachel Sommovilla stated that the City Council authorized an extension of the Exclusive Right to Negotiate Agreement with the Point Molate developer, SunCal, through September 30, 2020.

## **REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Laura Snideman reported the following updates related to the coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19): A virtual Town Hall Meeting hosted by Mayor Butt was held on April 17, 2020, and over 100 Richmond community members participated. Contra Costa County issued an additional health order, effective at 8:00 a.m. on April 28, 2020, requiring that any person visiting an essential business must wear a face covering. The American Red Cross reported fewer blood donations and was requesting blood donations from people that were feeling well.

## **OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following individuals gave comments via email, eComment, or telephone:

Bernadette Garcia-Roger, Carolyn Graves, Grover DeMarinis, Louise Moises, Stephen Linsley, and Jeanne Kortz requested that all matters concerning the proposed housing development at the Zeneca site be delayed until the COVID-19 shelter in place mandate was lifted.

Cordell Hindler expressed concerns regarding the closure of Richmond parks and the effect on businesses in the Point Richmond and 23rd Street corridors. Mr. Hindler requested a future agenda item to reestablish the City of Richmond's finance and public safety committees.

Jeanne Kortz expressed concerns regarding Item G-9. Ms. Kortz requested a financial breakdown of the City of Richmond's projects with Veolia. Ms. Kortz suggested that the City of Richmond considered other wastewater management companies.

Linda Whitmore suggested that the City of Richmond offer a site for people or organizations to share their community uplifting activities during COVID-19.

## **CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

**G-1. Continued to the May 5, 2020, meeting** the matter to adopt a resolution amending the City of Richmond's Position Classification Plan to add the new classification of Industrial Building Inspector.

**G-2. Continued to the May 5, 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-3. Continued to the May 5, 2020, meeting** the matter to adopt a resolution amending the City of Richmond's Position Classification Plan to add the new classification of Deputy Building Official.

**G-4. Continued to the May 5, 2020, meeting** 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).

**\*G-5.** Approved a contract with Segal to conduct a comprehensive classification and compensation study for the City in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 for a term of May 1, 2020, to June 30, 2022.

**G-6. Continued to the May 5, 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-7. Continued to the May 5, 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-8.** Adopted **Resolution No. 30-20(A)** and authorized the city manager to execute an amendment to the Cooperative Implementation Agreement with CALTRANS to utilize the remainder of the \$3,000,000 for the construction of two additional full-trash capture devices.

**\*G-9.** Adopted **Resolution No. 30-20** approving Veolia Services task authorization for the 1st Street Interceptor Wet Weather Improvements Project for an amount not to exceed \$1,389,674 from the Wastewater enterprise bond funding; and appropriated the budget in the amount of \$1,389,674.

**\*G-10.** Adopted **Resolution No. 31-20** approving the project list for Senate Bill 1 Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account funding for Fiscal Year 2020-21.

**\*G-11.** Adopted **Resolution of Intention No. 918** declaring the City's intention to vacate and abandon for public purposes a 2,749 Square Feet portion of 14th Street, near Pennsylvania Avenue, and setting the public hearing for the matter on May 19, 2020.

**\*G-12.** Adopted **Resolution No. 32-20** authorizing the city manager to execute Deed in Lieu of Foreclosure Agreements to accept the transfer of the Nevin Court and 313-315 Macdonald Avenue properties back to the City of Richmond from Community Housing Development Corporation (CHDC) given that the contemplated projects have become financially infeasible for CHDC to implement.

**\*G-13.** Approved a Contract Amendment (No. 2) with Analytical Environmental Services (AES) to increase their contract limit by \$750,000, for a total amount not to exceed \$2,500,000 to continue providing on-call professional environmental consulting services.

**\*G-14.** Adopted **Resolution No. 33-20** to accept and appropriate grant funds in the amount of \$71,200 from Contra Costa County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program to replace the floor and paint the Richmond Recreation Complex Social Hall.

**\*G-15.** Approved the Regular March 3, 2020, Special March 17, 2020, Regular March 24, and April 7, 2020, City Council meeting minutes.

**\*G-16.** Proclamation declaring April 22, 2020, as Earth Day in the City of Richmond.

**\*G-17.** Approved appointments to the Workforce Development Board; Appointed Joe Serrano, re-appointment, seat #11, labor, joint-management apprenticeship, community-based, and youth-serving organizations representative, term expiration date March 1, 2024; Mike Parker, re-appointment, seat #17, labor, joint-management apprenticeship, community-based and youth-serving organization representative term, expiration date March 1, 2024; Evan Decker, new appointment, seat #20, entities administrating education and training representative, term expiration date March 1, 2024; Dan Torres, new appointment, seat #24, labor, joint-management apprenticeship, community-based, and youth-serving organizations representative, term expiration date March 1, 2024.

**\*G-18.** Approved an appointment to update the Historic Preservation Commission; Appointed Gretchen Stromberg, new appointment, seat #1, filling an unexpired term with an expiration date of July 31, 2022.

**\*G-19.** Approved appointments to update the Shimada Friendship Commission: Appointed Jaime Brown, new appointment, seat #2, term expiration date December 31, 2023; Augusto Gonzalez, new appointment, seat #7, term expiration date December 31, 2023; Christopher Gioia, new appointment, seat #11, term expiration date December 31, 2023.

**G-20.** The matter to receive a report on the status of the operating and capital improvement budget for the third quarter of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-20; and, the projected impact of the coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19) on the City of Richmond's finances was introduced by City Manager Laura Snidemen. Acting Deputy City Manager Internal Services LaShonda White and Finance Director Belinda Brown presented a Powerpoint that highlighted the following: FY 2019-20 impact of COVID-19 on City of Richmond finances; revenue and expenditure assumptions; employee compensation and policy options for the Council's consideration at a future meeting; General Fund revenues, expenditures, and summary; non-General Fund revenue reductions; FY 2019-20 potential delayed impacts; FY 2019-20 Richmond Housing Authority budget update; FY 2020-21 budget kick-off highlights and challenges; FY 2020-21 budget development and General Fund revenue and expenditure summaries; and next steps. Discussion ensued. The Council requested staff to post the Powerpoint presentation for this item on the City of Richmond's COVID-19 webpage. Mayor Butt announced that he appointed an ad-hoc budget committee consisting of Councilmembers Choi, Johnson, and himself to meet with the city manager, staff, and one representative from each of the four labor bargaining unions.

## PUBLIC HEARINGS

**H-1.** The city clerk announced that it was time, pursuant to public notice, to hold a public hearing to hear comments regarding the proposed wastewater rate increase; and introduce an ordinance (first reading) setting wastewater user rates for fiscal years 2020-2021 through 2024-25. The recommended annual rate increases was 7% for each of the five fiscal years. Discussion ensued. The Council requested staff to post additional information for residents on the City of Richmond's website regarding bonds, funds allocations, budget, Veolia audits and lawsuit. Public Works Director Yader Bermudez, Mrs. Phelps, and Financial Analyst Jocelyn Mortensen of the Public Resources Advisory Group presented a Powerpoint that highlighted the following: Issues driving the rate increase; wastewater system overview; existing rates for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-20 and financial projection; previous capital expenditures; future capital expenditures; 5-Year Capital Improvement Program; Plan A proposed rates FY 2021-25 7% flat annual increases; Plan B proposed rates FY 2021-25 5%, 6%, 7%, 7%, 7% gradual annual increases; Plan A and B differences and customer impact analysis; projected operational results for Plan A and B; implications of Plan B vs. Plan A; considerations to "keep in mind"; and conclusions. Mrs. Phelps informed the Council that approximately 419 protest letters were received from residents. Further discussion ensued. Mayor Butt provided responses to residents' concerns raised in multiple protest letters. Mayor Butt declared the public hearing open. The following individuals provided comments via email, eComments, or telephone: Abel Romero, Mariela Arriaga, Alissa Anderson, Andrew Cabic, Angela Cox, Angelina Padilla, Anke Hammerling, Ann Cullen, Auna Longpre, Ausberto Beltran, Ben Meek, Bill Brewer, Blanca Lopez, Bonnie Landfield, Britt Thorsnes, Calvin Deng, Carla Pecoraro, Carol Teltschick, Cathy Crum, Chris Broglio, Chris Sherian, Christina Redse, Claudia Jimenez, Claudia Russell, Connie Green, David Grant, Sarah Grant, David Nasilaur, David Schernoff, Dawn Karim, Deborah Bayer, Diana Wear, Diane Adams, Valentino Aduna, Diego Salgado, Divaydeep Bal, Douglas Deaver, Edith Alderette, Elizabeth Kudo, Ellen Gailing, Erica Borgwardt, Erika Helene, Erin Wengrofsky, Faith Miller, Robert Miller, Gabriella Heinsheimer, Glenda Rubin, Hobert Scharff, Ilona Clark, Jack Burns, Jaclyn Lau, James Fouche, Janylle Carterm Jane Courant, Janet Johnson, Janis Hashe, Jeanne Kortz, Jeff Kilbreth, Jennifer Hernandez, Jennifer Kong, Jenny Balisle, Jerry Feagley, Jessica Montiel, Jesus Garcia, Jim Hanson, Jim Hite, Joan Peters, Joanne Paulsen, Jorge Sandoval, Jose Huezo, Joseph Snyder, Susan Snyder, Juan Lozano, Karen Buchanan, Kathleen Lorange, Kathryn Hedjasi, Kayce Davis, Kevin Johnson, Kimberly Patemoster, Krystal Fortner, Lana Martarella, LaTanya Dandie, Latrina Johnson, Leisa Johnson, Leroy Holland Jr., Lesli Zephyr, Linda Clem, Linda Cunningham, Linda Fisher, Linda Hudock, Linda Kalin, Linda Kim, Lori Wickliff, Luis Garcia, Yolanda Garcia, Magencia Takata, Majorie Weingrow, Malia Everette, Maria Wibawa, Mary Ann Rheinberger, Mary Crawford, MaryAnn Rubalcaba, MaryLou no Clarke, Meike Visel, Michael Bowman, Michael Parker, Michele Rappaport, Mike Vasilas, Monique de Roover, Nancy Patton, Odell Patton, Naomi Williams, Nathan Clark, Nel Benningshof, Nicole Mendoza, Nina Smith, Norma La Bat, Norma Wallace, Oscar Flores, Patricia Klem, Patricia Pintner, Patrick Geoghegan, Paul Carman, Paul Crum, Paula Mertens, Peggy Munoz, Philip Woosley, Portique Wilburn, Prabhjot Singh, Rachael Peizer, Rachel Padilla, Ray Khoury, Raymond McCoy, Rhonda Goodbeer,

Rita Barouch, Robert Goahay, Robert Keller, Roger Fahr, Rose Mullins, Sandra Gracia, Sandra Tarbet, Sarah Gutierrez, Sarah Young, Saru Cownan, Scottie Smith, Sheila Place, Sidonia Aguilera, Sorin Feraru, Stanislaw Niedzwiedz, Stela Teigeiro, Stephanie Dyer, Sue Hodges, Susan Futterman, Susan MacHarg, Susan Tasaki, Suzanne Coffee, Tom Schleis, Toni Hanna, Tony Mendicino, Tony Roma, Trianda Keramidas-Rohrer, Victoria Lewis, Victoria Stewart, Virginia Lux, Viridiana Amaro, Vivian Barker, Xin Ma, Zaida Valladares, Zakiyyah Roberson, Zannis Vasilas, Carmen Espinosa, Elizabeth Hamm, Gayle McLaughlin, Geoff Hamm, Michael Gilksohn, David Lopes, Ilona Clark, Leisa Johnson, Pam Stello, Claudia Jiminez, Daniel Large, Steven Chong, and two anonymous. Mayor Butt closed the public hearing. Mrs. Phelps gave an overview of the Proposition 218 “Right to Vote on Taxes Act” process. Further discussion ensued. A motion was made by Councilmember Martinez, seconded by Councilmember Willis, to hold over the matter for one month to May 19, 2020, for the first reading and May 26, 2020, for the second reading. A friendly amendment made by Councilmember Willis to reopen the public hearing and continue the comment period during that timeframe was accepted. The motion continued this matter to the May 19, 2020, City Council meeting by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Choi, Johnson, Martinez, Myrick, and Willis. **Noes:** Mayor Butt. **Absent:** Vice Mayor Bates. **Abstained:** None.

#### **COUNCIL AS A WHOLE**

**I-1.** The matter to direct staff to analyze the proposed amendments to the temporary moratorium on evictions and draft an ordinance that includes a freeze on rent increases for residential and commercial properties up to 90 days after the shelter in place order is lifted was introduced by Councilmembers Martinez and Willis. Councilmember Willis clarified that the specific proposed amendments, not clearly stated in the staff report, included: adding commercial properties into the eviction moratorium; instituting a rent increase freeze; and extending the period of tenant debt repayment to 180 days per every month the COVID-19 shelter order was in effect. Discussion ensued. The following gave comments via email or eComment: Alex Werth, Alexina Rojas, Ali Uscilka, Alice Benham, Association of United Richmond Housing Providers, Ausberto Beltran, Bernadette Garcia-Roger, Brenda Williams, Christina Redse, Claudia Jimenez, Diana Wear, Elaine Dockens, Ephraim Levy, Rosmarie Levy, Gabriella Heinsheimer, Ilona Clark, Jane Courant, Jerrilee Doss, Ray Felix, Joan Peters, Jovanka Beckles, Luis Chacon, Michael Vasilas, Mike Parker, Tarnel Abbott, Virginia Ramirez, Flor Castro, Gabriela Hernandez Vasquez, Gayle McLaughlin, Michael Gilksohn, Nain Villanueva de Lopez, Valerie Jameson, Flor Castro, Heidi Perez, Jess Jollett, Jesus Perez, Jim Becker, Michelle Chan, Rhea Elina Laughlin, Tomasa Espinoza, Elsa Stevens, Zenaida Avalos, Veronica Hernandez, Irene Gonzalez, Juan Lozano, Christina Lorenzana, Blanca Retanno, Beryl Golden, Sara Rodriguez, Ana Gonzalez, Edith Pastrano, Flor Castro, Heidi Perez, Jess Jollett, Jesus Perez, Jim Becker, Michelle Chan, Rhea Laughlin, and Tomasa Espinosa. A motion was made by Councilmember Myrick, seconded by Councilmember Choi, to freeze rent increases for residential properties, include commercial properties with the eviction moratorium, and direct to staff to study a broader time period for tenant debt repayment. Further discussion ensued. The motion passed by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Choi, Martinez, Myrick, and Willis. **Noes:** Councilmember

Johnson and Mayor Butt. **Absent:** None. **Abstained:** Vice Mayor Bates.

**I-2.** The matter to request that the Contra Costa County provide COVID-19 testing for West Contra Costa County Service providers including fire, police, emergency medical technicians, and health care workers so that we may continue to effectively serve the residents was introduced by Vice Mayor Bates. Fire Chief Adrian Sheppard provided an oral report addressing COVID-19 testing for first responders, City of Richmond employees, and the community. Mr. Sheppard reported that Richmond first responders were advised to use testing sites in Concord for expedited results, occupational health facility, or their primary care provider. Mr. Sheppard reported that City of Richmond employees were advised to seek testing through their primary care provider or occupational health facility. Mr. Sheppard reported that community testing sites were available at the following locations: Lifelong Medical Care located at 150 Harbor Way in Richmond and 2023 Vale Road in San Pablo. Mr. Sheppard announced that Contra Costa County was providing an additional testing location at the West County Health Center in San Pablo on April 22, 2020, and appointments were available by calling (844) 421-0804 for screening. The item sponsor, Vice Mayor Bates, withdrew the item with no formal action.

**I-3.** The matter to direct staff to draft an emergency order that will suspend all residential and small business rents, and all mortgage payments of homeowners, small landlords and small businesses for the duration of the current shelter-in-place state of emergency; and directed staff to immediately establish a service to assist Richmond small business and small landlords in filing for Federal and state assistance including the Cares Act was introduced by Councilmembers Martinez and Willis. Discussion ensued. The following speakers gave comments via email, eComment, or telephone: Alice Benham, Ausberto Beltran, Bernadette Garcia-Roger, Brenda Williams, Claudia Jimenez, Deborah Bayer, Diana Wear, Don Gosney, Gabriella Heinsheimer, Gwen Willows, Ilona Clark, Joan Peters, Jovanka Beckles, Luis Chacon, Mark Wiese, Michelle Garay, Mike Parker, Tarnel Abbott, Thomas Goodwin, Virginia Ramirez, Gayle McLaughlin, Ilona Clark, Janet Johnson, Janet S. Johnson, Michael Gilksohn, Ryan Patterson, Valerie Jameson, Leisa Johnson, Michael Vasilas, Michelle Chan, Elsa Stevens, Sasha Graham, Greg Brazil, Weng Lee, Carol Brazil, Zenaida Avalos, Veronica Hernandez, Flora Bac, Ezequiel Chum, Esther Sanchez, Maria Sanchez, Peter Nielsen, Gaby Mercado, Irene Gonzalez, Juan Lozano, Christina Lorenzana, Blanca Retano, Ralph Fonseca, Tom Goodwin, Sara Rodriguez, Ana Gonzalez, Edith Pastrano, Estela Ruiz, and two anonymous. A motion made by Councilmember Martinez approving said direction to staff and also directing staff to send a letter to the federal government elected officials to enact such an order, failed by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Martinez and Willis. **Noes:** Councilmembers Choi, Johnson, Myrick, Vice Mayor Bates, and Mayor Butt. **Absent:** None. **Abstained:** None.

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

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:24 p.m., to meet again on Tuesday, April 28, 2020, at 6:30 p.m.

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Clerk of the City of Richmond

(SEAL)

Approved:

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Mayor

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Cordell Hindler <cordellhindler@ymail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 17, 2020 9:28 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** PUBLIC COMMENT BEFORE CLOSED SESSION

hello Sabrina, i think that Rachel is doing a wonderful job as the City Attorney and also think that Laura is doing a wonderful job as the city manager, these folks deserve the respect

Sincerely  
Cordell

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Jeannette Kortz <jeannekortz@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 14, 2020 11:22 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** My Comments Regarding the Point Molate DSEIR  
**Attachments:** Jeanne Kortz' Point Molate DSEIR Comments.docx

Dear City Clerk,

Please send my the letter (attached) addressed to Lina Velasco, to our Richmond City Council Members.

I very much appreciate your time.

Thank you very much.

Stay safe!

Jeanne Kortz  
Richmond Resident

April 14, 2020

Lina Velasco, Community Development Director  
City of Richmond Planning Division  
450 Civic Center Plaza, 2nd Floor Richmond, CA 94804 admin@pointmolateseir.com  
Subject: Comments on Point Molate Draft SEIR

Dear Ms. Velasco,

I am writing to request the Pt Molate Draft SEIR have additional analyses completed before final review and approval. If I am reading your analysis correctly the, SEIR's analysis is inadequate in the following areas:

### **Environmental Analysis**

**-Migration of Monarch Butterflies** – Monarch butterflies roost in the trees found on Point Molate. Building a high-end housing at Point Molate will require the removal of many trees, thus disturbing the roosting of Monarch butterflies and will contribute to the already documented decline of this species. What does the City plan to do to protect these butterflies given the development plan removes the tree? **The SEIR's descriptions of mitigations and analysis for the project impacts to migrating Monarch Butterflies is inadequate.**

**-Owls, Hawks, Osprey, and Other Birds** – Raptors are very important to the eco system of Point Molate. They keep rodents and other pests in check by hunting and consuming. I am deeply concerned about the use of rodenticides if a rodent population is discovered in the housing community. Will the HOA practice integrated pest management practices which recommend alternatives to rodenticides. Rodenticides kill the rat, which in turn is eaten by the predator, and thus we have raptors dying from the poison that the rat died from. How does the DESIR protect raptors, and other birds who migrate and settle for some time at Point Molate? How does the DSEIR protect the Ospreys who are particularly sensitive to newly introduced human activity, and sensitive to human activity when nesting. **The SEIR's descriptions of mitigations and analysis for the project impacts to Pt Molate Osprey is inadequate.**

**-Bats** – Bats are a very important species. They eat insects, including disease carrying mosquitoes. They help to keep the population of insect pests in check. The construction of these homes will contribute to the decline of ecologically important bat populations at Point Molate. What are the City's and the developer's plans to protect and track bat populations? **The SEIR's descriptions of surveys and mitigations and analysis for the project impacts to bats is inadequate.**

**-Riparian Damage** – This development will irreparably damage the riparian ecosystem at Point Molate. Are we really to believe there will be no damage as the DSEIR claims? I don't think so. I am especially concerned about the watershed system which provides a perfect balance of fresh water to feed the eel grass beds. The eel grass beds are the largest and healthiest eel grass beds in the Bay Area. They provide nursery sites for varied marine life, as well as removing CO2 from the atmosphere. How is this development not going to negatively impact these very important environmental systems?

Construction and housing will bring oils from asphalt and cars, toxic substances such as herbicides, fertilizers, pesticides, paint, cleaning products, silt, etc., which will all run off into the Bay and directly into the sensitive eel grass beds. **The SEIR's descriptions of surveys and mitigations for the project impacts to the riparian system is inadequate.**

**-How Does the SEIR Address Drainage Issues?** – The DSEIR fails to have a plan to address contaminants carried by surface runoff and groundwater (problems mentioned above). There is no limit on the use of culverts for ephemeral drainage, and no plan to daylight streams or to restore drainages to their natural state. The proposed Bay Trail does not include bridges and boardwalks over environmentally sensitive wetlands and drainages. There remain hydrocarbons and VOC's adding to the mix of storm water pollution running into the SF Bay. This would all violate water quality standards. **The SEIR's descriptions of surveys and mitigations for the project impacts to drainage issues is inadequate.**

**-Grading** – The grading required for this proposed housing project will drastically reduce the claimed percentage of 70% open space. The surface area that is slated for bulldozing is much higher than 50%. Proponents of the project must present a quantitative measure of how much of the site will be graded. Grading is analogous to clear cutting resulting in destruction to the environment. The DSEIR claims that these graded and denuded areas are being counted as open space. In contrast, Richmond's General Plan 2030 includes policies on Conserved Open Space which supports minimization of soil erosion, retain natural vegetation and topography, and minimize grading. Richmond's General Plan also provides guidance: Support the remediation and reuse of large, disturbed sites, such as the Winehaven complex at Point Molate and the Terminal 4 site at Point San Pablo into mixed use center that provide maximum benefit to the community without compromising the integrity of the surround natural areas. **The SEIR's descriptions of surveys and mitigations for the project regarding grading problems is inadequate.**

**CONTAMINATION** – Construction should not be allowed until all issues have resolved and approved by the RWQCB. Arsenic and other contaminants must be kept from running into SF Bay. CEQA objectives listed for this project is to provide a mix of uses sufficient to fund hazardous material remediation. Are there other anticipated needs? Has all the funding from the Navy escrow funds for cleanup been used up? Another goal is to facilitate the environmental cleanup. What will this require, and what kind of income stream? If funds are required for environmental cleanup, it makes sense that using the site for public recreation is much more fiscally responsible. **The SEIR's descriptions of surveys and mitigations for the project impacts regarding contamination is inadequate.**

**SAFETY** – The largest safety issues are:

The Chevron Refinery is located just over the hill from the proposed housing site. Chevron has had fires and explosions, the last large one being in September of 2012. It will happen again, as is the nature of oil refineries.

Fire: Per Richmond's own Fire Department Chief, Point Molate is a very high fire zone.

The SDEIR does not address the east Diablo Winds that prevail in the fall months and can also blow toxins and feed fires.

Evacuation: In the event of a wildfire, or a Chevron refinery fire and/or explosion, up to 4,000 individuals will need to be evacuated. This is no easy task in that Stenmark Drive ends into the toll plaza area of the Richmond/San Rafael bridge and is backed up daily and would definitely be backed up in the event of an emergency. **The SEIR's descriptions of surveys and mitigations for the project regarding safety issues is inadequate.**

The Bay Ferry system is listed as a source of evacuation. It is presumed that ferry service will be established using the pier at Point Molate, yet no ridership numbers are cited. What is the threshold for the number of passengers? How many trips will it take to accommodate up to 4,000 plus people? How long will those people have to be exposed to harmful chemicals while waiting for their turn to board a ferry? How will people be notified? And how can we prevent damage to the eel grass beds from the ferry?

**CULTURAL SITES** – The DSEIR must be respectful to Ohlone burial sites. Even if there are questions as to whether or not these sites may or may not be disturbed, it is deeply disrespectful of Ohlone ancestors and are extremely valued by the Ohlone. Who is overseeing the Ohlone burial sites? Who is paying for overseeing the sites? Is the developer paying for an archeologist which is like the fox watching the hen house? **The SEIR's descriptions of surveys and mitigations for the project impacts on Ohlone cultural sites is inadequate.**

**RECREATION** – The DSEIR describes recreation envisioned for Point Molate as “passive recreation”. The quality of the environment and “naturalness” of an area is the focus of the recreational experience in a passive recreation area.

Why is there no plan to incorporate into the plan playing fields for soccer, baseball, cricket, etc.? Richmond desperately needs playing fields, especially for soccer. Richmond has some of the best soccer players in the Bay Area, yet there are no fields in the City for them to play. The closest is in Berkeley. That's ridiculous. **The SEIR's descriptions of surveys and mitigations for the project impacts in relation to recreation is inadequate.**

**AESTHETICS** – The DSEIR states that the proposed buildings will be hidden by the trees located at the Point Molate Beach Park. Really? These buildings will loom over the landscape completely ruining the beautiful view of the present hillside and watershed. **The SEIR's descriptions of surveys and mitigations for the project in regard to aesthetics is inadequate.**

**PLANNING POLICY – BCDC BAY PLAN:**

The DSEIR states the modified project is called “generally consistent” with the Bay Plan, although the Bay Plan calls for use of Point Molate as a park and does not include any residential construction. The Bay Plan calls for use of inclusive design principles in the evaluation of public access projects, i.e., develop for park use a trail system, beach recreation, public access to the historical district, pier reused for recreation and incidental commercial recreation. The BCDC Plan states that public utilities may be permitted but must be unobtrusive, must not disrupt recreational use, and will not detract from the visual character of the site. **The SEIR's descriptions of surveys and mitigations for the project impacts regarding the BCDC Bay Plan are inadequate.**

**RICHMOND GENERAL PLAN-** The RGP calls for minimizing impacts on the natural environment; development of natural sanctuaries; preservation of open space and installation of public gathering spaces. The plan advocates for infill development opportunities (build in the downtown area of Richmond), and construction of higher density, mixed use projects around public transit infrastructure and other critical services. The RGP supports remediation and reuse of large, disturbed sites such as the Winehaven Complex into mixed use centers that provide maximum benefit to the community without compromising the integrity of the surrounding areas. The DESIR concludes that the Modified Project, with mitigation would be consistent with the relevant policies of the GP. To me this is supports a very

strong bias that is not supported by the GP. **The SEIR's descriptions of surveys and mitigations for the project regarding the Richmond General Plan are inadequate.**

**OPERATIONS, TRAFFIC, AND TRANSPORTATION** – The Point of Richmond Terminal #4 can only be reached via Stenmark Drive unless Chevron grants access through the refinery. Future commercial port activities that are being contemplated would add more traffic. Commercial trucks would be driven through Point Molate. Why is the City proposing an upscale housing neighborhood only to substantially degrade that housing project? I can speak from personal experience of how Richmond Wholesale Meats, when they returned to Regatta Blvd., has substantially degraded our quality of life because of refrigeration noise, increased diesel truck traffic, and diesel pollution.

Construction of two southbound lanes on Stenmark are proposed, but for only 500 feet north of the Dutra intersection to 580. This land is owned by Chevron. How would it be acquired?

The safety evaluation ignores projected traffic level changes. **The SEIR's descriptions of surveys and mitigations for the project impacts on operations, traffic, and transportation are inadequate.**

**UTILITIES** – The sewage pumping station for Marine Street in Point Richmond is being proposed and would require extensive excavation through an existing residential neighborhood for the sewer line (through Chevron property) along Western Drive to Marine, then uphill to Tewksbury and down to Castro. Who is paying for this? Is this part of the proposed increase to our property taxes for Richmond Sewer aka Veolia?

On the map showing RARE Water Project, why is Point Richmond shown as a potential customer? **The SEIR's descriptions of surveys and mitigations for the project impact regarding utilities is inadequate.**

**BAY TRAIL** – Who is providing funding for the Bay Trail? There are conflicting comments in the DSEIR as to how the Bay Trail is being funded. **The SEIR's descriptions of surveys and mitigations for the project Bay Trail is inadequate.**

**MORE OPERATIONS ISSUES** – In order to avoid traffic impacts, the DSEIR proposes carpools, shuttles, and vanpools. How are these proposals being funded?

Can transportation options be changed by the HOA if ridership of these transportation proposals is non sustainable? Even if fees will be paid to compensate for additional traffic, this will not reduce traffic.

Also, this project goes against regional plans to reduce traffic. **The SEIR's descriptions of surveys and mitigations for operations issues is inadequate.**

**LIGHTING** – Lighting as proposed by the DSEIR goes against “dark sky” policies that are supported by the City of Richmond. The lighting should be shielded, and motion activated. Lighting should be installed at pedestrian crossings. **The SEIR's descriptions of surveys and mitigations for the project impacts regarding lighting is inadequate.**

**NOISE** – What kind of noise will be produced by the wastewater treatment plant? What kind of noise will be produced by a substantially increased volume in traffic? **The SEIR's descriptions of surveys and mitigations for the project regarding noise is inadequate.**

**COMBINED EFFECTS** – Damage to the eelgrass ecosystem, grading, pollution from traffic contamination, habitat destruction, and silt from construction constitutes combined effects. **The SEIR's descriptions of surveys and mitigations for the project's combined effects is inadequate.**

### **Analysis of Alternatives**

The DSEIR finds the Community Plan (Alternative D) is the best alternative for the site. Alternative D also provides less disturbance to Ohlone Cultural sites. Community Plan Alternative D has the lowest level of impacts and is the superior environmental alternative. **The DSEIR's consideration and analysis of the Community Plan is inadequate.**

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Jeanne Kortz  
Richmond Resident

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Margaret Child <marcar@myexcel.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 15, 2020 12:51 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Point Molate

4/15/20

Mayor Tom Butt, Vice Mayor Nate Bates,  
Council Members Ben Choi, Demnlus Johnson III,  
Eduardo Martinez, Jael Myrick, & Melvin Willis  
450 Civic Center Plaza  
Richmond, CA 94804

Re: City Council Meeting for [4/21/20 - Public Comment for Open Forum or Agenda Item #]

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Regarding SunCal's proposed project, did you know that

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What the City Council should do right now is

- **Postpone all decisions until the public can participate fully in the review process\***
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- Place the Citizens Initiative on the November ballot - let the voters decide whether to restrict development to the Winehaven District and create a ridge-to-shoreline park in the southern portion of the property

\* It's not right to make such a risky decision during this health emergency.

Sincerely,

M Child  
1424 S 58<sup>th</sup> St  
Richmond, CA 94804

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Max Dashu <maxdashu@LMI.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 12, 2020 9:14 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Negative impact of Point Molate development

April 12, 2020

Mayor Tom Butt, Vice Mayor Nate Bates, Council Members Ben Choi, Demnlus Johnson III,

Eduardo Martinez, Jael Myrick, & Melvin Willis

450 Civic Center Plaza Richmond, CA 94804

Dear Mayor Butt, Vice Mayor Bates, Council Members Ben Choi, Demnlus Johnson III, Eduardo Martinez, Jael Myrick, & Melvin Willis:

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I see a proposal to raise our homeowner sewer taxes by a huge amount, which is not unrelated to the new infrastructure that would be required by these proposed developments.

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It's not right to make such a risky decision during this health emergency. Please address these issues before rushing ahead with development that puts our citizens at risk.

Sincerely,

Max Dashu  
Richmond resident

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Sarah Mesnick <sarahlynn123@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 16, 2020 1:51 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Pt Molate

16 April 2020

Mayor Tom Butt, Vice Mayor Nate Bates,

Council Members Ben Choi, Demnlus Johnson III,

Eduardo Martinez, Jael Myrick, & Melvin Willis

450 Civic Center Plaza

Richmond, CA 94804

Dear Mayor Butt, Vice Mayor Bates, Council Members Ben Choi, Demnlus Johnson III, Eduardo Martinez, Jael Myrick, & Melvin Willis:

I went to school in Richmond California (Adams Jr High, Kennedy High) and first went to Pt Molate in school, studying the local marine habitat and fell in love with the beaches and the amazing natural area. I grew up to become a marine biologist and have studied the Richmond Whaling Station just beyond Winterhaven, and have taken kids to this beautiful area. Please help us preserve Richmond's unique bayfront and so that we may encourage more kids and adults to enjoy their natural heritage.

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It's not right to make such a risky decision during this health emergency.

Sincerely,

Sarah Mesnick, PhD

[sarahlynn123@gmail.com](mailto:sarahlynn123@gmail.com)

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Steven Holladay <holladay.steve@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 1:05 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Re: City Council Meeting for [Point Molate]

4/20/20

**Mayor Tom Butt, Vice Mayor Nate Bates,**

**Council Members Ben Choi, Demnlus Johnson III,**

**Eduardo Martinez, Jael Myrick, & Melvin Willis**

**450 Civic Center Plaza**

**Richmond, CA 94804**

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**It's not right to make such a risky decision during this health emergency.**

**Sincerely,**

Steven Holladay

Point Richmond

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** TARNEL ABBOTT <tarnelabbott@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 1:21 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comment - Not On The Agenda (corrected)

(amended to include my address)

For Public Comment 4/21/20

Richmond City Council Members:

My name is Tarnel Abbott I am a Richmond resident.

For the duration of the Shelter In Place order I ask that you do not take any action regarding the Point Molate Mixed Use Development Project. I ask that you cancel the Point Molate Mixed Use Development Project Study Session Public Hearing at the Design Review Board meeting which is scheduled for tomorrow, Wednesday April 22, 2020. As public participation is catastrophically limited due to the COVID 19 emergency, to proceed with this highly contested and controversial plan without public input is an affront to the people of this city and democratic process.

Thank you

Tarnel Abbott

1411 Mariposa St.

Richmond, California

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Bernadette <bgroger@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 16, 2020 1:09 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Cc:** Laura\_Sniderman@ci.richmond.ca.us  
**Subject:** RE: Public comments - not on the agenda

Dear City Clerk,

Please send my below comments to the Richmond City Council Members, and to Lina Velasco of the Richmond Planning Department.

Thank you for your time.

Bernadette Garcia-Roger  
Richmond Resident

Dear Richmond City Council,

I respectfully request that any decisions, discussions, meetings, etc. having to do with the proposed housing development at the Zeneca site be delayed until the COVID-19 shelter in place mandate is lifted.

It is not at all democratic to move forward with any decisions regarding this development until Richmond residents can voice their opinions and concerns in a public setting, mainly at the Richmond City Council meetings, and the Planning Commission meetings.

I urge you to protect our democracy by allowing residents to participate freely and fairly.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Bernadette Garcia-Roger  
Richmond Resident

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Carolyn Graves <Carolyn.Graves@kp.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 10, 2020 3:01 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Cc:** laura.snideman@ci.richmond.ca.us  
**Subject:** public comments – not on the agenda

Dear City Clerk,

Please send my below comments to the Richmond City Council members and to Lina Velasco of the Richmond Planning Department.

Thank you for your time.

Carolyn Graves  
Richmond Resident

Dear Richmond City Council,

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Sincerely,

Carolyn Graves  
Richmond Resident

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Cordell Hindler <cordellhindler@ymail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 17, 2020 9:32 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept; City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

hello Sabrina, i have a couple of issues to bring forward to the council.

1. it was brought to my attention that families cannot go to the parks because of this whole CORONA VIRUS matter, and it is also effecting businesses in the Point Richmond and 23rd street corridors
2. for a future agenda item, the Finance and Public Safety Committees needs to be reestablished to handle those matters

sincerely  
Cordell

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Grover G <rollovergrover@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 14, 2020 3:36 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Cc:** Lina Velasco  
**Subject:** public comments – not on the agenda

Dear City Clerk,

Please send my below comments to the Richmond City Council members, and to Lina Velasco of the Richmond Planning Department.

Thank you for your time.

Grover DeMarinis

Richmond Resident

Dear Richmond City Council,

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I urge you to protect our democracy by allowing residents to participate freely and fairly.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Grover DeMarinis

Richmond Resident

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Jeannette Kortz <jeannekortz@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 10, 2020 11:36 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Please Do Not Make Any Decisions Regarding the Zeneca Site During COVID-19 Shelter in Place

Dear City Clerk,

Please send my comments, written below, to the Richmond City Council members, and to Lina Velasco of the Richmond Planning Department.

Thank you for your time.

Jeanne Kortz  
Richmond Resident

Dear Richmond City Council,

I respectfully request that any decisions, discussions, meetings, etc. having to do with the proposed housing development at the Zeneca site be delayed until the COVID-19 shelter in place mandate is lifted.

It is not at all democratic to move forward with any decisions regarding this development until Richmond residents can voice their opinions and concerns in a public setting, mainly at the Richmond City Council meetings, and the Planning Commission meetings.

I urge you to protect our democracy by allowing residents to participate freely and fairly.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Jeanne Kortz  
Richmond Resident

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Linda <lindajwhitmore@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2020 9:50 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comment not on the Agenda City Council Meeting April 21, 2020

Suggestion for either the Mayors Office or City Manager's Office to offer a site where people or organizations can submit what they are doing above and beyond to uplift our community during the Coronavirus COVID 19. People can submit photos, poetry, how they are volunteering, art work, Creative Zoom ideas, creative mask contest, and more.

Thanks for your consideration,

Linda Whitmore  
Santa Fe Neighborhood Council  
Community Outreach Coordinator  
510-459-4728

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Louise Moises <bookstallsf@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 13, 2020 6:11 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comment

Members of the Richmond City Council: I request that you delay any decisions on the Zeneca Site until after the Corona Virus restrictions have been lifted. Thank you for listening to the voices of your constituents. Louise Moises  
1315 Santa Clara St. Richmond 94804

Louise Moises

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** rose stamm <rocestamm1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 13, 2020 8:42 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** public comments - not on city council 4/21/20 agenda

Dear City Clerk:

Please forward my comments below to all Richmond city council members and Lina Velasco of Richmond City Planning Department.

Thank you,  
Stephen Linsley

Dear Richmond City Council:

I respectfully request that any decisions, meetings, discussions, etc., dealing with the proposed development at the former Zeneca site be deferred until after the lifting of the COVID-19 shelter in place.

It would not be fair at all to move forward with any decisions regarding that development till Richmond residents can voice their concerns and input in a public setting, including Richmond City Council meetings and Richmond Planning Commission meetings.

I urge you to protect our democracy by allowing the citizens of Richmond to participate freely and fairly.

Thank you,  
Stephen Linsley  
retired 23-year City of Richmond treatment plant laboratory supervisor

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Abel Romero <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 16, 2020 3:05 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Please Delay the Public Hearing regarding the Sewer Rent Increase

921 Ventura Street  
Richmond, CA 94805  
Parcel# 523-023-014-5 00

I respectfully request that the Mayor and City Council:

PLEASE DELAY THE PUBLIC HEARING for the Sewer Rate Increase to 45 days post the expiration of the City's Urgency Ordinance. During this COVID-19 pandemic, many residents and small business owners are in survival mode.

Among the pressing issues:

-Many have lost their jobs or have had to close their businesses; -Most cannot afford childcare and are schooling their kids from home; -Some may be dealing with COVID-related illness within their family; -67% of Richmond Property Owners and Customer of Records, predominantly in lower income areas, will be impacted by this 37.5% rate increase.

PLEASE RECORD MY FORMAL PROTEST TO THE SEWER RATE INCREASE

I formally oppose the proposed sewer rate increase and humbly request the Mayor and City Council:

1. Provide documentation to the Public that demonstrates a fact-based accounting supporting this rate hike.
2. Establish clear oversight and accountability pertaining to the Richmond Municipal Sewer District.
3. Require the Developer, Sun Cal, to pay for all costs associated with the sewer line to Point Molate.
4. Provide guarantee that the rates will be capped and decrease in the future.
5. Provide a fair and clear democratic process for lodging protests and providing public input, irrespective of the current pandemic.
6. Record and validate electronic protests.

Yours sincerely,  
Abel Romero & Mariela Arriaga

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Please reply to Abel Romero at [abel.mariela.arriaga@gmail.com](mailto:abel.mariela.arriaga@gmail.com).

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Alissa Anderson <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 17, 2020 3:53 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Please Delay the Public Hearing regarding the Sewer Rent Increase

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Yours sincerely,  
Alissa Anderson

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Please reply to Alissa Anderson at [alissa@foggy-notion.com](mailto:alissa@foggy-notion.com).

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Andrew Cabic <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 17, 2020 3:47 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
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4820 Berk Ave. Richmond CA 94804

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Yours sincerely,  
Andrew Cabic

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Angela Cox <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 17, 2020 8:58 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Please Delay the Public Hearing regarding the Sewer Rent Increase

<INSERT AFFECTED RESIDENTIAL OR COMMERCIAL PROPERTY ADDRESS HERE>

I respectfully request that the Mayor and City Council:

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Homeowners pay a proportionally higher rate than business and renters in this proposal. We are continually asked to bear the burden for renters although our property values don't increase substantially.

As such, our opinions and voices

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Angela Cox

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Angelina Padilla <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 17, 2020 9:05 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Please Delay the Public Hearing regarding the Sewer Rent Increase

Angelina Padilla  
868 20th St., Richmond, CA 94801  
Richmond residence

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Anke Hemmerling <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 10:27 AM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Sewer Rate - Delay the Public Hearing and Oppose Increase

355 Golden Gate Ave

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Yours sincerely,  
Anke Hemmerling

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Ann Cullen <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 15, 2020 6:53 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Please Delay the Public Hearing regarding the Sewer Rent Increase

228 Marina Lakes Drive  
Richmond CA 94804

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Yours sincerely,  
Ann Cullen

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Auna Longpre <auna@flash.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 19, 2020 3:29 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Hearing Protest on Proposed Sewer Rate Changes

Attention Pamela Christian

April 18, 2020

City Clerk, City of Richmond

450 Civic Center Plaza

Richmond, CA 94804

Dear Ms. Christian:

I am writing to protest the new sewer rate structure and proposed revenue increase, which lacks transparency and negatively impacts many Richmond residents.

We were provided no documentation regarding how the rates were calculated, how they arrived at the costs, who did the calculations, nor how the underlying documents could be viewed. A 37.5% increase over five years is too steep and will place an undue burden on many Richmond residents. Also, there is no written guarantee that the rates will ever go back down. I further fail to understand why the cost for a \*dwelling\* unit in a multi-family building should be so much lower than a single-family home.

Additionally, I oppose the city's move to require a written statement that must be mailed (not emailed) or presented in person. This approach appears to be a tactic to depress public participation and protest, thus getting the increase passed. Is there a check and balance to be certain there's only one comment per parcel or residence in the case of multi-family parcels?

There must be a better way for these projects to be financed than slapping the homeowners of Richmond with such a huge increase. I am requesting that my city representatives go back to the drawing board and find a fair and equitable solution.

Auna Longpre

970 34<sup>th</sup> St

Richmond, CA 94805

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Ausberto Beltran <ausbeltrane@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2020 5:34 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** 4/21/2020 City Council meeting

Please vote no on item H-1

- [Item H-1 on a proposed wastewater rate increase.](#) Increasing sewer rates should not be taken up during a health emergency. **Please vote no on item H-1**
- [Item I-1 on freezing rent increases during the shelter in the place.](#) Landlords must not allow to jack up rents on people and businesses both during and immediately after the emergency, when residents and businesses are getting back on their feet. **Please vote YES on item I-1**
- [Item I-3, on suspending rents and mortgage payments for residents and businesses.](#) Many people's and small businesses' income have been temporarily put on pause with this pandemic. By putting some of their biggest bills on pause as well, it can help prevent people and businesses from permanent financial ruin. **Please vote YES on item I-3**

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Ben Meek <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 18, 2020 12:17 AM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Please Delay the Public Hearing regarding the Sewer Rent Increase

387 Western Dr.  
Richmond CA 94801

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Ben Meek

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** bill brewer <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 19, 2020 7:49 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Please Delay the Public Hearing regarding the Sewer Rent Increase

I am in the City of Richmond and will be affected by the increase, which is reportedly to pay for costs of installing sewer service for a private property development. The owners of the development should be paying for their own expansion of infrastructure.

form letter follows:

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Yours sincerely,  
bill brewer

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Blanca Lopez <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2020 10:19 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Sewer Rate - Delay the Public Hearing and Oppose Increase

670 8th st Richmond CA 94801

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Bonnie Landfield <bonnieland01@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 18, 2020 5:46 PM  
**To:** Bonnie Landfield; Bonnie Landfield; Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Re: Please Delay the Public Hearing regarding the Sewer Rent Increase

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

On Sat, Apr 18, 2020 at 8:35 AM, Bonnie Landfield  
<[campaigns@good.do](mailto:campaigns@good.do)> wrote:

1400 Pinnacle Court #202  
Richmon

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I agree with all of the above.

Rates were supposed to go down with this company.

Yours sincerely,  
Bonnie Landfield

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Britt Thorsnes <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 16, 2020 9:40 AM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Please Delay the Public Hearing regarding the Sewer Rent Increase

Britt Thorsnes, homeowner and longtime resident of Richmond  
2877 Gaynor Avenue,  
Richmond 94804

I respectfully request that the Mayor and City Council:

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Yours sincerely,  
Britt Thorsnes

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Calvin Deng <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 16, 2020 6:54 AM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Please Delay the Public Hearing regarding the Sewer Rent Increase

342 Sandy Bay Ct  
Point Richmond, CA 94801

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Yours sincerely,  
Calvin Deng

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Carla Pecoraro <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 11:09 AM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Sewer Rate - Delay the Public Hearing and Oppose Increase

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Yours sincerely,  
Carla Pecoraro

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Carol Teltschick <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 19, 2020 12:42 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Please Delay the Public Hearing regarding the Sewer Rent Increase

534 Dimm St (residential)

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6. Record and validate electronic protests.

Note: I am sending this letter in addition to a previous letter because I support all of the important points made here.

Yours sincerely,  
Carol Teltschick

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Cathy Crum <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 17, 2020 1:57 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Please Delay the Public Hearing regarding the Sewer Rent Increase

21 Lighthouse Ln, Richmond, CA 94804

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7. Why is the City not allowing due process?

Yours sincerely,  
Cathy Crum

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Chris Broglio <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 17, 2020 8:58 AM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Please Delay the Public Hearing regarding the Sewer Rent Increase

3770 Via Verdi, Richmond CA 94803

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Chris Broglio

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Chris Sheridan <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2020 12:01 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Sewer Rate - Delay the Public Hearing and Oppose Increase

781 Ventura Street

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Christina Redse <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 15, 2020 9:19 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Please Delay the Public Hearing regarding the Sewer Rent Increase

1808 Shasta St., Richmond CA 94804

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Claudia Citroen <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 18, 2020 9:20 AM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Please Delay the Public Hearing regarding the Sewer Rent Increase

Claudia Citroen  
2423 Gaynor Ave  
Richmond CA

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Claudia jimenez <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 9:31 AM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Sewer Rate - Delay the Public Hearing and Oppose Increase

Claudia Jimenez, Richmond resident. 845 37th street

I respectfully request that the Mayor and City Council:

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Yours sincerely,  
Claudia j

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Claudia Russell <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 19, 2020 8:07 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Please Delay the Public Hearing regarding the Sewer Rent Increase

440 Golden Gate Avenue Richmond Ca 94801

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Connie Green <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2020 9:35 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Sewer Rate - Delay the Public Hearing and Oppose Increase

7 16th street, 94801

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Yours sincerely,  
Connie Green

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** David & Sarah L. Grant <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 17, 2020 2:46 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Please Delay the Public Hearing regarding the Sewer Rent Increase

666 Wilson Avenue

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Yours sincerely,  
David & Sarah L. Grant

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## Jasuara Castaneda

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**From:** David Naisuler <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 16, 2020 11:29 AM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Please Delay the Public Hearing regarding the Sewer Rent Increase

From:  
David Naisuler  
559 26th St  
Richmond, CA 94804

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Yours sincerely,  
David Naisuler

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** David Shernoff <deshernoff@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 16, 2020 8:33 PM  
**To:** Jasuara Castaneda  
**Cc:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi; City Clerk Dept; KGO-TV.Programming@abc.com; local@bayareanewsgroup.com; BreakingNews@kron4.com; metrodesk@sfchronicle.com; newstips@sfexaminer.com; news@sfweekly.com; contact@postnewsgroup.com; blee.campaign@gmail.com; tips@berkeleyside.com; assemblymember.wicks@assembly.ca.gov  
**Subject:** Re: Please Delay the Public Hearing regarding the Sewer Rent Increase

Thanks for the confirmation.

A question for the officials here: are you seriously insisting on holding a public hearing during a pandemic? Even when a shelter in place is in effect? That seems irresponsible, and likely illegal. No way this kind of hearing is "essential business" at this moment of national crisis. Your neighbors and citizens are dying and at economic and physical risk. Respond appropriately.

If you truly want to have a "virtual meeting," members of our community likely can't participate remotely on short notice. Meaningful public participation in considering the rate hike will be almost impossible under current emergency conditions.

Your own government, the City of Richmond, just announced an eviction moratorium. Clearly you, as public officials, recognize the devastating economic impact the pandemic is already having on our community, especially on your most vulnerable neighbors and constituents. The economic punishment of paying the hike itself will seriously harm many Richmond residents. As a society and locally, we are not even close to returning to economic normalcy. Can you seriously argue that right now is an appropriate time to raise the cost of an essential service?

You very recently increased these costs: 39% over five years in 2015. Now you are trying to sneak through a massive rate hike in the midst of a pandemic, and you're expecting the public to foot the bill so that a private developer can expand, namely Sun Cal, which is developing Point Molate. There's been no independent financial audit supporting the need for the massive hikes being proposed, certainly not one presented to the public. There is no way for us to know that our protests are even registering with you.

The Richmond Municipal Sewer District lacks meaningful oversight, and the public has no idea how it uses (or misuses) the hugely expensive fees already paid to it by residents. We have no real idea how the money you already extract from us is being used, and you expect us to pay more, even now? Seriously? I work as a suicide prevention coordinator, and economic stressors are absolutely contributing to the surge in psychiatric hospitalizations following suicide attempts I and other public health officials are witnessing right now in Richmond and elsewhere in the Bay Area. Don't make existing stressors even worse with a misguided sewer rate hike, one which could not possibly be more poorly timed.

Please reconsider the proposed sewer rate hike generally, not just how you are approaching involving -- or not - the public in considering such a hike. This really seems like an unforced error that you can easily avoid. Please spend your time more productively on keeping us safe and healthy, not on thinking of ways to raise our essential costs of living without the public's permission, involvement, or feedback.

Kind regards,  
David Shernoff  
440-682-0675

On Thu, Apr 16, 2020 at 9:17 AM Jasuara Castaneda <[Jasuara\\_Castaneda@ci.richmond.ca.us](mailto:Jasuara_Castaneda@ci.richmond.ca.us)> wrote:  
Received.

Thank you,

Jasuara Castaneda  
City Clerk Technician  
City of Richmond  
450 Civic Center Plaza  
Richmond, CA 94804  
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From: David Shernoff [mailto:[campaigns@good.do](mailto:campaigns@good.do)]

Sent: Thursday, April 16, 2020 1:09 AM

To: Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi

Cc: City Clerk Dept

Subject: Please Delay the Public Hearing regarding the Sewer Rent Increase

RECEIPT SERVICE REQUESTED

From: OWNER, 3021 Roosevelt Avenue, Richmond CA 94804

Parcel number: 518-240-016-7

I respectfully request that the Mayor and City Council:

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It is outrageous that you would even consider doing this during a once in a century crisis. It is not possible to hold a public hearing safely and legally while the shelter in place remains in effect. A legal defense strategy to impose an injunction and halt this proposed rate hike has already been put in place. Local regional and national media outlets are being contacted regarding this insane maneuver.

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Dawn Karim <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 17, 2020 8:58 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Please Delay the Public Hearing regarding the Sewer Rent Increase

850 37th St. Richmond, CA 94805

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Yours sincerely,  
Dawn Karim

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Deborah Bayer <dbayer49@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 2:38 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Cc:** Eduardo Martinez; Melvin Willis; Jael Myrick; Tom Butt - external; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Ben Choi  
**Subject:** Agenda Item H-1

The proposed 40% rate increase for the Richmond sewer and water treatment plant (7% a year over 5 years) is on top of rates that are already double that of Stege. Richmond does have an aging sewage infrastructure and must modernize to avoid environmental hazards such as dumping raw sewage into the Bay. But before the City Council approves this burdensome rate increase I think we deserve some answers.

1. An explanation of the discrepancy of costs between the Veolia wastewater system and the Stege wastewater system.
2. An explanation of the \$83 million dollars (57% of the entire rate increase) slated for "additional sewer-related capital projects." What does that mean? Please provide transparency.
3. Assurance that no ratepayer money will be used to fund wastewater infrastructure improvements for massive development projects like Point Molate. Any expansion of capacity for the plant should be part of developer funding, and not part of a new sewer bond.
4. And finally, over the last year or so the City Council has publicly approved funding for an investigation into Veolia management. Although funded publicly, the results of this investigation have been discussed in closed session. We need assurances that whatever the Council has been investigating has nothing to do with the alarming rate increase, before agreeing to accept it.

Please postpone any vote on Item H-1 until these explanations and assurances are distributed to the ratepayers of Richmond.

Thank you,  
Deborah Bayer  
5706 Sacramento Ave  
Richmond, CA  
510-685-5999

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Diana Wear <diana4richmond@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2020 12:19 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comment - Agenda Item H-1

Diana Wear  
Richmond resident

Please delay on the hearing on Veolia's sewer rate increases. There needs to be an adequate hearing with many questions answered before that vote can take place.

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Diane Adams <diane.arline@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2020 12:09 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Sewer Increase discussion for this weeks city council meeting

Hello,

I feel that the discussion regarding the sewer rate increase should be postponed until the city can outline what projects the money will be used for.

Thank you,

Diane Adams and Valentino Aduna (618 Amador St, Richmond)

From Jim Hanson - Richmond Hts Neighborhood council:

"The City notice says that 43% of the rate increase is for repairs and upgrades to the sewage treatment plant in Point Richmond. However, I have not been able to get full, detailed information on where the other 57% (i.e. \$83 million) of the rate increase would be spent. The City's notice only says that it would be for "additional sewer-related projects." The staff letter that was just published for Tuesday night's council agenda indicates that this amount would be for sewer pipe repair and replacement, but it doesn't say where."

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Diego Salgado <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 19, 2020 8:41 AM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Please Delay the Public Hearing regarding the Sewer Rent Increase

183 2nd st richmond ca 94801

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Yours sincerely,  
Diego Salgado

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Divaydeep Bal <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 2:25 AM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Sewer Rate - Delay the Public Hearing and Oppose Increase 5227 Sacramento Ave, ca94806 3501 Bissell, ca94805 708, 22nd st, ca-94801 1307-1309 Monterey, ca94804 5235-5237 Panama , ca94804 5303-5305 Panama, ca94804

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Thanks

Yours sincerely,  
Divaydeep Bal

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Douglas Deaver <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2020 8:42 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Sewer Rate - Delay the Public Hearing and Oppose Increase

2367 Gaynor ave.  
Richmond, CA 94804

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Yours sincerely,  
Douglas Deaver

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Edith Alderette <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2020 2:27 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Sewer Rate - Delay the Public Hearing and Oppose Increase

116 NICHOLL AVENUE  
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215 E. RICHMOND AVENUE

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- An increase of costs to landlords at this time would overwhelmingly hurt landlords who have voluntarily reduced our rents to our tenants to bare-bones cost-of-doing-business only as well as their tenants.
- A rate increase as the county reels from high unemployment and a breakdown of the local economy would not only incentivize irresponsible landlords to never again provide rent relief to their tenants, it would PUNISH responsible landlords who opted to provide rent relief during this crisis.

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Yours sincerely,  
Edith Alderette

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Elizabeth Kudo <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 19, 2020 3:40 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Please Delay the Public Hearing regarding the Sewer Rent Increase

Elizabeth Kudo  
5104 Barrett Ave.  
Richmond, CA 94805

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Yours sincerely,  
Elizabeth Kudo

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Ellen Gailing <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2020 11:20 AM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Sewer Rate - Delay the Public Hearing and Oppose Increase

2817 Bissell venue, Richmond, CA 94804

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I am concerned that for years the poorest residents of Richmond have had their taxes used in support of new development (starting with Marina Bay); where or when will the payback come? It's the tremendous new developments in Richmond that have overburdened our aged sewer infrastructure. New development needs to pay their fair share - million dollar dwellings should not be paid for by the existing low and middle income residents of Richmond. People like myself, living on fixed incomes, cannot afford this outrageous proposed rate increase.

Please, represent and support the concerns of the people who elected you to office.

Yours sincerely,  
Ellen Gailing

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Erica Borgwardt <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 19, 2020 10:11 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Please Delay the Public Hearing regarding the Sewer Rent Increase

454 43rd St, 94805

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Yours sincerely,  
Erica Borgwardt

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Erika Helene <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 16, 2020 10:33 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Please Delay the Public Hearing regarding the Sewer Rent Increase

645 32nd Street

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Yours sincerely,  
Erika Helene

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Erin Wengrofsky <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 17, 2020 3:50 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Please Delay the Public Hearing regarding the Sewer Rent Increase

3820 Clinton Ave, Richmond

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## Jasuara Castaneda

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**From:** Faith Miller <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 16, 2020 11:25 AM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Please Delay the Public Hearing regarding the Sewer Rent Increase

Robert and Faith Miller  
107 Flagship Place  
Richmond, CA 94801

We oppose the proposed sewer rate increases and request a delay for public hearing to accommodate the social distancing requirements of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Specifically, we do not support the increased burden placed on single family dwellings like ours.

Please delay the hearing so more voices can be considered.

Sincerely,  
Robert and Faith Miller

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**Sabrina Lundy**

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**From:** gabriella Heinsheimer <jgheinsheimer@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2020 3:28 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** public comments on consent calendar

as a resident of richmond i hope you will continue to provide leadership to minimize the devastating financial impacts of this virus.

please vote no on H 1 it is horrible to think of raising any fees at this time. so many folks are out of work.

please encourage a yes on I 1 freezing rent increases until we are all back on our feet.

please encourage I 3 give tenants the option of suspending rents if appropriate. we do not need more homeless now.  
thank you gabriella

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Glenda Rubin <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 19, 2020 2:55 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Please Delay the Public Hearing regarding the Sewer Rent Increase

From: Glenda Rubin  
Property Owner of 3812 Roosevelt Avenue, Richmond, CA 94805

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Glenda Rubin <glendathree@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 19, 2020 3:00 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Sewer Rate Protest

*Glenda Rubin  
3812 Roosevelt Avenue  
Richmond, CA 94805*

April 19, 2020

City Clerk of Richmond  
450 Civic Center Plaza  
Richmond, CA 94804

Dear Sir/Madam:

Re: Sewer Rate Change: Protest for Public Hearing.

My name is Glenda Rubin, and I am the property owner of 3812 Roosevelt Avenue, Richmond. I oppose the new sewer rate structure and proposed increase for the following reasons:

1. Almost 40% over the five-year period is a huge increase.. It would be naive to think that property owners will absorb the increase; they will likely pass on the cost to their tenants - commercial and residential - causing a large and undue burden.
2. I especially oppose if the increased funds will be used for the proposed Point Molate housing.
3. The letter very poorly explains the need. In the \*why\* section, macro cost numbers are presented, with no reference how they were arrived at, who did the calculations, and how one could view the underlying documents. We are expected to take this information at face value.
4. Why is the cost for a \*dwelling\* unit in a multi-family building so much lower than a single family home? In Berkeley the tax amount correlated with the EBMUD water usage. That the City would have to pay a commission for that is not how rates should be determined.
5. Requiring a written statement that needs to be mailed or brought in person to City Hall is a tactic to depress public participation/protest, and thus get the increase passed. The letter is confusing and unclear: The final paragraph of the second page says "Oral comments at the Public Hearing WILL NOT qualify as formal protests unless accompanied by a written protest." Contrast this with the first paragraph of "How do you file a protest or participate in the public hearing," which suggests that oral testimony means something. The city could have developed an online method to ensure there's only one comment per parcel. Further, not considering public comment at the Council meeting as \*protest\* is discriminatory. Comment cards at the meeting could require name and address so properties wouldn't be counted more than once.
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7. What is the interest rate? Interest rates are much lower now. Has refinancing been considered?

The Council needs to find a better solution. Please show more respect for the residents of Richmond and come up with a better approach.

Sincerely,

Glenda Rubin

Owner of property located at 3812 Roosevelt Avenue, Richmond, CA 94805 [NOTE - THIS IS AN ELECTRONIC COPY OF THE LETTER MAILED ON MARCH 21, 2020]

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Hobert Scharff <hobiekatii@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2020 8:19 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** ITEM H 1 4-21-20 COUNCIL AGENDA PROPOSED SEWER RATE INCREASE OF 7-1-20

Mayor Butt, Vice Mayor Bates, Councilmembers: Choi, Johnson, Martinez, Myrick, Willis:

The VOTE for this proposed 7% annual rate increases SHOULD BE TABLED to after June due to the Shelter-In-Place Order because of the Corona 19 Virus.

1. The Tax Payers that shoulder this increase should have answers to the questions such as, what were the funds collected in the past years used for, causing a repair shortage of \$62 Million that should have repaired the Point Richmond Treatment Center ?
2. Where is the remaining proposed \$83 Million scheduled to be used?
3. Where is the budget break down for services, wages, repairs Audit Report for the money collected in the past years we were billed as Property Owners ?

Respectfully,

Property Owners/Tax Payers  
Hobert L. Scharff  
Dr. Kathleen L. Scharff  
5436 Esmond Ave.  
Richmond, CA 94805  
Tel: 510-237-2297

NOTE:  
PLEASE FORWARD THIS COMMUNICATION TO THE RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Ilona Clark <in70clark@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2020 8:15 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** sewer rate increase

2814 Loyola Ave, Richmond, 94806

1511 Santa Clara Ave Richmond 94804

1513 Santa Clara Ave Richmond 94806

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Sincerely,

Ilona Clark, Resident and home owner x 20 years

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A mistake that makes you humble is better than an achievement that makes you arrogant

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Jack Burns <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 9:34 AM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** I support an opposition position against Sewer Rate Increases and Suspension of Rent Payments

<311-333 Carlston Ave., 132 & 144 3rd St., 440 S. 16th St., 276 S. 41 St. INSERT AFFECTED RESIDENTIAL OR COMMERCIAL PROPERTY ADDRESS HERE>

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Jack Burns

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Jaclyn Lau <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 19, 2020 12:36 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Please Delay the Public Hearing regarding the Sewer Rent Increase

APN: 519-271-002-7

STREET ADDRESS: 457 Dimm Street

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Yours sincerely,  
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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** James Fouche <fouche@sonoma.edu>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2020 5:37 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Cc:** James Fouche  
**Subject:** Public Comments - agenda item H-1

Pamela Christian  
City Clerk  
City of Richmond  
450 Civic Center Plaza  
Richmond, CA 94804

Dear Ms. Christian,

Thank you for requesting this response. I am writing this email per the Updated (4/17/20) Notice to Property Owners of Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Sewer Rate Increase to be held on April 21, 2020 6:30 PM at City Council Chambers.

I hereby protest the new sewer rate structure and proposed revenue increase. I oppose the proposed rate changes that negatively impacts many Richmond property owners.

In addition, there is no documentation regarding how the rates were calculated, how these costs were determined, who conducted the calculations, or how the supporting documents could be viewed. This increase places an undue burden on Richmond property owners and I believe there are better ways to finance sewer projects and services.

The proposal to increase sewer rates should not be promulgated in the current Coronavirus Pandemic. Richmond property owners are precluded from full participation in this matter about which there are many legitimate concerns.

Accordingly, I request that this proposal be deferred until full public participation is possible; and, that sewer rate increases be based on clearer, more rational and fairer considerations.

With Respect,

James F. Fouche, Property Owner  
1312 Pelican Way, Richmond, CA 94801

## Sabrina Lundy

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**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2020 3:51 AM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Sewer Rate - Delay the Public Hearing and Oppose Increase

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**Subject:** Please Delay the Public Hearing regarding the Sewer Rent Increase

3130 Manzanita Ct  
Richmond CA 94806

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6. Record and validate electronic protests.

Yours sincerely,  
Jamylle Carter

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Jane Courant <janecourant@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 1:44 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comments Agenda Item H-1

Council members and mayor,

This is a terrible time to discuss and vote on an increase in sewer rates; so few people are now able to make their voices heard on an issue that affects already economically challenged citizens. Please postpone this item to a time when all can easily comment.

Sent from my iPad

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Janet Johnson <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 18, 2020 9:38 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Hearing Protest on Proposed Sewer Rate Changes

5804 Alameda Ave., Richmond 94804

PLEASE RECORD MY FORMAL PROTEST TO THE SEWER RATE INCREASE

My husband and I read the notice regarding the proposed sewer rates with alarm. While we understand the need for upgrades and capital investment, the rate at which rates will increase is way out of proportion and is totally unacceptable to us. We struggle to afford property taxes that are already more than \$3,000 a year. We reject any further increases or assessments.

Your letter says that rates for single family dwellings will go up 7% per year without making clear that the increase is in fact a 38% increase over a 5-year period. This is incredibly deceptive.

FURTHERMORE,

I respectfully request that the Mayor and City Council DELAY THE PUBLIC HEARING for the Sewer Rate Increase to 45 days after the expiration of the City's Urgency Ordinance. During this COVID-19 pandemic, many residents and small business owners are in survival mode.

LASTLY, we request that the Mayor and City Council:

1. Provide documentation to the Public that demonstrates a fact-based accounting supporting this rate hike.
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4. Provide a guarantee that the rates will be capped and will decrease in the future.
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Yours sincerely,  
Janet Johnson

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Janis Hashe <openlinescom@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2020 3:59 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comments, Item H-1

While it is completely understandable that the city needs to update the wastewater system, this needs to be discussed when the public can fully weigh in with concerns — and when a huge percentage of us, who have been financially impacted by the pandemic, have a chance to recover. Please table this item.

Janis Hashe  
336 W. Bissell Ave.  
Richmond, CA 94801

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Jeanne Kortz <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2020 8:44 AM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Sewer Rate - Delay the Public Hearing and Oppose Increase

Property address: 116 Bayside Court, Richmond, CA 94804

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Yours sincerely,  
Jeanne Kortz

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Jeannette Kortz <jeannekortz@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 19, 2020 12:10 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** My Letter Regarding Veolia Sewer Rate Increases  
**Attachments:** Increase in Richmond Sewer Rates.docx

Dear City Clerk,

I hope you had a nice weekend.

I had sent the attached letter snail mail, but now that you are accepting letters electronically, which should have been allowed in the first place, I'm sending it again via email. Please submit to the City Manager and the City Council.

I want to make sure my voice is heard.

Thank you, and stay safe!

Jeanne Kortz

April 19, 2020

The City of Richmond, CA  
440 Civic Center Plaza  
Richmond, CA 94804

Re: **NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS – NEW SEWER RATES**

Dear City Council,

I am writing this letter in protest regarding the new proposed sewer rates. Property owners are already saddled with high property taxes, and now we will have to pay more. It's bleeding people dry, especially people like me who are on a fixed income.

While I realize that these improvements are needed, why not have Veolia pay for them? After all, they are a multi-national corporation who I am sure could certainly afford this. Wasn't the excuse to bring in Veolia vs EBMUD was that Veolia was going to save us money? Never choose a private multinational corporation over a municipal service, unless of course you expect campaign donations for your city council run for years ahead. Private enterprises are all about making as much profit as possible on the backs of residents.

I also happen to know that this increase is being put on the shoulders of Richmond homeowners to help pay for the sewer infrastructure for the proposed housing development at Point Molate. That's why the Point Molate high end housing development is a bad deal for Richmond. More taxes on us to pay for luxury housing for the wealthy.

I implore you to work with Veolia to pay for infrastructure improvements instead of making residents pay ever higher property taxes.

It's not fair to homeowners, especially those of us on fixed incomes. You're forcing good taxpaying, law abiding citizens to move out of this City.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Jeanne Kortz  
Richmond Resident

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** jeff kilbreth <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 17, 2020 3:41 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Please Delay the Public Hearing regarding the Sewer Rent Increase

217 Bishop Ave  
Richmond, CA 94801

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Yours sincerely,  
jeff kilbreth

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** JENNIFER HERNANDEZ <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 16, 2020 1:32 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Please Delay the Public Hearing regarding the Sewer Rent Increase

2818 Clinton Ave  
Richmond, CA 94804

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Yours sincerely,  
JENNIFER HERNANDEZ

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Jennifer Kong <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 18, 2020 7:35 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Please Delay the Public Hearing regarding the Sewer Rent Increase

503 Seaview Dr, Richmond CA 94801

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Yours sincerely,  
Jennifer Kong

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Jenny E. Balisle <balisle@att.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2020 11:57 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comments – Agenda Item H-1, Sewer Rate Increase

Hello,

Today, I'm emailing in regards to the Sewer Rate increase!

Due to the dire economic downturn and COVID-19 pandemic, the sewer rate increase can not be realized:

1. California unemployment claims have shocking increased and we are poised to surpass numbers seen in the Great Depression:

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/04/03/upshot/coronavirus-jobless-rate-great-depression.html>

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/2020/04/09/66-million-americans-filed-unemployed-last-week-bringing-pandemic-total-over-17-million/>

2. Please delay the public hearing during this crisis!

3. Why would the city of Richmond support a sewer rate increase during an economic collapse?

Moving forward:

1. Will the city of Richmond workers take a pay cut while residents lose jobs? Other cities and companies are doing this:

<https://www.sanluisobispo.com/news/coronavirus/article241784071.html>

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/alanohnsman/2020/04/08/tesla-plans-pay-cuts-and-worker-furloughs-as-covid-19-shutdown-drags-on/#6c31f8516675>

2. Please refocus your agenda into projects/initiatives that directly aide Richmond residents immediately!

Sincerely,

Jenny E. Balisle

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Jenny Balisle <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2020 11:56 AM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Jerry Feagley <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 16, 2020 12:24 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
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Yours sincerely,  
Jerry Feagley

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Jessica Montiel <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 15, 2020 8:36 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Please Delay the Public Hearing regarding the Sewer Rent Increase

I am the property owner at 725 32nd Street, Richmond CA 94804

I respectfully request that the Mayor and City Council:

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Yours sincerely,  
Jessica Montiel

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Jesus Garcia <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 15, 2020 4:43 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Please Delay the Public Hearing regarding the Sewer Rent Increase

204 7th St, Richmond, 94801

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Yours sincerely,  
Jesus Garcia

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Jim Hanson <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 19, 2020 11:07 AM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Please Delay the Public Hearing regarding the Sewer Rent Increase

To: Parmela Christian, Richmond City Clerk,  
Richmond City Council members  
From: Jim Hanson, 5616 Sierra Ave. Richmond, CA 94805

PLEASE DELAY THE PUBLIC HEARING for the Sewer Rate Increase until full and accessible information on the specific uses of the rate increase are detailed and made easily accessible to the public. During this COVID-19 pandemic, many residents and small business owners are in survival mode.

Among the pressing issues:

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PLEASE RECORD MY FORMAL PROTEST TO THE SEWER RATE INCREASE

Due to the lack of adequate information to the public on a significant portion (57%) of the proposed rate increase, I formally oppose the proposed sewer rate increase and request the Mayor and City Council to:

1. Provide full and easily-accessible information to the public on specific uses for the rate increase. There has been no specific information provided on the location of 57% of the proposed increase (\$83 million) for the various "repair and replacement projects."
2. Establish clear oversight and accountability pertaining to the Richmond Municipal Sewer District.
3. Require the Developer, Sun Cal, to pay for all costs associated with the sewer line to Point Molate.
4. Provide a fair and clear democratic process for lodging protests and providing public input, irrespective of the current pandemic. For instance, there has been no rate increase information posted on the City's home page, at least for the last two weeks.
5. Record and validate electronic protests. The process for commenting on this rate increase has been confusing since the original notice was sent out "pre-Covid." It took reading a resident's Facebook post to know that the City's comment procedure had been updated very recently to allow emailing comments, except that the procedure was on an obscure City webpage that many would not know about.

This is a challenging time for everyone. Still, keeping the public informed - at a minimum - of open public comment periods on the city home page, and providing detailed information of what \$83 million of increased rates would be used for, and where, is a basic responsibility of government, and doable. Please delay the public hearing to set things right.

Yours sincerely,

Jim Hanson

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Jim Hite <umbrella27@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 19, 2020 3:00 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comments Agenda H-1, Sewer Rate Increase

Honorable Tom Butt,

Please postpone any sewer rate increase until the citizens of Richmond can see how all the money raised from this increase are to be spent. A large part of the proposed budget is unexplained. Until we citizens can see where the money that is not committed to the Point Richmond sewer treatment plant is going, I urge you to exercise your fiduciary duty as a public servant and explain the unexplained portion of the proposed tax increase.

Thank you,

Jim Hite  
34 13th St. #3  
Richmond CA

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Jim Hite <umbrella27@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 19, 2020 3:20 PM  
**To:** Eduardo Martinez  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comments, Agenda item H-1, the Sewer Rate Increase

Hola Eduardo,

May all be well for you and yours. Formally asking for a postponement for Agenda item H-1 until the public is made aware of where all the money raised by this tax increase is to be spent.

Thanks,

Jim Hite  
34 13th St. #3  
Richmond CA

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Jim Hite <umbrella27@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 19, 2020 2:51 PM  
**To:** Nat Bates  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comments- Agenda H-1 Sewer Rate Increase

Honorable Nate Bates:

Please postpone the vote for this sewer rate increase until all your constituents can see where this money is going. 57% of the tax increase is unexplained. Until the citizens of Richmond are informed how this money will be spent I urge you to do the right thing and postpone any action until such time that all the expenditures are on the table for all to see.

Thank you,

Jim Hite  
34 13th St. #3  
Richmond CA

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Jim Hite <umbrella27@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 19, 2020 3:15 PM  
**To:** Demnlus Johnson  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comments Agenda item H-1, Sewer Rate Increase

the Honorable Demnlus Johnson,

Please postpone any vote regarding the sewer rate increase until the public is made aware of where all the money raised by this tax is going.

Thank you,

Jim Hite  
34 13 th St. #3  
Richmond CA

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Jim Hite <umbrella27@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 19, 2020 3:23 PM  
**To:** Jael Myrick  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comments Agenda item H-1 Sewer Rate Increase

the Honorable Jael Myrick,

Please postpone any vote on the sewer rate increase until the citizens of Richmond are aware of how all the money is to be spent.

Thank you,

Jim Hite  
34 13th St. #3  
Richmond CA

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Jim Hite <umbrella27@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 19, 2020 3:28 PM  
**To:** Melvin Willis  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comment, Agenda item H-1, Sewer Rate Increase

Hello Melvin,

May all be well with you and yours. This is a formal letter asking for a postponement of the sewer rate increase until all the money in the proposed budget is explained how it is to be spent.

Thanks,

Jim Hite  
34 13th st.#3  
Richmond CA

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Jim Hite <umbrella27@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 19, 2020 3:35 PM  
**To:** Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comments Agenda item H-1, Sewer Rate Increase

( This email is sent twice, please disregard the first email as I forgot to include "Public Comments" in the heading )

the Honorable Ben Choi,

Please postpone agenda item H-1 until the public is informed about where the remaining money after the Pt. Richmond Sewer Treatment Plant is upgraded is to be spent.

Thank you,

Jim Hite  
34 13th St. #3  
Richmond CA

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Joan Peters <hopeabdi@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 12:40 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** City Council April 21 Agenda item H-1 on proposed wastewater rate increase

As a resident of Richmond at 1816 Carlson Blvd., I oppose an agenda item like this being brought up during our current health emergency because many of us residents cannot attend the council meeting to speak about it.

Joan Peters  
1816 Carlson Blvd.  
Richmond, CA 94804

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Joanne Paulsen <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 15, 2020 7:50 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Please Delay the Public Hearing regarding the Sewer Rent Increase

919 33rd St Richmond 94804

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Yours sincerely,  
Joanne Paulsen

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Jorge Sandoval <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2020 5:41 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Sewer Rate - Delay the Public Hearing and Oppose Increase

360 Marina way south Richmond CA, 94804z

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Yours sincerely,  
Jorge Sandoval

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Jose Huezo <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2020 10:20 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Sewer Rate - Delay the Public Hearing and Oppose Increase

672 8th st Richmond CA 94801

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Yours sincerely,

Jose Huezo

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Susan Snyder LAST\_NAME <susansnyder@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 15, 2020 3:01 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Hearing - Proposed Sewer Rate Changes

We, as property owners in Richmond, CA, vote NO on the proposed sewer rate changes.

Joseph & Susan Snyder  
643 38th St  
Richmond, CA 94805  
Parcel No. 518-310-003

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Juan Lozano <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 10:48 AM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Sewer Rate - Delay the Public Hearing and Oppose Increase

4225 Florida Ave, Richmond, CA  
4310 Florida Ave, Richmond, CA  
3738 Florida Ave, Richmond, CA  
3210 Ohio Ave, Richmond CA  
3212 Ohio Ave, Richmond, CA  
1920 Nevin Ave, Unit A&B, Richmond, CA

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Karen Buchanan <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 17, 2020 3:15 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Please Delay the Public Hearing regarding the Sewer Rent Increase

217 Marine Street, Richmond, CA 94801

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Yours sincerely,  
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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Kathleen Lorang <kathleen.lorang@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2020 10:57 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Protest of Proposed Sewer Rate Increase

I am the owner of a single family residence located at 616 29th Street, Richmond, CA 94804, APN 518-230-015-1.

This email shall serve as my protest against the proposed sewer rate increase which would be effective as of July 1, 2020, as follows:

1. The sewer cost on my property taxes is already the highest of any other taxes on my bill. Increasing this amount an additional 7% is simply untenable.
2. As I am unemployed, any increase to my financial obligations will cause undue stress on my ability to continue to pay my bills and survive.
3. The Covid-19 shutdown of California has created a huge financial problem for not only me, but most of my fellow Richmond property owners and we simply cannot afford this huge increase to our taxes. Please do not use this distraction and stressful time to pass an increase because homeowners are preoccupied with basic financial and health survival at this time.

Thank you,  
Kathleen L. Lorang

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Kathryn Hedjasi <khedjasi@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 15, 2020 9:02 PM  
**To:** Kathryn Hedjasi  
**Cc:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi; City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Re: Please Delay the Public Hearing regarding the Sewer Rent Increase

This increase is truly distressing as is the way this has been pushed given what is happening right now with covid and economic instability.

I urge you to not do this!!!

Sent from my iPhone

> On Apr 15, 2020, at 8:39 PM, Kathryn Hedjasi <[campaigns@good.do](mailto:campaigns@good.do)> wrote:

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> Kathryn Hedjasi

> 38 Shoreline Ct

> Richmond CA 94804

> Parcel# 560-740-037-0 00

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> Yours sincerely,  
> Kathryn Hedjasi, MA, MBA, LMFT

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Kayce Davis <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 19, 2020 10:12 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Please Delay the Public Hearing regarding the Sewer Rent Increase

551 Richmond St  
El Cerrito, CA 94530

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Kayce Davis

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Kevin Johnson <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 15, 2020 7:29 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Please Delay the Public Hearing regarding the Sewer Rent Increase

37 Seabreeze Dr., Richmond, CA 94804

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Kimberly Paternoster <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 15, 2020 7:30 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Please Delay the Public Hearing regarding the Sewer Rent Increase

1300 Quarry Court #308  
Point Richmond, CA 94801

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Krystal Fortner <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 16, 2020 6:58 AM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Lana Martarella <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 18, 2020 1:24 AM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Please Delay the Public Hearing regarding the Sewer Rent Increase

560 36th St , Richmond 94805

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3322 Nevin Avenue RICHMOND Ca 94805

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Yours sincerely,  
LaTanya Dandie

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Latrina Johnson <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 19, 2020 1:39 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Please Delay the Public Hearing regarding the Sewer Rent Increase

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We pay our taxes and enough is enough every time I turn around here come another increase.

Yours sincerely,  
Latrina Johnson

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April 15, 2020

Dear Mayor Butt, Vice Mayor Bates, and Councilmembers Martinez, Johnson, Myrick, Willis and Choi:

I am writing to **formally protest & oppose** the proposed sewer rate increases, especially during this COVID-19 pandemic when **many residents and small business owners are in survival mode**. Many have lost their jobs or have had to close their businesses; most cannot afford childcare and are schooling their kids from home; and some may be dealing with COVID-related illness within their family.

**I respectfully request our Elected Leaders:**

- Delay the Public Hearing for the Sewer Rate Increase to 45 days post the expiration of the City's Urgency Ordinance.
- Deny this proposed sewer rate increase.
- Provide written guarantees that sewer rates will be capped and ultimately decrease in the future.
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**1. The proposed sewer hike will negatively & significantly impact 67% of Richmond property owners, predominantly in lower income areas.**

Based on the County Tax Roll data the City submitted for sewer fees last August, below are the percentages of properties served by each of the three Richmond sewer districts:

- 66.60% served by Richmond Municipal Sewer District
- 27.16% served by West County Wastewater District
- 6.24% served by Stege (EBMUD) Sewer District

**2. There is significant disparity in sewer rates across Richmond, resulting in greater inequity for many of our most vulnerable residents & small businesses.**

In the first year alone, the proposed 7% increase results in sewer rates that are:

- 200% > Stege / EBMUD (based on EBMUD's website -- \$25.96/month)
- 47% > West County Wastewater

**3. The City must provide written guarantees that sewer rates will be capped and ultimately decrease in the future.**

The Public was assured (each time) that the past two sewer rate hikes were sufficient to address outstanding capital improvements. Now we are being asked to rubberstamp yet another increase.

Below is a summary of the past two rate hikes for Single-Family Homes (See Appendix, Table 1):

- 2011: 3-year rate increase of 15.7% from \$547 in 2010-11 to \$633 in 2014-15;
- 2014: **no increase**
- 2015: 5-year rate increase of 39% from \$633 in 2014-15 to \$880 in 2019-20;
- 2020: 5-year **proposed rate increase of 37.5%** from \$880 in 2019-20 to \$1,210 in 2024-25.

For multi-unit properties, it is also important to highlight that those rates are per unit.

- Using a 4-plex as an example, this proposed increase will result in an ~ \$4k/year (\$968\*4 units) increase in sewer fees alone by 2025;
- That cost will be passed onto residential and commercial tenants; in cases where Richmond's strict rent control laws don't allow a fair return, our ma & pa landlords may finally just give up and abandon Richmond altogether.

**4. The City must require the Developer/Sun Cal to pay all costs associated with the sewer line/system to Point Molate.**

Buried in Appendix U of the Point Molate Sun Cal SEIR is a multi-million dollar requirement for the City to replace 4,340 feet of sewer line from Tewksbury Ave to Cutting Blvd. This project is required to accommodate the sewage flow from Sun Cal's proposed development at Point Molate.

**5. The City must conduct an independent financial audit of the Richmond Municipal Sewer District (& supporting bonds) and deliver a report to the Taxpayers before requesting a sewer rate increase.**

- Our elected leaders have a fiduciary responsibility to ensure adequate oversight of taxpayer funds & expenditures.
- The City must provide the Public full access to audited reports using fact-based accounting and which disclose:
  - How Taxpayer dollars have been mis/spent to date;
  - How current & future costs were formulated;
  - Why costs have consistently exceeded all prior projections and to such egregious degrees;

**6. The City must establish clear oversight and accountability of the Richmond Municipal Sewer District.**

- The City's employee that oversaw Veolia for several years has been out on administrative since at least November 2019 for undisclosed reasons and this matter has been referred to the district attorney. The Public deserves to know if there are any allegations that pertain to taxpayer money and whether legal action is being pursued more than 6 months later.
- A very serious & highly credible allegation has been brought to my attention — in a prior audit, plant managers of the Richmond Municipal Sewer District were found to have owed the City (i.e., the

Taxpayers) \$5M, which the City "forgave". Taxpayers need to know if this allegation is correct, and if so, deserve full transparency into this matter.

- The City and Veolia have continued to exceed operational costs, break promises, and repeatedly go to the taxpayer well.

**7. The City must provide a fair democratic process for lodging protests and participating in the Public Hearing, irrespective of the current pandemic.**

- **Prior** to the State and Richmond enacting any emergency orders, someone in the City created an **overly burdensome process**:
  - Only written, signed protests are valid;
  - Protests must be mailed or hand delivered;
  - **Protests submitted electronically (e.g., via email), even with an e-signature, are invalid. Why?**

We are now in the midst of a public health crisis and under a mandatory shelter-in-place.

- The option to deliver protests to the City Clerk or at the Public Hearing **technically violates** the State's and City's shelter-in-place since it is not "essential" business;
- As of April 13th, 2020, the City has failed to implement technology that ensures property owners, residents & taxpayers can:
  - actively participate in and speak at the Public Hearing;
  - see/read and hear all Public comments in real time during the Public Hearing.

**These tactics are designed to suppress Public participation and opposition, thereby facilitating an easy victory for the City with zero accountability and grossly inadequate oversight of Taxpayers funds.**

Lastly, a large number of Richmond residents -- especially those in lower income brackets and living on fixed incomes -- and small businesses cannot afford this significant property tax increase let alone all of the other property/tax increases.

- Measure R (WCCUSD 7th bond) just passed on March 3, and will **further increase annual property taxes & rents** by \$300 per \$500K in assessed property valuation.
- Now combine this proposed sewer rate hike and you're looking at, on average, an increase of \$630 to \$930 per year in property taxes & rent by 2024.
- This financial pain is further exacerbated by the negative impacts COVID-19 has inflicted on residents and businesses.

**To reiterate, I humbly request our Elected Leaders:**

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Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Leisa Johnson". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Leisa Johnson  
507 Sea View Dr  
Richmond, CA 94801

## APPENDIX

**TABLE 1. SUMMARY OF SINGLE-FAMILY HOME SEWER RATES SINCE 2006**

Tax Year	Rate	% increase	
2006-07	\$402	---	
2007-08	\$434	7.96%	
2008-09	\$469	8.06%	
2009-10	\$506	7.89%	
2010-11	\$547	8.10%	
2011-12	\$574	4.94%	15.7% increase relative to 2010-11
2012-13	\$603	5.05%	
2013-14	\$633	4.98%	
2014-15	\$633	NO INCREASE	
2015-16	\$676	6.79%	39% increase relative to 2014-15
2016-17	\$722	6.80%	
2017-18	\$771	6.79%	
2018-19	\$824	6.87%	
2019-20	\$880	6.80%	
2020-21	\$940	6.82%	37.5% increase relative to 2019-20
2021-22	\$1,000	6.38%	
2022-23	\$1,070	7.00%	
2023-24	\$1,140	6.54%	
2024-25	\$1,210	6.14%	

**PROPOSED RATE INCREASES**

**TABLE 10  
PROJECTED USER RATES**

Description	Existing Rates 2021	Proposed Rates 2021	Projected For Fiscal Year Ending June 30:			
			2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Single-Unit Residential:</b>	\$ 880.00	\$ 940.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,070.00	\$1,140.00	\$1,210.00
<b>Multi-Unit Residential (1):</b>	\$ 707.00	\$ 752.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 856.00	\$ 912.00	\$ 968.00
<b>Commercial/Industrial:</b>						
Minimum Charge	\$ 527.00	\$ 564.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 642.00	\$ 684.00	\$ 726.00
Flow Rate Per IWU	\$ 63.81	\$ 67.45	\$ 71.73	\$ 76.76	\$ 81.75	\$ 86.74
Per LB of BOD	\$ 1.35	\$ 1.57	\$ 1.68	\$ 1.80	\$ 1.93	\$ 2.07
Per LB of TSS	\$ 0.63	\$ 0.71	\$ 0.76	\$ 0.81	\$ 0.87	\$ 0.93

(1) Per Dwelling Unit

## Sabrina Lundy

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Leisa Johnson

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**From:** Rev. Leroy Holland Jr <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 17, 2020 1:07 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Please Delay the Public Hearing regarding the Sewer Rent Increase. DO NOT RAISE OUR SEWER RATES.

To all who are concerned:

Good afternoon,

I am the Pastor of Calvary Missionary Baptist Church located at 425 4th Street, Richmond, CA and the property at 424 3rd Street, Richmond, Ca I'm vehemently opposed to any rate increase for our sewer system. Please do not do this as it would not only add additional hardship but it's simply the wrong thing to do. In a low income community, this would be unfair to the residents.

Yours sincerely,  
Rev. Leroy Holland Jr

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At the very least this should be postponed until after the Covid crisis has passed. Stating that this isn't due until Nov 2020, does not help when the majority of us are struggling financially due to losing work.

2805 Euclid Ave  
Richmond, 94804

Yours sincerely,  
lesli zephyr

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Linda Clem <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2020 8:27 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Sewer Rate - Delay the Public Hearing and Oppose Increase

Street Address: 507 Bridge View Ct, Richmond, CA 94801

I respectfully request that the Mayor and City Council:

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1. Conduct an independent financial audit of the Richmond Municipal Sewer District & Veolia, and deliver a report to the Taxpayers.
2. Send this service contract out for formal bids to at least three new vendors and make this process fully transparent to the Public.
3. Provide documentation to the Public that includes verifiable, fact-based accounting to support any new proposed rate hike.
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8. After a fair Public Hearing, put this to a vote to determine how a majority of property owners feel.

Yours sincerely,  
Linda Clem

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<INSERT AFFECTED RESIDENTIAL OR COMMERCIAL PROPERTY ADDRESS HERE>629 39th Street, Richmond, CA 94805

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Linda Fisher <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 15, 2020 8:59 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Please Delay the Public Hearing regarding the Sewer Rent Increase

1917 Chanslor Ave, Richmond, Ca 94801

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Yours sincerely,  
Linda Fisher

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Linda Hudock <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 19, 2020 4:31 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Please Delay the Public Hearing regarding the Sewer Rent Increase

1300 Quarry Court  
Point Richmond  
Brickyard Landing

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Yours sincerely,  
Linda Hudock

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Linda Kalin <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 16, 2020 5:53 AM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Please Delay the Public Hearing regarding the Sewer Rent Increase

1235 S 59th street, Richmond, CA

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Yours sincerely,  
Linda Kalin

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Linda Kim <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 10:48 AM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Sewer Rate - Delay the Public Hearing and Oppose Increase

15 Seabreeze Dr.

Richmond, CA 94804

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Yours sincerely,  
Linda Kim

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Lori Wickliff <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2020 8:30 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Sewer Rate - Delay the Public Hearing and Oppose Increase

<INSERT AFFECTED RESIDENTIAL OR COMMERCIAL PROPERTY ADDRESS HERE>

4800 - 4806 Potrero Avenue  
Richmond, Ca. 94804

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Yours sincerely,  
Lori Wickliff

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Luis and Yolanda Garcia <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 15, 2020 9:06 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Please Delay the Public Hearing regarding the Sewer Rent Increase

3733 Morningside Dr Richmond CA 94803

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Yours sincerely,  
Luis and Yolanda Garcia

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Magencia Takata <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 15, 2020 6:42 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Please Delay the Public Hearing regarding the Sewer Rent Increase

104 Seaview Court  
Point Richmond Ca.94801

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Yours sincerely,  
Magenia Takata

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** MARJORIE WEINGROW <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 15, 2020 7:43 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Please Delay the Public Hearing regarding the Sewer Rent Increase

1301 Quarry Court, Point Richmond

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Yours sincerely,  
MARJORIE WEINGROW

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Malia Everette <malia@altruvistas.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2020 12:59 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Please postpone for 1 year the increase of the Sewage Tax

Good day to you and yours!

I just wanted to take a moment to chime in personally about the sewage tax increase. As a home owner, and business owner, impacted by COVID I think that we really need to postpone this for one year until we have time to recovery.

Thank you,

Yours in Service,



Malia Everette

Founder and CEO

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Maria Wibawa <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 2:01 AM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Sewer Rate - Delay the Public Hearing and Oppose Increase

I live at 623 36th St , Richmond CA 94805

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Maria Wibawa

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** marhein@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 11:15 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comments - Agenda Item H-1 Sewer Rates

I am in opposition to the proposed rate change for the following reasons:

1) For at least the past 3 years we've experienced a 6.8% increase in sewer rates and now you are proposing a 7.5% average increase on the current rate of \$880 for the next 5 years. What will happen in 5 years? Will rates be increased by 9% for the 5 years thereafter or decrease to current rates?

The city of Richmond contracted garbage rates increased by almost 17% this year.

All these increases are much greater than the Consumer Price Index, and even more of a concern under this new economic reality of high uncertainty and unemployment. Retirees just can't afford these increases.

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4) Rebates for those living in private housing developments who pay for their own sewer infrastructure through their Homeowners Association fees need to be implemented.

5) Such an expensive project should be voted on by the actual tax payers.

Mary Ann Rheinberger, MBA

Parcel # 560-560-079-9 00

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Mary Crawford <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 16, 2020 8:55 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Please Delay the Public Hearing regarding the Sewer Rent Increase

424 So. 18th St.

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Mary Crawford

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Mary Ann Rubalcaba <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2020 2:29 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Sewer Rate - Delay the Public Hearing and Oppose Increase

464 Key Blvd, Richmond CA 94805

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MaryAnn Rubalcaba

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** MaryLou no Clarke <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 15, 2020 9:27 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Please Delay the Public Hearing regarding the Sewer Rent Increase

<302 Seaview Drive, Richmond, can 94801

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Meike Visel <meike.visel@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 19, 2020 8:21 PM  
**To:** Mary Phelps; City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** sewer rate increase protest  
**Attachments:** Prop218Protest.pdf

Property address 420 Dimm St, Richmond, CA 94905

Please find attached signed protest form!

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## PROPOSITION 218 PROTEST FORM

By signing the form below, I protest the proposed (water/wastewater) rate increases and affirm under penalty of law that I am the owner, authorized representative of the owner, or tenant of the below parcel.

Address of parcel receiving service: 420 Dimm St

City, State, Zip Code: Richmond, CA 94805

Parcel Number: 519-260-006

Submitted By

Print Owner or Tenant Name: Meike Visel, Axel Visel

Print Authorized Signatory: Meike Visel, Axel Visel

Signature:  

Date: 04/10/2020

**Electronic signatures will not be accepted**

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Michael Bowman <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2020 1:51 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Sewer Rate - Delay the Public Hearing and Oppose Increase

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** M Parker <mparker@rts-tech.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2020 5:59 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Item H1

To:Richmond City Council

Re: Item H1

Please record me as demanding a delay in the hearings on increasing the wastewater fees.

Please record me as a property owner in opposition to the proposed wastewater fee increase.

While I think that we need to rebuild the sewer system and indeed our whole wastewater treatment system, a huge increase is being proposed and people have a right to get their questions answered and have their concerns and alternatives heard before such action is taken.

Michael Parker  
221 Bishop Ave  
Richmond, CA 94801

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Michele Rappaport <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 19, 2020 3:38 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Please Delay the Public Hearing regarding the Sewer Rent Increase

5629 Sierra Avenue  
Richmond, CA 94805  
Parcel Number: 520-122-008-3 00

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Mike Vasilas <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 15, 2020 6:46 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
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<2626 Grant Ave. 94804>

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Mike Vasilas

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Monique de Roover <MoniquedeRoover@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 14, 2020 8:35 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Hearing, Proposed Sewer Rate Changes

April 14, 2020

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Pamela Christian  
City Clerk  
City of Richmond  
450 Civic Center Plaza  
Richmond, CA 94804  
[cityclerkdept@ci.richmond.ca.us](mailto:cityclerkdept@ci.richmond.ca.us)

Dear Ms. Christian,

We are writing this letter to protest the new sewer rate structure and proposed revenue increase. We oppose the proposed rate changes because it negatively impacts many Richmond residents. We believe this huge increase is excessive and will place an undue burden on many Richmond residents, especially with the current pandemic. There is also no justification as to why this sort of increase must occur nor is there any written guarantee that the rates will ever decrease, which is highly unlikely in any event.

We were also disappointed by the City's requirement for written statements of protest that had to be mailed or brought in person. Many Richmond residents are too poor to have internet access, so cannot email the opposition, and are too busy working multiple jobs, so cannot deliver the opposition in person. We are pleased to see that this requirement has now, apparently, been relaxed to include email delivery – especially given the exceptional circumstances we now find ourselves in during this unprecedented time of a statewide order to shelter in place.

I hope you hear our concerns and deny the rate increase entirely.

Monique de Roover  
734 Yuba Street  
Richmond, CA 94805  
Parcel Number (APN): 520-010-003  
Lot 32, Block 81

## Sabrina Lundy

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**Sent:** Friday, April 17, 2020 6:51 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Please Delay the Public Hearing regarding the Sewer Rent Increase

Nancy K. Millar Patton and  
Odell D. Patton  
5225 Nevin Ave.  
Richmond, CA 94805

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Yours sincerely,  
Nancy K Millar Patton  
Odell D. Patton

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** naomi williams <[msnana4632@sbcglobal.net](mailto:msnana4632@sbcglobal.net)>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2020 9:00 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Re: Increase in Sewer Tax

CORRECT A MISSPELLED WORD “protest” please correct thanks.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 20, 2020, at 7:47 PM, naomi williams <[msnana4632@sbcglobal.net](mailto:msnana4632@sbcglobal.net)> wrote:

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** naomi williams <[msnana4632@sbcglobal.net](mailto:msnana4632@sbcglobal.net)>  
**Date:** April 20, 2020 at 4:33:51 PM PDT  
**To:** Myrtle Braxton <[mbraxtonl@aol.com](mailto:mbraxtonl@aol.com)>  
**Subject: Re: Increase in Sewer Tax**

Naomi Wiliams, live, worked, play ,volunteer and pay Tax’s in Richmond California

I protect this proposed increase sewer tax number one, I live on a strict budget of a retirement check that all, number two, and I don’t mean the bathroom kind (or do I) when I pay all my bills that I have to pay have been increased, and pay for my medicine I have to have in order to stay alive,I just enough left so I don’t have to eat bread and drink water all month, and three this is not a one time increase it’s every year, which add up to more than my monthly retirement income PLEASE CONSIDER NOT APPROVING H-1, unless the city is going to PAY the Proposed tax increase.

Sent from my iPhone  
will

On Apr 20, 2020, at 3:13 PM, Myrtle Braxton <[mbraxtonl@aol.com](mailto:mbraxtonl@aol.com)> wrote:

Don’t forget to tell everyone your know and people in your neighborhood to protest this proposed increase in the Sewer Tax.

Sent from my iPhone

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Nathan Clark <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2020 8:43 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Sewer Rate - Delay the Public Hearing and Oppose Increase

2814 Loyola Avenue, Richmond

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Yours sincerely,  
Nathan Clark

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Nel Benningshof <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2020 10:54 AM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Sewer Rate - Delay the Public Hearing and Oppose Increase

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Yours sincerely,  
Nel Benningshof  
633 Kern Street

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Nicole Mendoza <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 15, 2020 9:16 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Please Delay the Public Hearing regarding the Sewer Rent Increase

<INSERT AFFECTED RESIDENTIAL OR COMMERCIAL PROPERTY ADDRESS HERE>

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Additionally, as a property owner I'm tired of eating all of the expenses for the city by way of taxes. We are being taxed to death.

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Yours sincerely,  
Nicole Mendoza

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Nina Smith <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 19, 2020 12:55 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Please Delay the Public Hearing regarding the Sewer Rent Increase

Nina Smith  
561 Dimm Street, Richmond CA

I respectfully request that the Mayor and City Council:

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Norma La Bat <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 16, 2020 9:31 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Please Delay the Public Hearing regarding the Sewer Rent Increase

<INSERT AFFECTED RESIDENTIAL OR COMMERCIAL PROPERTY ADDRESS HERE> 4322 Potrero Ave. Richmond Ca.

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Yours sincerely,  
Norma La Bat

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Norma Wallace <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 17, 2020 12:55 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Please Delay the Public Hearing regarding the Sewer Rent Increase

LOCATION: 130 Cottage Avenue

I respectfully request that the Mayor and City Council:

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Norma Wallace

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** oscar flores <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2020 8:03 AM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Sewer Rate - Delay the Public Hearing and Oppose Increase

1413 Ohio Ave Richmond CA, 94804

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oscar flores

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Patricia Klem <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2020 11:16 AM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
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200 Seapoint Place PT Richmond CA 94801

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**Sent:** Sunday, April 19, 2020 6:38 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Please Delay the Public Hearing regarding the Sewer Rent Increase

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**Sent:** Wednesday, April 15, 2020 8:21 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
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**Sent:** Wednesday, April 15, 2020 7:46 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
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# YAHOO! MAIL

**Subject** Please Delay the Public Hearing regarding the Sewer Rate Inc & PETITION  
**From** Paul Crum <campaigns@good.do>  
**To:** tom.butt@intres.com <tom.butt@intres.com>, jael\_myrick@ci.richmond.ca.us  
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**Cc:** cityclerkdept@ci.richmond.ca.us <cityclerkdept@ci.richmond.ca.us>  
**Date** Wed, Apr 15, 2020 at 19:46

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## Jasuara Castaneda

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**From:** Paula Mertens <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 16, 2020 1:15 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
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5 Seabreeze Dr., Richmond

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Peggy Munoz <pmunoz259@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 16, 2020 4:35 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** "Sewer Rate Protest"

Hi ,

I live at 934 29th street and I oppose the proposed sewer rate. I think our taxes are high enough. If you want to raise the sewer rates companies should be paying way more than us!!!

## Sabrina Lundy

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**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2020 10:13 AM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
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426 S 25th Street Richmond, 94804

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Richmond Ca 94806

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Yours sincerely,  
Prabhjot Singh

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Rachael Peizer <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 17, 2020 10:50 AM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Please Delay the Public Hearing regarding the Sewer Rent Increase

501 Seaview Drive, Richmond, CA 94801

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Yours sincerely,  
Rachael Peizer

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Rachel Padilla <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 16, 2020 8:45 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Please Delay the Public Hearing regarding the Sewer Rent Increase

Rachel Padilla 868 20th St Richmond, CA 94801

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Yours sincerely,  
Rachel Padilla

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Raymond Khoury <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 12:10 AM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Sewer Rate - FAVOR the Increase

Dear City Council Members,

This increase looks normal and justified.

More publicity needs to be given to the practice of NOT flushing wipes and "Flushibles" down the the toilet. This apparently causes sewer blockages which cost \$ to unclog. Hence the need for a rate increase.

Thanks,  
Ray Khoury  
5361 Heavenly Ridge Ln  
Richmond, CA 94803

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Raymond L. McCoy <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 17, 2020 3:38 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Please Delay the Public Hearing regarding the Sewer Rent Increase

RESIDENTIAL / PROPERTY(S) ADDRESSES:

Resident:	Rentals:	
3132 Serene Court, Richmond, CA 94803	3738 Center Ave., Richmond, CA 94804	401 Willard Ave., Richmond, CA 94801

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Rhonda Goodbeer <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 19, 2020 11:13 AM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Please Delay the Public Hearing regarding the Sewer Rent Increase

2642 Hinkley Ave., Richmond, CA., 94804

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Yours sincerely,  
Rhonda Goodbeer

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** rita barouch <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 16, 2020 12:15 AM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Delay the Public Hearing regarding the Sewer Rent Increase due to Covid crisis

Rita Barouch, homeowner  
936 McLaughlin St. Richmond, Ca. 94805

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Very sincerely,  
Rita Barouch

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Robert Goahay <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2020 5:24 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Sewer Rate - Delay the Public Hearing and Oppose Increase

765 western drive 94801<INSERT AFFECTED RESIDENTIAL OR COMMERCIAL PROPERTY ADDRESS HERE>

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Robert Keller <captkell@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 19, 2020 3:34 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comments, Agenda Item H-1,Sewer Rate Increase

City needs to put in writing exactly what this rate increase is paying for. Not Pt. Molate Development !

Sent from my iPhone

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Roger Fahr <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 19, 2020 1:06 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Please Delay the Public Hearing regarding the Sewer Rent Increase

752 32nd Street

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Roger Fahr

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Rose Mullins <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 16, 2020 8:27 AM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
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870 Marin Way S  
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Yours sincerely,  
Rose Mullins

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** SANDRA GRACIA <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2020 3:07 AM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Sewer Rate - Delay the Public Hearing and Oppose Increase

RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY  
Belonging to GRACIA SANDRA M TRE  
486 KEY BLVD.  
RICHMOND, CA 94805>

PARCEL NO. 519-271-030-8

I respectfully request that the Mayor and City Council:

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Thank you for courtesy and cooperation in this matter.

signed: Sandra M. Gracia

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Sandra Tarbet <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 16, 2020 6:29 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Please Delay the Public Hearing regarding the Sewer Rent Increase

Regarding Address: 450 McLaughlin St, Richmond CA 9805

I respectfully request that the Mayor and City Council:

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Sarah Gutierrez <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 15, 2020 7:56 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Please Delay the Public Hearing regarding the Sewer Rent Increase

561 30th St Richmond 94804

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Yours sincerely,  
Sarah Gutierrez

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Sarah Young <sjyoung@berkeley.edu>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 2:28 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Cc:** Young Sarah  
**Subject:** Public Comments-Agenda Item H-1 Sewer Rates

I am opposed to the proposed sewer rate increase for a number of reasons.

The implementation of a significant sewer rate increase in the city of Richmond, needs to put on hold until:

- 1) All the details of how the \$83 million for pipeline and infrastructure projects will be spent are shared with Richmond residents, especially the tax payers.
- 2) Richmond residents have voted for and approved this sewer rate increase.
- 3) A few months after Richmond's Covid-19 Shelter in Place Order has been lifted, to provide time for taxpayers to review the details of this sewer rate increase.
- 4) Until Richmond residents/tax papers have been advised that construction costs of wastewater service for private developers at Point Molate will NOT be paid by Richmond tax payers.

My sewer costs embedded in my property tax are already inordinately high. This additional increase will be difficult for those of us on fixed incomes.

Sincerely, Sarah Young

Parcel #560-560-102-9

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Saru Cownan <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 16, 2020 6:46 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Please Delay the Public Hearing regarding the Sewer Rent Increase

770 Ocean Avenue, Richmond Ca

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Yours sincerely,  
Saru Cownan

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** scottie smith <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 17, 2020 7:12 AM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Please Delay the Public Hearing regarding the Sewer Rent Increase

<At a time when so many families are unemployed and the Covid 19 virus has required all to change our way of life, it would be criminal to allow for sewer rates increases when so many people are at home and need such services daily. Many families in Richmond can not afford rent, therefore, to increase the needed services to maintain sanitation would have the affect of participation in the death and destruction of family health and welfare.

I respectfully request that the Mayor and City Council vote no on any increase in rates.

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Sheila Place <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2020 7:45 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Sewer Rate - Delay the Public Hearing and Oppose Increase

331 44 street Richmond Calif  
94805

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Yours sincerely,  
Sheila Place

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Sidonia Aguilera <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 16, 2020 8:43 AM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Please Delay the Public Hearing regarding the Sewer Rent Increase

2534 Esmond Ave, Richmond, CA 94804

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Yours sincerely,  
Sidonia Aguilera

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Sorin Feraru <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 15, 2020 8:51 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
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106 Flagship Pl, Richmond, Ca

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Yours sincerely,  
Sorin Feraru

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** stanislaw niedzwiedz <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 16, 2020 9:09 AM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Please Delay the Public Hearing regarding the Sewer Rent Increase

5017 Barrett

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Yours sincerely,  
stanislaw niedzwiedz

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Stela Teigeiro <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 11:10 AM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Sewer Rate - Delay the Public Hearing and Oppose Increase

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Yours sincerely,  
Stela Teigeiro

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Stephanie Dyer <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2020 12:28 AM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Sewer Rate - Delay the Public Hearing and Oppose Increase

5838 Panama Avenue

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Yours sincerely,  
Stephanie Dyer

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Sue Hodges <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 16, 2020 12:56 AM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Please Delay the Public Hearing regarding the Sewer Rent Increase

500 Seacliff Place  
Point Richmond CA 94801

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Yours sincerely,  
Sue Hodges

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Susan Futterman <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 15, 2020 8:52 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Susan MacHarg <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 17, 2020 4:05 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Please Delay the Public Hearing regarding the Sewer Rent Increase

<2805 Florida Ave. Richmond, CA 94804 >

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Susan Tasaki <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 19, 2020 3:24 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Please Delay the Public Hearing regarding the Sewer Rent Increase

5208 Nevin Ave., Richmond 94805

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Suzanne Coffee <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 15, 2020 4:06 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Please Delay the Public Hearing regarding the Sewer Rent Increase

<360 S. 6th St.  
Richmond CA 94804

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Tom Schleis <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 18, 2020 7:15 AM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Please Delay the Public Hearing regarding the Sewer Rent Increase

<INSERT AFFECTED RESIDENTIAL OR COMMERCIAL PROPERTY ADDRESS HERE>

2826 Chanslor ave

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Yours sincerely,  
Tom Schleis

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Toni Hanna <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2020 11:11 AM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
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**Subject:** Sewer Rate - Delay the Public Hearing and Oppose Increase

Re: 616 Commodore Drive, Richmond, CA 94804

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Yours sincerely,  
Toni Hanna

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Tony Mendicino <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2020 9:18 AM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Sewer Rate - Delay the Public Hearing and Oppose Increase

<5346 Saddleback Court, Richmond, CA

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Yours sincerely,  
Tony Mendicino

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Tony Roma <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2020 12:18 AM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Sewer Rate - Delay the Public Hearing and Oppose Increase

Tony J. Roma  
663 30th Street  
Richmond, CA 94804

I respectfully request that the Mayor and City Council:

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Tony Roma

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Trianda Keramidas-Rohrer <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 7:47 AM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Sewer Rate - Delay the Public Hearing and Oppose Increase

Affected Residential Address:  
720 35th Street  
Richmond, CA 94805

I respectfully request that the Mayor and City Council:

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Yours sincerely,  
Trianda Keramidas-Rohrer

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Victoria Lewis <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 19, 2020 1:15 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Please Delay the Public Hearing regarding the Sewer Rent Increase

2371 Rheem Ave

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Victoria STEWART <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 17, 2020 1:53 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Please Delay the Public Hearing regarding the Sewer Rent Increase

<INSERT AFFECTED RESIDENTIAL OR COMMERCIAL PROPERTY ADDRESS HERE

3128 Clinton Avenue, Richmond, Ca. 94804>

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Virginia Lux <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 19, 2020 6:12 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Please Delay the Public Hearing regarding the Sewer Rent Increase

5218 GARVIN Ave, Richmond, VS 94805

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Yours sincerely,  
Virginia Lux

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Viridiana Amaro <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 19, 2020 11:52 AM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Please Delay the Public Hearing regarding the Sewer Rent Increase

265 Sanford ave Richmond CA 94801

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Yours sincerely,  
Viridiana Amaro

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** vivian barker <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 15, 2020 6:46 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Please Delay the Public Hearing regarding the Sewer Rent Increase

202 Seaview Dr. , Point Richmond, CA 94801

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Yours sincerely,  
vivian barker

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Xin Ma <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 10:37 AM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Sewer Rate - Delay the Public Hearing and Oppose Increase

I am a small rental property owner at 622 20th Street.

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When people suffering, trying to raise fees is unconscionable!

Yours sincerely,

Xin Ma

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Zaida Valladares <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 15, 2020 7:51 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Please Delay the Public Hearing regarding the Sewer Rent Increase

1500 Costa Ave  
Richmond CA 94806

I respectfully request that the Mayor and City Council:

PLEASE DELAY THE PUBLIC HEARING for the Sewer Rate Increase to 45 days post the expiration of the City's Urgency Ordinance. During this COVID-19 pandemic, many residents and small business owners are in survival mode.

Among the pressing issues:

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- Most cannot afford childcare and are schooling their kids from home;
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PLEASE RECORD MY FORMAL PROTEST TO THE SEWER RATE INCREASE

I formally oppose the proposed sewer rate increase and humbly request the Mayor and City Council:

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5. Provide a fair and clear democratic process for lodging protests and providing public input, irrespective of the current pandemic.
6. Record and validate electronic protests.

Yours sincerely,  
Zaida Valladares

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Zakiyyah Roberson <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 19, 2020 10:27 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Sewer Rate - Delay the Public Hearing and Oppose Increase

664 3rd Street  
Richmond, Ca 94801

I respectfully request that the Mayor and City Council:

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I formally oppose the proposed sewer rate increase and humbly request the Mayor and City Council:

1. Conduct an independent financial audit of the Richmond Municipal Sewer District & Veolia, and deliver a report to the Taxpayers.
2. Send this service contract out for formal bids to at least three new vendors and make this process fully transparent to the Public.
3. Provide documentation to the Public that includes verifiable, fact-based accounting to support any new proposed rate hike.
4. Provide written guarantees that sewer rates will be capped and decrease in the future.
5. Require the Developer/Sun Cal pay for all costs associated with the sewer line(s)/system to Point Molate.
6. Establish clear oversight and accountability of the Richmond Municipal Sewer District.
7. Provide a fair and clear democratic process in a timely manner for all customers to lodge protests and participate in the Public Hearing, irrespective of the current pandemic.
8. After a fair Public Hearing, put this to a vote to determine how a majority of property owners feel.

Yours sincerely,  
Zakiyyah Roberson

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## Jasuara Castaneda

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**From:** Zannis Vasilas <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 16, 2020 11:17 AM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Please Delay the Public Hearing regarding the Sewer Rent Increase

<651 19th St. Richmond, 94801>

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6. Record and validate electronic protests.

Yours sincerely,  
Zannis Vasilas

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Alex Werth <alex@ebho.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 11:52 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comments - Agenda Item I-1

Dear Mayor Butt, Vice Mayor Choi, and Members of the City Council,

On behalf of East Bay Housing Organizations, I encourage you to direct staff to strengthen Richmond's eviction moratorium by 1) limiting rent increases during the state of emergency and 2) extending the grace period to give impacted renters more time to repay missed rent.

EBHO is a non-profit organization with over 500 organizational and individual members. For 35 years, we've worked to preserve, protect, and create affordable housing opportunities for low-income communities in Contra Costa and Alameda Counties.

We applaud you for moving swiftly to protect renters from the dangers of the coronavirus pandemic by passing one of the East Bay's first eviction moratoriums in March. In so doing, you demonstrated a clear concern for the life-or-death impact that evictions could have on impacted community members—especially low-income, senior, disabled, undocumented, or otherwise vulnerable residents. Families across Richmond are currently experiencing an alarming loss of income, increase in medical expenses, or spike in childcare costs. In such a trying time, no one should be forced to choose between purchasing food or medicine and paying their rent. That's why it's so important that Richmond's existing eviction moratorium protects tenants in the near term.

But what happens when the moratorium elapses? Once the worst of the public health emergency ends, it'll still take months and potentially years for out-of-work residents to regain and stabilize their incomes. It's therefore crucial that we give people time to get back on their feet. If we fail to act, then thousands of low-to-moderate-income renters could emerge from this crisis with a mountain of missed rent—a debt they can never repay. **This would set us on a collision course with a wave of evictions at a later date that could ruin lives, destabilized neighborhoods, and reignite existing patterns of displacement with a vengeance.**

**That's why it's essential for Richmond to strengthen its existing ordinance in the following two ways:**

1. We encourage you to include restrictions on rent increases during the state of emergency. No one should be profiting off of this dangerous situation. While the existing ordinance protects tenants from eviction for the time being, allowing landlords to increase the rent runs the risk of creating a situation where residents emerge from this crisis with an insurmountable debt, thus setting up a wave of evictions down the road.

2. Along those same lines, we are concerned that the existing 6-month repayment period for missed rent is insufficient, thus leading to evictions after the worst of the pandemic has passed. What if the crisis lasts for 3 months, or more? That would mean that tenants—many now out of work—could be expected to pay at least 1.5 times their usual rent for each of the 6 months following the state of emergency. For many low-income renters, that will be impossible, thus setting off a cascade of evictions later this year. Instead, we encourage you to create a repayment plan that extends along with the state of emergency. Specifically, we recommend that you give renters 120 days to repay rent for *each month for which rent was missed*. That way, we prepare for the worst and give tenants a chance to get back on their feet after the emergency has passed.

Finally, the Contra Costa Board of Supervisors is poised to pass a moratorium that would extend to the county as a whole. But this should be seen as the bare minimum of protection, rather than the gold standard, for renters in Contra Costa. Richmond and other cities with large low-income communities, undocumented communities, and communities of color can and must do better, in particular by providing a more expansive repayment period for missed rent.

Thank you in advance for your dedication to leading Richmond through this unprecedented crisis intact.

Sincerely,

Alex Werth

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Alex Werth | Policy Associate

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Alexina Rojas <arojas@bacr.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2020 4:46 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comment Council Meeting for item I-1 4.21.20  
**Attachments:** Letter to City Council Richmond Eviction Moratorium 4-21-20.docx

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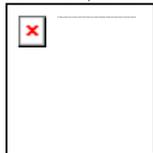
Thank you for including the attached letter in tomorrow's public comment.

Best,  
Alexina

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Alexina Rojas, M.A.  
Center Director  
West County First 5 Center  
2707 Dover Ave, San Pablo, CA, 94806  
317 11th Street, Richmond, CA, 94801  
510.232.5652

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**PLEASE READ ALOUD DURING 4.21.20 MEETING**

Good evening Mayor, Councilmembers and staff. My name is Alexina Rojas and I am the Director of the West County First 5 Center, primarily serving families in Richmond and San Pablo.

Thank you for your leadership in passing a citywide **moratorium on evictions** last week. We appreciate this important step to protect Richmond residents.

I support this moratorium because very quickly families are becoming more and more affected by the circumstances caused by the pandemic. We have stayed in touch with our families since the shelter in place, and the tone of the communication is starting to change, and we are just in the first month. More families are reporting they need assistance with rent, food, and diapers. We don't have a sustainable resource to point them to for rent assistance, and we need the City to help. Passing the citywide moratorium on evictions last week was a great first step.

While we support this ordinance, we need it to be stronger to ensure ALL Richmond families are protected during this public health crisis.

The two key elements we request you include are:

1. Provide a **grace period** for payment of back rent of **120 days per month of arrears--or at least a year--**after the Shelter in Place is lifted. *This crisis is an unknown and moving target. We need a grace period formula that adequately responds to a variety of unknown scenarios.*
2. Place a **freeze on rent increases** during the Shelter in Place order. *If residents cannot pay rent now, rent increases will only exacerbate the financial crisis across the city.*

We ask you to please pass this moratorium **today, April 21, 2020**, with these important additions. No family should face moving, relocating or being unsheltered at this time.

Thank you again Council for your leadership to keep Richmond families safe and healthy during this unprecedented time.

Alexina Rojas

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Ali Uscilka <ali.uscilka@hab45.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 10:45 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comment Council Meeting for item I-1 4.21.20

### ***PLEASE READ ALOUD DURING 4.21.20 MEETING***

Good evening Mayor, Councilmembers and staff.

My name is Ali Uscilka and I am the Director of Healthy & Active Before 5, a county-wide collaborative that advances health equity for young children and their families.

Thank you for our leadership in passing a citywide moratorium on evictions. We support this moratorium because housing insecurity poses great risks for young children, and the current crisis places thousands of Richmond families at risk.

In order to make sure that ALL Richmond families are protected, we request that you:

- Provide a grace period for payment of back rent of 120 days per month of missed rent, or at least a year. Families who are losing income now will need time to get back on their feet, and no one should have to face eviction or homelessness during the recovery from this crisis.
- Place a freeze on rent increases during the Shelter in Place order. We are concerned that any rent increases will turn the current short-term health crisis into a long-term financial crisis for families.

Thank you again for your work to keep Richmond families safe and healthy during this time.

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#### **Ali Uscilka**

Program Director | Healthy & Active Before 5  
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*Healthy & Active Before 5 is a Contra Costa collaborative that advances health equity for children ages 0-5 and their families.*

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**From:** Alice J Benham <ajbenham@me.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 8:38 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comments Agenda Items # I1and # I3

I am writing to **support Agenda Item #I-1** which proposes a reasonable approach to protecting residents from eviction due to hardship related to the COVID crisis .

I also **recommend amending Agenda Item #1-3, to remove the proposal to *suspend all residential and small business rents, and all mortgage payments of homeowners, small landlords and small businesses for the duration of the current shelter-in-place state of emergency.*** Problems with this include being both too broadly written to avoid abuse and failing to address the problems of those most in need of protection:

- 1) As written, the proposal allows individuals whose income is **unaffected** by the COVID crisis to unnecessarily avoid paying rent and mortgages,
- 2) The proposal does NOT protect COVID- affected individuals whose income won't be restored immediately after shelter-in-place restrictions are lifted.
- 3) There is no provision for making up missed payments as things return to normal, which could lead to prolonged and unnecessary exacerbation of problems for local, state, regional, and national economies

**I support the proposition to *immediately establish a service to assist Richmond small business and small landlords in filing for Federal and state assistance including the Cares Act***

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** AURHP Admin <aurhpinfo@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 2:27 PM  
**To:** Eduardo Martinez; Melvin Willis  
**Cc:** Nat Bates; Tom Butt - external; Ben Choi; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Laura Snideman; City Attorney's Office; City Clerk Dept; AURHP  
**Subject:** April 21st City Council Agenda Items I-1 & I-3: public comments from AURHP membership  
**Attachments:** san jose city attorney memo.pdf

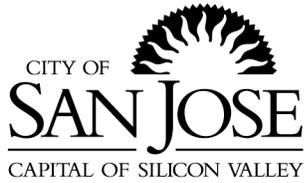
Dear Councilmember Martinez and Councilmember Willis:

We are writing in regards to the April 21st Agenda Items I-1 and I-3. Since the beginning of the pandemic, we have been advocating for you to rally around real solutions to stabilize our City's rental housing system. In the meantime, we have been speaking with Assemblywoman Buffy Wicks about developing a state-funded rental assistance program that could be administered through existing Housing Authorities. We asked for the council's support for an approach like this that could help stabilize rental housing from the ground up. Instead you came up with Item I-3.

It should be obvious that you have no power over banks, and attempting to freeze rents will be a clear violation of the Constitution and the City's allowable police power (see attached City Attorney of San Jose letter). An approach like this will only result in wasted time, bad will, foreclosures, and large transfers of taxpayer money into lawyers' pockets. While you may believe your proposal is a gesture of good will, publicly broadcasting an effort that is entirely out of touch with reality is beyond irresponsible at a time when we can least afford it.

We presume you'll quickly move past this meritless proposal so we can get back to work on solving the problems we already have rather than creating new ones.

Sincerely,  
Membership of the Association of United Richmond Housing Providers  
[www.aurhp.org](http://www.aurhp.org)



# Memorandum

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL      **FROM:** Richard Doyle

**SUBJECT:** Suspension of Rents      **DATE:** April 6, 2020

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## **BACKGROUND**

On April 7, 2020, the City Council will be considering adding an agenda item recommending a rent suspension for a period of ninety (90) days that would cancel any rental payments during the effective period of the Ordinance.

## **ISSUE**

What are the legal considerations concerning a City's ability to enact an ordinance that would suspend rents for those impacted by COVID-19?

## **SHORT ANSWER**

Suspending a tenant's contractual obligation to pay rent goes outside the boundaries of rent control and implicates the constitutional contractual rights of the parties and property rights of landlords.

## **ANALYSIS**

- I. State law Prevents a City from Regulating the Rental Rates on Properties Exempt from Rent Control.

The Costa Hawkins Act under California law prevents a City from affecting the rental rate of a property that has been previously exempted from rent control. The Apartment Rent Ordinance applies to rental units that had certificate of occupancy issued on or prior to September 7, 1979 or that was offered or available for rent on or before this date. The Apartment Ordinance, when

originally passed in 1979, exempted any new rental units first rented after its effective date. Accordingly, any properties built after the effective date of the rent control is prevented from having its rents regulated by local jurisdiction.

II. Rent Control Ordinances Permit Reducing the Rent Only Based Only Upon a Diminished Value of the Rental Unit.

Most rent control jurisdictions, including San José, provide a procedure for reducing the rent based upon a diminished value of the rental unit. Jurisdictions permitting such adjustments generally approve rent decrease (or rent credit) applications when necessary to compensate tenants for diminished value of their units due to reduced housing services, code violations, and/or deteriorated or uninhabitable conditions. This process furthers the purpose of rent control laws by counteracting the risk of landlords imposing an impermissible indirect increase through a reduction in housing services.

Rent control ordinances, however, do not provide for rent reductions based upon reasons outside of the conditions of the property, such as a tenant's hardships. The Court has also denied a city's rent reduction when the condition of the property do not rise to the level of a reduction of housing services.

III. Rent Freezes, not Rent Suspensions, are Clearly Within the Police Power of a Rent Control Jurisdiction So Long as They Provide the Landlord an Opportunity to Obtain a Fair Return.

Local rent control ordinances have utilized their police power authority to enact rent freezes in order limit rent increases. These procedures have been upheld by Courts so long as they provide a mechanism for increasing the rent to afford the landlord the ability to obtain a reasonable return on their investment.

IV. A Rent Suspension Implicates Both the Contractual Rights of the Parties and the Property Rights of a Landlord.

Broadly speaking, rent control enactments are deemed a proper exercise of a local entity's police power. That power, however, must be consistent with the fair intent of the constitutional limitation of that power. Rent control measures, like any other exercise of police power, are vulnerable to legal challenge when they go beyond their police power authority to enact reasonable rent control legislation. Specifically, rent control legislation have been subject to challenge under a 5<sup>th</sup> Amendments takings claim when the regulation's economic impact on the Landlord is such that it interferes with their reasonable investment-backed

expectations. The regulation cannot deprive the owner of the economic use of the property, such that it unfairly singles out the property owner to bear a burden that should be borne by the public as a whole.

Furthermore, the Constitution prohibits regulations that would substantially impair a contract by undermining the bargain between the parties and interfering with a party's reasonable expectations under their contract.

## **CONCLUSION**

As discussed, a suspension of rents implicates several legal issues concerning the police power to directly affect the contractual relationship between landlord-tenant and property rights protected under the U.S. Constitution. While cities can enact reasonable rent control legislation, it must be in harmony with Constitutional principles and within the boundaries of California law. A Constitutional violation could subject the City to significant legal exposure.

RICHARD DOYLE, City Attorney

By:           /s/ Chris Alexander            
CHRISTOPHER ALEXANDER  
Deputy City Attorney

For questions please contact Richard Doyle, City Attorney, at (408) 535-1900.

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Ausberto Beltran <ausbeltrane@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2020 5:34 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** 4/21/2020 City Council meeting

Please vote no on item H-1

- [Item H-1 on a proposed wastewater rate increase.](#) Increasing sewer rates should not be taken up during a health emergency. **Please vote no on item H-1**
- [Item I-1 on freezing rent increases during the shelter in the place.](#) Landlords must not allow to jack up rents on people and businesses both during and immediately after the emergency, when residents and businesses are getting back on their feet. **Please vote YES on item I-1**
- [Item I-3, on suspending rents and mortgage payments for residents and businesses.](#) Many people's and small businesses' income have been temporarily put on pause with this pandemic. By putting some of their biggest bills on pause as well, it can help prevent people and businesses from permanent financial ruin. **Please vote YES on item I-3**

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Bernadette <bgroger@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 2:52 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comment Agenda #I-1

Richmond City Council Members,

My name is Bernadette Garcia-Roger I am a resident of Richmond.

I support item I-1 regarding COVID-19 Eviction Moratorium. Amend the moratorium to include Eviction Protection for commercial retailers. We need to support the small businesses because federal help doesn't seem to be trickling down to them. They are the backbone of our local economy.

I support a rent increase freeze, people with an income loss due to the emergency will need time to get back on their feet. It may take a year to pay back missed rent or 180 days for every month of the emergency order. These protections must remain in place for the duration of the Shelter In Place emergency order. I truly hope each of you have your constituents safety and well-being on your mind when you vote. We are Richmond strong and I hope you truly are willing to look after the citizens of Richmond!

Thank you,  
Bernadette Garcia-Roger

**Sabrina Lundy**

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**From:** BK Williams Productions <againsthate2015@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2020 7:53 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public comment Agenda item I-1 COVID-19 Eviction Moratorium

Brenda Williams  
Agenda item I-1  
COVID-19 Eviction Moratorium

I-1. DIRECT staff to **analyze the proposed amendments to the temporary moratorium on evictions and draft an ordinance that includes a freeze on rent increases for residential and commercial properties up to 90 days after the shelter in place order is lifted** - Councilmember Melvin Willis (412-2050), Councilmember Eduardo Martinez (620-6593).

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Honorable Mayor and City Council,

I am requesting your **support for an amendment to the temporary moratorium on evictions for both commercial and residential properties until for an extended period after the shelter in place order is lifted.**

I have never lived through anything like Covid-19. I suspect that very few of the rules in place in our current society address what we are experiencing, and it is extremely difficult to quickly adjust to this new life. And while I am capable of writing you and asking for your consideration, I realize that many cannot respond.

So I write you for myself and all others who need your help.

Federal aid programs for working people will exclude a large number of people and businesses. Without steady incomes, families and residents will suffer. Without the ability to bring in customers and the public, small businesses and non profits will suffer.

You have the power to amend the moratorium to include

-Eviction Protection for commercial retailers.

-Rent Increase freeze.

-Allow a year to pay back missed rent or 180 days for every month of the emergency order.

-Leave protections in place for the duration of the emergency order.

I have seen everything I thought to be safe and reliable come undone in a short period of time.  
There is no longer any certainty.

To ease the burdens caused by this extreme period of loss we are in, I look to your leadership and humanity to help ease the burdens and make Richmond a city we can be proud of for doing something truly significant at a time we all need it.

In Solidarity,

B K Williams

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**From:** Christina <credse@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 14, 2020 5:05 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Ben Choi; Eduardo Martinez  
**Cc:** Laura Snideman; City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Re: A standalone eviction moratorium without rental assistance intensifies our crisis

Dear Mayor Butt and Richmond City Council Members:

I wholeheartedly endorse a rent relief fund as an essential component for housing stability for Richmond residents.

I hope you include this vitally important topic on the next city council agenda.

Sincerely,  
Christina Redse

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**From:** claudia jimenez <jimenez.claudia78@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2020 11:42 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Fwd: Public comments on The agenda Items # I-1 &# 1-3.

My name is Claudia Jimenez, resident of Richmond. I want to make public comments on the agenda items I-1 and I-3  
I-1

The city needs to:

- Amend the moratorium to include Eviction Protection for commercial retailers,
- Rent Increase freeze
- Give people a year to pay back missed rent or 180 days for every month of the emergency order.
- These protection must remain in place for the duration of the emergency order.

I-3

Residents of Richmond need to have the support need it in this difficult times. People have lost work because of Covid 19. Richmond need to pause on everything to protected its people from accumulating debt during the emergency stay in place order. In this historical unprecedented times residents of Richmond need to save their resources for food, medicine, and other vital supplies during the stay in place order. As a resident I am hoping our city leaders support renters and homeowners by suspending all residential and small business rents, and all mortgage payments of homeowners, small landlords and small businesses for the duration of the current shelter-in-place state of emergency

Thank you

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**From:** Diana Wear <diana4richmond@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2020 12:18 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comment - Agenda item I-1

Diana Wear  
Richmond resident  
Commissioner, Richmond Economic Development Commission

Item I-1 regards the Covid-19 Eviction Moratorium

The moratorium should include eviction protection for businesses and other commercial retailers. We need to do all that we can do to keep our businesses afloat here in Richmond.

Regarding the rents: all increases should be frozen. Period. And if people need to pay back missed rent after the pandemic and renters have gone back to work, they should have ample time in which to repay, say 6 months for every month of the emergency stay-at-home order.

Personally I think our government, who has called for the work stoppages should be paying these rents.

When I was a worker (I am now retired after a 36-year career) I was employed by a large organization that could afford to pay my salary in situations like this but even though I was a mid-level manager and would have been compensated, many others at my institution would not have been covered. They were no less deserving than me and such is the situation for so many today.

This rent nightmare is a mere extension of the ludicrous cost of housing in the Bay Area. The renters, most of whom are hard workers should not be held responsible. We need to support them.

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**From:** Don Gosney <dongosney@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2020 12:08 PM  
**To:** Eduardo Martinez; Melvin Willis; Nat Bates; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Tom Butt - external; Ben Choi; City Clerk Dept  
**Cc:** Don Gosney; Irene Perdomo  
**Subject:** Council Agenda Item I-1  
**Attachments:** Gosney Comments on 4.21.20 Item I-1.pdf; Gosney Comments on 4.21.20 Item I-1.docx

Please accept these attached comments on Council Agenda Item I-1. I have other comments at the end of this email for the Councilmembers.

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### COMMENTS ON RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL ITEM I-1 (04/21/20)

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Rent moratoriums are one solution but we can never forget that the idea that it's a fat cat bank that holds the mortgage is a fallacy. Many of the landlords here in Richmond are regular people that scrimped and saved to invest in rental properties to help put food in front of their own families.

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**FOR THE COUNCIL/CLERK:**

The text at the beginning of the Agenda Packet includes the following:

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Without knowing in advance how much time we’ll have for our comments, how are we supposed to properly draft our comments? Unlike when we met live in the Council Chambers, we knew that for Public Forum we might be restricted but for comments on agenda items we knew we had two minutes. Now we’re learning that your rules have changed.

We can submit written comments to each member of the Council in advance (as I’ve done here), but we have no confidence that some members of the Council will even read them. [Many of us email members of the Council regularly but only get a response maybe 3% of the time so why would we think that the emails are even being opened, let alone read?

On this particular agenda item, what’s in the packet is somewhat vague. There are no real proposals that we can see in the packet. At the same time, I’m reading in the article on KTVU’s web site: “An emergency order that would "suspend all residential and small business rents, and all mortgage payments of homeowners, small landlords and small businesses for the duration of the current shelter-in-place state of emergency" will be considered by the Richmond City Council when it meets on Tuesday.”

How would KTVU know this—the statement is in quotes as if they got it from someone from the City or the Council? Do you have more information that you can share other than what’s in the agenda packet?

*Don Gosney*

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*Life is not about waiting for the storm to pass.....it's about learning how to dance in the rain*



## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Elaine Barbara <22ebd01@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 2:48 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Agenda Item I-1 Public Comment

My name is Elaine Dockens and I reside in the City of Richmond

The effects of COVID-19 requires some "out of the box" thinking to reduce the financial effect upon renters - both residential renters and small business owners who rent their places of business.

- (1) Please include a freeze on rent increases for all residential properties. The prohibition of rent increases should last for a minimum of 12 months starting with the official date of the "shelter in place" order.
- (2) Please include a freeze on rent increases for all Richmond small business owners who rent their place of business.
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Thank You.

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Rosmarie Levy <rosmarielevy@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 2:13 PM  
**To:** Eduardo Martinez; Melvin Willis; Ben Choi; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Nat Bates; Tom Butt - external; City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Agenda Items I-1 and I-3

If the city of Richmond votes for this item tonight, then we will see no other option but to immediately sell our real estate. Other property owners opted to do this already when the TOPA ordinance was discussed a few months ago. Unfortunately this is worse than anything we previously heard.

Please make sure that you do not adopt this crazy proposal. Our loans are due - no matter what - and all the city is doing is making this situation worse.

Thanks for paying attention.

Sincerely,

Ephraim and Rosmarie Levy

**Sabrina Lundy**

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**From:** gabriella Heinsheimer <jgheinsheimer@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2020 3:28 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** public comments on consent calendar

as a resident of richmond i hope you will continue to provide leadership to minimize the devastating financial impacts of this virus.

please vote no on H 1 it is horrible to think of raising any fees at this time. so many folks are out of work.

please encourage a yes on I 1 freezing rent increases until we are all back on our feet.

please encourage I 3 give tenants the option of suspending rents if appropriate. we do not need more homeless now.

thank you gabriella

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Ilona Clark <in70clark@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 14, 2020 6:50 PM  
**To:** aurhpinfo+owners@googlegroups.com  
**Cc:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Ben Choi; Eduardo Martinez; City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Re: A standalone eviction moratorium without rental assistance intensifies our crisis

To the Richmond City Council,

As a housing provider, I wholeheartedly agree with the statewide eviction moratorium. Exacerbating homelessness in the middle of a pandemic would be unacceptable. However, stopping evictions during the COVID crisis is only part of what must be a larger solution or it will actually cause more problems than it will solve.

Like everyone, housing providers have expenses and obligations that must be met or face the loss of those properties and our ability to provide housing. Without comprehensive solutions, an eviction moratorium will not keep our renters housed over the long term. Other cities have implemented solutions that Richmond must consider. Los Angeles has used federal money to grant \$1000/mo per rental household for 3 months:

[https://laist.com/2020/04/14/supervisors\\_pass\\_rent\\_assistance\\_effort\\_expand\\_tenant\\_protections.php](https://laist.com/2020/04/14/supervisors_pass_rent_assistance_effort_expand_tenant_protections.php)

Berkeley has passed regulations that negate lowering base rents for housing providers who lower or forgive rents during the crisis, allowing us flexibility needed under rent control:

[https://www.cityofberkeley.info/uploadedFiles/Rent\\_Stabilization\\_Board/Level\\_3\\_-\\_General/Reg%201017.5%20Agreement%20Template%20\(4-10-20\).pdf](https://www.cityofberkeley.info/uploadedFiles/Rent_Stabilization_Board/Level_3_-_General/Reg%201017.5%20Agreement%20Template%20(4-10-20).pdf)

We are your community and your constituent. We are available to you as a resource for ideas and real solutions. Without a greater context, the eviction moratorium will unnecessarily deepen the economic pain that we are all feeling.

Let's get through this together.

Ilona Clark  
[AURHP.org](http://AURHP.org)

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Jane Courant <janecourant@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 1:49 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public comment on agenda item I-1

Councilmembers and mayor,

I urge you to enact a rent freeze on all residential and commercial properties while Richmond residents are sheltered in place. Such an ordinance will protect individuals and businesses who are suffering economic hardship at this challenging time.

Thank you.

Jane Courant  
Richmond resident

Sent from my iPad

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Doss & Felix <doss\_felix@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 14, 2020 6:33 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Ben Choi; Eduardo Martinez; aurhpinfo+owners@googlegroups.com  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Re: A standalone eviction moratorium without rental assistance intensifies our crisis

Hello Mayor Butt and Council,

We support this letter totally. We have had 2 repairs done at our 4-plex since the Shelter-In-Place order. We called repair people within hours. Masks and gloves were worn. Problems were rectified immediately. All our property taxes and bills were due and have been paid. We will work with renters if they are negatively effected. We are good guys. All the AURHP people we have met are good guys. We are doing our part. Please don't hang housing providers out to dry.

Thanks for your assistance,

Jerrilee Doss and Ray Felix

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**From:** Joan Peters <hopeabdi@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 12:44 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** City Council April 21 Agenda item I-1 on freezing rent increases during shelter in place

I support the freezing of rent increases during and immediately after the current shelter-in-place order we are experiencing because residents and businesses need to be able to get back on their financial feet before being subjected to rent increases, even if those increases had been scheduled well in advance!

Sincerely,

Joan Peters

1816 Carlson Blvd.

Richmond, CA 94804

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Jovanka Beckles <jovankabeckles@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 1:35 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public comment

Greetings City Councilmember, staff, City Manager,

My name is Jovanka Beckles. My comment is for agenda item I-1 and I-3

I-1

Please amend the moratorium to include eviction protection for commercial retailers; rent increase freeze; give folks a year to pay back missed rent or 180 days for every month of the emergency order.

We truly need these protections to remain in place for the duration of the emergency order.

I-3

Many people have lost work due to the Covid-19 pandemic. We need a pause on everything to protect folks from accumulating debt. **In these historical unprecedented times people need to save their resources for food, medicine, and other vital supplies during the stay in place order.**

I'm of a few fortunate people who have not lost my job so I can still afford to buy food and pay mortgage. Many are not so fortunate. It is our moral duty to help those who need it most.

Regards,

Jovanka Beckles

Sent from my iPad

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Luis Chacon <lfchacon7@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2020 2:22 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comments Council Meeting Week of 04/20/2020

First name: Luis  
Last name: Chacon  
Residence: Occupied Ohlone Territory

### Agenda item: I-1

Thank you for your time. I am contacting the council in support of the proposal to amend the current rent/mortgage moratorium to include eviction protection for commercial retailers. Without this protection, the city of Richmond is setting itself up for mass business closers and, thus, long-term job losses, which will bring countless struggles to the area's residents and, ultimately, to the city itself.

I am also supporting a rent increase freeze, along with giving people a year to pay back missed rent, or 180 days for every month the emergency order lasts. This is not a plea to forgive rent, but rather a request for the dignified and humane opportunity for the people you represent to have an opening that will allow them to realistically get back on their feet.

I ask that these protections remain in place for the duration of the emergency order, at least. I know countless family members, friends, and community members who have been unable to maintain their living expenses. In a working class city, the outlook for the future is grim. I ask that you stand for the residents that look to you for leadership during these trying times. Please.

### Agenda item: I-3

Thank you again for your time. I stand in support of the ordinance to suspend rent and mortgage payments entirely during the duration of the current emergency crisis.

People have lost work because of COVID-19 and have had to decide whether to spend their little money on rent, food, or healthcare--basic necessities. With economic stress come social stress, which manifests itself in countless unfortunate ways often resulting in crimes both in the community and domestically, particularly in domestic violence.

To offset the stress that comes with economic uncertainty, I ask that we pause everything during this emergency in order to protect people from accumulating debt whose effects will be felt possibly for years, if not generations.

People must prioritize their resources for food, healthcare, medicine, and other critical supplies. As leaders, again, we look to you for support. We ask that you use the power that you have to ease the burdens that this emergency order have brought to the residents of Richmond.

With rent/housing costs taking up a significant percentage of everyone's budget, it is one of the top concerns my family members and friends have at this time. Please help set our mind at ease for now and support the suspension of rent and mortgage during this time.

Thank you for your time,

Luis Chacon

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**Subject:** A standalone eviction moratorium without rental assistance intensifies our crisis

Dear Mayor Butt and Richmond City Council Members:

We are deeply disappointed in the council's handling of the April 7th agenda item H-2, the eviction moratorium. Based on the discussion of H-2, our City leadership appears to believe the most stringent form of eviction prevention is somehow the sole solution to our mounting health, housing, and economic crisis. We can assure you, it is not. Other cities, like Berkeley, developed a comprehensive approach which included rental assistance along with their eviction moratorium legislation, instead of just deepening their housing providers' financial challenges.

No one should lose their housing due to COVID-19 related loss of income, thus an eviction moratorium is appropriate so long as our leadership can see it is a temporary stopgap. On its own, without any city facilitation, accountability, or enforcement, this will open the door to abuse and create further housing instability. We were expecting to hear that you understand the importance of creating support for everyone, and how you plan to fortify the housing system for all Richmond residents. Instead you went in the opposite direction, failing to even acknowledge the cascading effects that a standalone eviction moratorium without accompanying financial support will have on our rental housing system. You failed to acknowledge the impact of this legislation on the almost 1800 housing providers who live in Richmond. Rather, you discussed every way you could intensify our financial vulnerability. Perhaps you don't comprehend the magnitude of the situation, perhaps you have no concern for your small housing providers, or perhaps you don't care. None of these reasons are acceptable from City leadership.

By eliminating any requirement for tenants to demonstrate COVID-19 related economic hardship, now or in the future, the council essentially implied that rent is optional. As a result, housing providers are now effectively required to provide interest-free loans to renters with no guarantee this back due amount will ever be repaid. This is whether or not the tenants have any real financial need and regardless of the housing provider's own personal loss of income. Meanwhile, what is not at all optional are our mortgages, property taxes, and ongoing obligations to physically and financially maintain our renters' housing. How is this just or sustainable?

Thank you to Council Member Nat Bates for being a voice of reason and

fairness on this issue. You were the only one to acknowledge the burden being placed on Richmond housing providers, many of whom are seniors who depend on their rental income to cover bills, many of whom have jobs and family circumstances that have been profoundly impacted by this pandemic.

In times of emergency, it is the duty of our elected officials to protect life and property. We are currently reaching out to State legislators to lobby for a rent assistance program funded through State and Federal stimulus dollars, that could provide true stability from the ground up. We hope that we can count on your support for this type of approach.

Sincerely,

Members of the Association of Richmond Housing Providers  
[www.aurhp.org](http://www.aurhp.org)

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** M Parker <mparker@rts-tech.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2020 6:37 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Item I-1 on Council Agenda

**A long grace period is essential** for anyone now out of work who gets to return to work when the emergency is lifted. No one who can barely make rent before the emergency will be able to pay a lump sum of three or four times the monthly rent payment when they are only starting back to work. The same for small businesses. The moratorium and grace period must be extended to small businesses

And since most people put out of work will not be hired back immediately if ever you must consider the action called for in I-3

Keeping the community stable is imperative for all of us.

Thank you

Mike Parker

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** TARNEL ABBOTT <tarnelabbott@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 1:29 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comment Agenda Item # I1

Richmond City Council Members,

My name is Tarnel Abbott, I am a resident of Richmond.

I support item I-1 regarding COVID-19 Eviction Moratorium . Amend the moratorium to include Eviction Protection for commercial retailers. We need to support the small businesses. They are the backbone of our e

local economy. I support a rent Increase freeze, people who have lost income due to the emergency will need time to get back on their feet. It may take a year to pay back missed rent or 180 days for every month of the emergency order. These protection must remain in place for the duration of the Shelter In Place emergency order.

Thank you,

Tarnel Abbott

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Virginia Ramirez <virginia\_ramirez08@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 1:56 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comments- agenda item # I-1 : Richmond City Council Meeting 4-21-2020

Good evening city council.

My name is Virginia and I am a Richmond Resident and an ACCE Member.

I urge you to support Item I-1: To support the propose amendment of freezing rent increases.

I would like for you to also add the following 3:

- 1.) Extend the grace period for renters to pay back rent to 12 months
- 2.) Add a moratorium for rent increases for the duration of the crisis
- 3.) Add a moratorium on evictions for small businesses

In the state that we live in where more than 50 percent of our income goes to rent, and many counting on two jobs, myself included, to hold down a place to live, it is important not to displace our people during a global pandemic. You as our representatives, you know how we live and we are letting you know how you can help us locally.

Thank You

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Elaine Barbara <22ebd01@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 2:59 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Agenda Item I-2

My name is Elaine Dockens and I live in the City of Richmond.

I fully support Agenda I-2 and join in the request that the City formally requests that the County provide COVID-19 testing for West Contra Costa County Service providers.

Specifically, for the fire, police, emergency medical technicians and all hospital and nursing home workers - at no cost to them

Thank You.

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Alice J Benham <ajbenham@me.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 8:38 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comments Agenda Items # I1and # I3

I am writing to **support Agenda Item #I-1** which proposes a reasonable approach to protecting residents from eviction due to hardship related to the COVID crisis .

I also **recommend amending Agenda Item #1-3, to remove the proposal to *suspend all residential and small business rents, and all mortgage payments of homeowners, small landlords and small businesses for the duration of the current shelter-in-place state of emergency.*** Problems with this include being both too broadly written to avoid abuse and failing to address the problems of those most in need of protection:

- 1) As written, the proposal allows individuals whose income is **unaffected** by the COVID crisis to unnecessarily avoid paying rent and mortgages,
- 2) The proposal does NOT protect COVID- affected individuals whose income won't be restored immediately after shelter-in-place restrictions are lifted.
- 3) There is no provision for making up missed payments as things return to normal, which could lead to prolonged and unnecessary exacerbation of problems for local, state, regional, and national economies

**I support the proposition to *immediately establish a service to assist Richmond small business and small landlords in filing for Federal and state assistance including the Cares Act***

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Ausberto Beltran <ausbeltrane@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2020 5:34 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** 4/21/2020 City Council meeting

Please vote no on item H-1

- [Item H-1 on a proposed wastewater rate increase.](#) Increasing sewer rates should not be taken up during a health emergency. **Please vote no on item H-1**
- [Item I-1 on freezing rent increases during the shelter in the place.](#) Landlords must not allow to jack up rents on people and businesses both during and immediately after the emergency, when residents and businesses are getting back on their feet. **Please vote YES on item I-1**
- [Item I-3, on suspending rents and mortgage payments for residents and businesses.](#) Many people's and small businesses' income have been temporarily put on pause with this pandemic. By putting some of their biggest bills on pause as well, it can help prevent people and businesses from permanent financial ruin. **Please vote YES on item I-3**

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Bernadette <bgroger@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 2:59 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comment Agenda #I-3

Richmond City Council Members,

My name is Bernadette Garcia-Roger I am a resident of Richmond.

I support agenda item I-3 directing staff to create an ordinance to suspend rent and mortgage payments ENTIRELY during the duration of the emergency crisis. People have lost work because of COVID-19, we cannot have people losing housing as well. We need to protect people from accumulating debt during the emergency Shelter in Place order. People need to save their resources for food, medicine, and other vital supplies. These protection must remain in place for the duration of the Shelter In Place emergency order. Please consider the lives of your constituents and how your decisions can make it worse for our neighbors. Please make the decision to make it better for the residents of Richmond.

Thank you,  
Bernadette Garcia-Roger

Bernadette

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** BK Williams Productions <againsthate2015@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2020 7:42 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comment Agenda item I-3

Brenda (BK) Williams  
Richmond  
Agenda item I-3

I-3. DIRECT staff to draft an emergency order that will **suspend all residential and small business rents, and all mortgage payments of homeowners, small landlords and small businesses for the duration of the current shelter-in-place state of emergency**; and DIRECT staff to immediately establish a service to assist Richmond small business and small landlords in filing for Federal and state assistance including the Cares Act - Councilmembers Eduardo Martinez (620- 6593) and Melvin Willis (412-2050).

Honorable Mayor and City Council,

I awoke this morning to several messages from friends across the state thrilled to learn I-3 was on your agenda. I write asking you to direct staff to create an ordinance to **suspend rent & mortgage payments ENTIRELY** during the duration of the emergency crisis.

Unfortunately many people have lost work because of COVID-19. It is prudent that we pause and do whatever we can to protect people from accumulating debt during the emergency stay in place order.

We are in unprecedented times and our residents are fighting to save their lives and the lives of their families. Folks are trying to preserve their resources for food, medicine, and other vital supplies during the stay in place order.

I've seen cars lined up to collect food. I've talked to young folks who fear not having summer jobs. I've listened to families, nurses, aids and grocery store clerks who break down and cry out of fear. I have said more prayers than ever before and I've donated every chance I get.

But real action needs to come from you. Please **create an ordinance to suspend rent & mortgage payments ENTIRELY** during the duration of the emergency crisis. Your action will lift burdens and show leadership and humanity. We can figure this out and be a model for other cities looking for a light.

In Solidarity,

B K Williams

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

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** claudia jimenez <jimenez.claudia78@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2020 11:42 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Fwd: Public comments on The agenda Items # I-1 &# 1-3.

My name is Claudia Jimenez, resident of Richmond. I want to make public comments on the agenda items I-1 and I-3  
I-1

The city needs to:

- Amend the moratorium to include Eviction Protection for commercial retailers,
- Rent Increase freeze
- Give people a year to pay back missed rent or 180 days for every month of the emergency order.
- These protection must remain in place for the duration of the emergency order.

I-3

Residents of Richmond need to have the support need it in this difficult times. People have lost work because of Covid 19. Richmond need to pause on everything to protected its people from accumulating debt during the emergency stay in place order. In this historical unprecedented times residents of Richmond need to save their resources for food, medicine, and other vital supplies during the stay in place order. As a resident I am hoping our city leaders support renters and homeowners by suspending all residential and small business rents, and all mortgage payments of homeowners, small landlords and small businesses for the duration of the current shelter-in-place state of emergency

Thank you

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«Es porque soy tan testaruda que todavía insisto en cambiar el mundo» Mercedes Sosa



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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Deborah Bayer <dbayer49@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 2:57 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Item I-3

I support Item I-3 that would suspend rent and mortgage for both residents and small business for the duration of the Covid crisis and for an extended period afterwards. Three months is not enough. The economy will not be returning to previous levels any time soon, and few people have the resources to both replace the financial losses caused by the crisis and meet resumed day to day expenses.

This is not a normal period of time and we need to think outside the box in terms of property rights and who owes whom for what. Instead we need to think of the effects on our community and protect each and every one of us as if we were all in this together, because we are.

We do not want families thrown out of their homes after shelter at home ends. There will still be a Covid threat and the city will still be responsible for the health and safety of our residents. We do not want small businesses lost, but need to help these essential business owners to ride out the financial crisis caused by Covid until they are once more on a healthy footing. The long term health of the Richmond community depends on this.

Setting up an agency to help people apply for government assistance will be necessary. This needs to happen in every town in America, but let us start it in Richmond.

Thank you,  
Deborah Bayer  
Richmond  
510-685-5999



## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Diana Wear <diana4richmond@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2020 12:21 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comment - Agenda item I-3

Diana Wear  
Richmond resident  
Commissioner, EDC

City staff should be directed to create an ordinance to suspend rent and mortgage payment during the time of Covid-19 stay-at-home order.

Residents are innocently caught between a rock and a hard place.

The government decided to have places of employment closed—not the renters or home owners. We need to stop the clock on due payments.

We cannot in good conscience ask people to take on debt—it's the student college loan debacle all over again, only this time people have no new education or skills to show for the time off. It is just another layer of burden and merely highlights the continuing horror of housing costs in our geographical area. It is unfair and unjust.

These are unprecedented times. People need to feed their families, scrape what little funds they have for other life amenities, like medicine, clothes, and other general life-sustaining supplies. A rent burden on top of not being able to work is unreasonable.

If this had happened to me while I was working I would have been beside myself with stress and anxiety. I know what it is to work for a living and just be a law-abiding citizen. I have every confidence that is the fate facing many of my fellow Richmond residents. We must help them stay at home today and beyond the pandemic.

**Sabrina Lundy**

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**From:** gabriella Heinsheimer <jgheinsheimer@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2020 3:28 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** public comments on consent calendar

as a resident of richmond i hope you will continue to provide leadership to minimize the devastating financial impacts of this virus.

please vote no on H 1 it is horrible to think of raising any fees at this time. so many folks are out of work.

please encourage a yes on I 1 freezing rent increases until we are all back on our feet.

please encourage I 3 give tenants the option of suspending rents if appropriate. we do not need more homeless now.

thank you gabriella

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Gwen Willows <gwillows@sonic.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 2:56 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comments -AGENDA ITEM # I 3

Richmond City Council Members:

My name is Gwen Willows. I am an elderly resident of Richmond.

I absolutely support agenda item I-3 directing staff to create an ordinance to suspend rent and mortgage payments ENTIRELY during the duration of the emergency crisis. I rent a house and have lost my work because of Covid-19. (Yes, I am still working of necessity even though I am an elder.) My only source of income now is Social Security. My landlord, who has no mortgage payments on the house, wants me to move so he can sell the house. So far, the Richmond Rent Board regulations have prevented this. Please enact agenda item I-3 so I can continue to have a home during this crisis. Thank you.

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Ilona Clark <in70clark@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 12:09 AM  
**To:** Ben Choi; City Clerk Dept; Demnlus Johnson III; Eduardo Martinez; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis; Nat Bates; Tom Butt - external; Trina Jackson  
**Subject:** I-3

Richmond City Council Members,  
I expect this comment to be read (not summarized) at the city council meeting in the appropriate public comments portion of the meeting.

According to Item I-3 for tomorrow's city council meeting, all mortgage payments and all residential and small business rents will be suspended.

- A suspension of rents implicates several legal issues concerning the police power to directly affect the contractual relationship between housing provider-renter and property rights protected under the U.S. Constitution.
- While cities can enact rent control legislation, it must be in harmony with Constitutional principles and within the boundaries of California Law.
- However, even rent control ordinances do not provide for rent reductions based on reasons outside the conditions of the property which do not rise to the level of a reduction of housing services.
- This regulation unfairly singles out housing providers to bear a burden that should be borne by the public as a whole.
- The Constitution prohibits regulations that substantially impair a contract by interfering with a party's reasonable expectations under their contract

This Constitutional violation will subject the City to legal challenge. *This will be expensive for the city.*

The item refers to filing for assistance through the Cares Act. This involves loans

<https://bancofcal.com/cares-act-small-business-relief/>

Loans must be paid back with interest. If you are suspending the rents that I need to pay the mortgage on my duplex, then how will I repay the Cares loan?

Ilona Clark RN  
AURHP

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A mistake that makes you humble is better than an achievement that makes you arrogant

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Joan Peters <hopeabdi@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 12:50 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** City Council April 21 Agenda item I-3 on suspending rents for residents & businesses

I support the suspending of rents and mortgage payments for residents and businesses whose incomes have been temporarily put on pause during this shelter-in-place order we are following. Such a suspension could prevent them from suffering permanent financial ruin.

Sincerely,

Joan Peters

1816 Carlson Blvd.

Richmond, CA 94804

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Jovanka Beckles <jovankabeckles@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 1:35 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public comment

Greetings City Councilmember, staff, City Manager,

My name is Jovanka Beckles. My comment is for agenda item I-1 and I-3

I-1

Please amend the moratorium to include eviction protection for commercial retailers; rent increase freeze; give folks a year to pay back missed rent or 180 days for every month of the emergency order.

We truly need these protections to remain in place for the duration of the emergency order.

I-3

Many people have lost work due to the Covid-19 pandemic. We need a pause on everything to protect folks from accumulating debt. **In these historical unprecedented times people need to save their resources for food, medicine, and other vital supplies during the stay in place order.**

I'm of a few fortunate people who have not lost my job so I can still afford to buy food and pay mortgage. Many are not so fortunate. It is our moral duty to help those who need it most.

Regards,

Jovanka Beckles

Sent from my iPad

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Luis Chacon <lfchacon7@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2020 2:22 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comments Council Meeting Week of 04/20/2020

First name: Luis  
Last name: Chacon  
Residence: Occupied Ohlone Territory

Agenda item: I-1

Thank you for your time. I am contacting the council in support of the proposal to amend the current rent/mortgage moratorium to include eviction protection for commercial retailers. Without this protection, the city of Richmond is setting itself up for mass business closers and, thus, long-term job losses, which will bring countless struggles to the area's residents and, ultimately, to the city itself.

I am also supporting a rent increase freeze, along with giving people a year to pay back missed rent, or 180 days for every month the emergency order lasts. This is not a plea to forgive rent, but rather a request for the dignified and humane opportunity for the people you represent to have an opening that will allow them to realistically get back on their feet.

I ask that these protections remain in place for the duration of the emergency order, at least. I know countless family members, friends, and community members who have been unable to maintain their living expenses. In a working class city, the outlook for the future is grim. I ask that you stand for the residents that look to you for leadership during these trying times. Please.

Agenda item: I-3

Thank you again for your time. I stand in support of the ordinance to suspend rent and mortgage payments entirely during the duration of the current emergency crisis.

People have lost work because of COVID-19 and have had to decide whether to spend their little money on rent, food, or healthcare--basic necessities. With economic stress come social stress, which manifests itself in countless unfortunate ways often resulting in crimes both in the community and domestically, particularly in domestic violence.

To offset the stress that comes with economic uncertainty, I ask that we pause everything during this emergency in order to protect people from accumulating debt whose effects will be felt possibly for years, if not generations.

People must prioritize their resources for food, healthcare, medicine, and other critical supplies. As leaders, again, we look to you for support. We ask that you use the power that you have to ease the burdens that this emergency order have brought to the residents of Richmond.

With rent/housing costs taking up a significant percentage of everyone's budget, it is one of the top concerns my family members and friends have at this time. Please help set our mind at ease for now and support the suspension of rent and mortgage during this time.

Thank you for your time,

Luis Chacon

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Mark Wiese <mwiese@pacifichousing.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 12:23 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Cc:** 'Mark Wiese'  
**Subject:** Public Comments - Agenda Item I-3, April 21st Regular Meeting of the Richmond City Council

Good evening Mayor Butt, Vice Mayor Choi, and Councilmembers Bates, Martinez, Johnson, Myrick and Willis,

My name is Mark Wiese and I am the President of Pacific Housing, Inc. Pacific Housing, is a non-profit, 501 c3, public benefit corporation. Although based in Sacramento, we are a partner and co-owner of 106 affordable apartment communities, totaling roughly 17,000 apartment units, that are located through-out California. We are a co-owner and partner in The Vue Apartments at 3600 Sierra Ridge Ave. in Richmond. Formally known as Summit at Hilltop, this 240 unit apartment community has 180 units that serve a population earning under 80% area median income.

I am writing to ask you to **not** approve Item I-3. While you may feel that this is contrary to Pacific Housing's mission to serve lower income families and individuals, we disagree. The proposed emergency order could, and probably would, put all affordable housing in Richmond at risk of foreclosure, and that foreclosure would mean loss of affordable-restricted rental units. Upon foreclosure regulatory and deed restrictive covenants would be eliminated, simply meaning that rents can then increase to market rate. Moreover, a rent suspension would negatively affect how lenders and investors underwrite future affordable housing projects in Richmond. It would become difficult, if not impossible, to develop further affordable housing in Richmond for years to come.

Please also understand that my request is specific to *rent payment suspension* and again, I encourage you to **not** approve Item I-3.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Mark

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Michelle Garay <Michelle.Garay@edenhousing.org> on behalf of Linda Mandolini <LMandolini@edenhousing.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 12:21 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Cc:** Linda Mandolini; Donald Gilmore  
**Subject:** Letter of Public Comment - City Council Meeting 4/21/2020  
**Attachments:** Letter to Richmond4.20.20.pdf

Hello,

Attached for public comment for today's meeting is a letter from Eden Housing and Community Housing Development Corporation (CHDC).

Thank you,



**Michelle Garay | Executive Assistant | BOD Coordinator**  
Eden Housing | 22645 Grand Street, Hayward, CA 94541  
510-247-8186 **Office** |  
[Michelle.Garay@edenhousing.org](mailto:Michelle.Garay@edenhousing.org) | [www.edenhousing.org](http://www.edenhousing.org)

The mission of Eden Housing is to build and maintain high-quality, well-managed, service-enhanced affordable housing communities that meet the needs of lower income families, seniors and persons with disabilities.



April 20, 2020

Mayor Tom Butt  
City of Richmond  
450 Civic Center Plaza  
Suite 300  
Richmond, CA 94804

Re: Item I-3 – Rent Suspension Ordinance

Dear Mayor Butt,

We are writing to comment on behalf of Eden Housing and Community Housing Development Corporation, to comment on the City's proposed rent suspension ordinance. We appreciate the efforts the City of Richmond is making to respond to the profound impact COVID-19 is having on Richmond's low income residents. We share the City's concern for the low income residents of our communities and are committed to ensuring that our tenants stay housed, now and for the long-term.

In this challenging environment, as long-term affordable housing providers, we face the dual challenge of keeping residents housed and assuring the capacity of the affordable housing sector to continue to maintain its existing stock and avoid significant default and foreclosure events in the portfolios and emerge from this shut down with the capacity to produce more affordable housing.

On the tenant side, we have not only implemented the City's Tenant Eviction Moratorium, we are using the federal standard that allows tenants to defer rent payment through the end of July. While we expect to hear more from our tenants over the next few days, some of our tenants have already told us they can make partial rent payment and are asking for accommodation on payment plans while they wait to file for unemployment. We are working with every tenant to assure that they are aware of their ability to defer rent payment and of community resources to assist them through this – from rent payment to food needs, we are doing regular welfare checks to help our residents. We are also helping them learn how to navigate the unemployment benefits system. We have even created our own fund to help the neediest tenants.

Unfortunately, we don't yet have a solution to balance the subsequent challenges the properties may experience from a proposal like the one the City is considering. While we have access to debt forbearance for some of our projects, the most liberal of these policies require the properties to repay the debt next year. Many of the larger projects in the affordable housing portfolios have complex bond structures that can't be automatically unwound to allow for forbearance. We also have an immediate obligation to pay for utilities provided to our properties, water and sewer and electricity, special property tax assessments and other expenses like insurance, none of which have offered us a payment suspension and forgiveness that matches the proposed rent suspension. So the combination of non-payment of rent and immediate payment obligations could jeopardize the financial health of many

properties. This sort of rent suspension would be especially challenging for one of our smallest Richmond projects – Chesley Mutual Housing which has always had thin margins, very few rent subsidies and has very small reserves to fall back on. Finally, should the affordable properties land in foreclosure, the first mortgage lenders have the right to remove all income restrictions as they are subordinate to the primary lienholder. In the long term, this would not be in the City’s best interest nor in the interest of the tenants who reside in affordable housing.

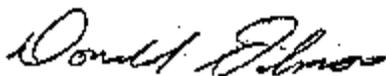
The solution to the challenge of meeting the tenants’ needs and assuring the survival of the affordable housing portfolio cannot be solely rent suspension. The City and all other levels of government need to consider how to create a rent relief program that will assure that the tenants can bridge their way out of this crisis to new employment and affordable owners can prevent the default of their portfolios. To that end, there are immediate steps the City could take that would allow us to stabilize the properties in its affordable portfolio:

1. Immediately authorize the use of any operating reserves to buffer tenant non-payment of rent.
2. Defer all payment of 2019 residual receipts owed to the city by affordable housing providers at the property level and allow those to be placed in a reserve for the benefit of the properties and residents. Ideally this would be a pooled reserve that an owner could use across all properties being held in Richmond.
3. At the end of the year, if the crisis has subsided, allow the use of any unused residual to forgive the past due rent owed by tenants, starting with the tenants most in need. While the criteria for this can be worked out, the City should consider helping the tenants who do not have any form of rent subsidy first. HUD has made it clear at the federal level, that the housing authorities can work with tenants to adjust incomes for Section 8 properties.
4. Consider use of CDBG COVID relief funds to assist tenants with at least partial rent payment.

Finally, we are working with State and Federal partners on relief proposals that would keep people housed and avoid wholesale default in the affordable housing portfolios. It is critical that new resources be brought to bear in this effort so we can assure that we can soft land the tenants and keep them housed, stabilize the portfolios and continue to produce more affordable housing after the COVID crisis subsides.

Thank you again for your partnership and your work on behalf of Richmond’s most vulnerable populations.

Sincerely,



Donald Gilmore,  
Executive Director  
CHDC



Linda Mandolini  
President  
Eden Housing

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** M Parker <mparker@rts-tech.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2020 6:37 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Item I-3 on Council Agenda

You must take action to help home owners and small businesses in Richmond as well as renters. A moratorium even with a grace period will be of little help to people who do not get to return to work immediately when the emergency is lifted. All predictions are that people will be wary of returning to normal patterns and small businesses need the capital to ramp up. Pausing the economy should include pausing rent and mortgage obligations.

Application for Federal aid is very difficult, especially for people not familiar with government bureaucracy or are not native English speakers. The city should establish an office immediately to help small businesses and landlords obtain the Federal bailout money that is available.

While some parts of this may be challenged legally as to jurisdiction, passing this will begin to force action on the issue. We should not wait.

Thank you

Mike Parker

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** TARNEL ABBOTT <tarnelabbott@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 1:39 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comments -AGENDA ITEM # I 3

Richmond City Council Members,

My name is Tarnel Abbott, I am a resident of Richmond.

I support agenda item I-3 directing staff to create an ordinance to suspend rent and mortgage payments ENTIRELY during the duration of the emergency crisis. People have lost work because of COVID-19, we cannot have people losing housing also. We need to slow everything in order to protect people from accumulating debt during the emergency Shelter in Place order. People need to save their resources for food, medicine, and other vital supplies. These protection must remain in place for the duration of the Shelter In Place emergency order.

Thank you,

Tarnel Abbott

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**From:** City Attorney's Office  
**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2020 3:51 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Cc:** Rachel Sommovilla  
**Subject:** FW: Unconstitutionality of Agenda Item I-3 (Rent Suspension) on Richmond City Council Agenda for April 21st, 2020

Dear Clerk's.

We received the public comment below for item I-3.

Regards,

**Sofia Perez Leon** | City Attorney's Office | City of Richmond  
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**From:** Goodwin, Thomas M [mailto:thomas\_m\_goodwin@uhc.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2020 3:27 PM  
**To:** City Attorney's Office  
**Subject:** Unconstitutionality of Agenda Item I-3 (Rent Suspension) on Richmond City Council Agenda for April 21st, 2020

Dear City Attorney Goodmiller,

My family lives and works in Richmond. We moved out of our prior house in order to get more space for our expanding family, but decided to keep our old Richmond house and rent it out. There currently is no profit for us on that house. The rent we receive just barely covers the mortgage, taxes, insurance and utilities.

I believe that the proposal to suspend rent in Richmond is unjust and unconstitutional on a number of fronts. But, before I walk through those concerns, I wanted to put forth a proposal. We are in unprecedented times. There is no solution that is perfect for everyone. That being said, instead of the outright rent suspension, I propose that the following rule: any renter who has lost their job, been furloughed, or otherwise had their pay cut due to Covid-19 should be able to defer their back rent by 2 months following the end of the shelter in place order and then any amounts back due (with no interest) shall be repaid in 10% increments. This way, the renter is not subject to a huge amount due as soon as the shelter in place ends, but the homeowner or landlord is still able to eventually recoup the past due rent. I feel that is the only way to be as equitable as you can be to both renter and homeowner/landlord.

Here are my concerns with the rent suspension proposal:

**1. Rent suspension is unconstitutional under the Takings Clause of the U.S. Constitution**

- a. I understand that the Law Foundation of Silicon Valley has a different view, but keep in mind that they are not a neutral party. Just like you have a prosecutor and a defense attorney in a trial with different

angles and lenses, the Law Foundation has its own angle is looking to further its agenda. The San Jose City Attorney reviewed rent suspension a couple of weeks ago (and had the Law Foundation's analysis in hand), and his conclusion was that rent suspension would indeed be a "taking" and would open up the City of San Jose to \$100M+ in liability.

2. **Mortgage suspension is unconstitutional under the Takings Clause of the U.S. Constitution, AND is going to cause tremendous blowback on the city from lenders**
  - a. If rent suspension is unconstitutional, mortgage suspension certainly is as well. In addition, you have the added issue on whether you can enforce such a law against a non-Richmond corporation. Can you really tell Joe Smith that he doesn't have to pay Chase his monthly mortgage for 3 months, and Chase will have to just take that with no repercussions for Joe Smith? That doesn't seem plausible.
  - b. If Richmond does suspend all mortgage payments in Richmond, why would a lender ever loan on a Richmond house again? If I was XYZ mortgage company, I would never give a mortgage on a Richmond house ever again. It is too risky. As a result, your would-be Richmond homeowner won't be able to buy that house because they can't get a loan, and your would-be seller won't be able to sell their house. That sounds like a disaster for Richmond and its residents.
3. **Having rent suspension without mortgage suspension would be unbelievable unfair, particularly to homeowners who rent out our houses.**
  - a. If after discussion the City Council decides to keep going with the rent suspension but decides to pass on the mortgage suspension, all you would be doing is passing the buck, forcing all of us homeowners to eat all of the loss, which will result in foreclosures, and renters on the street.
  - b. If this is passed by the City Council and includes both rent suspension and mortgage suspension, there needs to be a provision that if the mortgage suspension is deemed unconstitutional by the courts, then the entire provision is invalid. Otherwise, you might pass a law with both rent suspension and mortgage suspension, but in one month the courts rule that the mortgage suspension is unconstitutional. In that case, without that added language, you may be stuck with rent suspension but not mortgage suspension, and that would be a nightmare.
4. **The proposal doesn't seem to make any distinction as to whether the renter has been financially impacted by Covid-19.** Even if this passes, if the renter is not financially impacted by Covid-19 there shouldn't be a get out of rent card. That just seems unbelievably unfair and unjust.
5. **This proposal would unfairly punish homeowners who have paid off their house, and have decided to rent all or a portion of it out.** For instance, maybe it is a senior retired couple who uses rental income to pay their medical bills, etc. Under this proposal, their renters would never have to pay them rent for this time period, and they don't need the mortgage relief as they don't have a mortgage.

Sincerely,

Thomas M. Goodwin, Esq.

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**From:** Virginia Ramirez <virginia\_ramirez08@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 1:56 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comments- agenda item # I-3 : Richmond City Council Meeting 4-21-2020

Good evening City Council,

My name is Virginia and I am a Richmond Resident, and a community organizing member with ACCE.

I urge you to support Item I-3 and suspend rent and mortgage payments for residents and businesses for the duration of the shelter in place order.

There should be a forgiveness during a pandemic that has killed thousands of people in the US. The number is at 40,000 people who have died as of last week. Not only will this give our residents a piece of mind, and hope, it will stop the majority of our residents from drowning in debt after the global crisis is over.

Our federal government should be able to respond with something like this so that the recovery period is quick, efficient, and just for the entire country.

We have to think ahead and know and understand what outcomes we will have, and instead of waiting for the worse, we should be able to act with a preventative set of mind. I urge you to start this locally tonight.

Thank you.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT BEFORE CLOSED SESSION	Daniel Large	I oppose the increases to the property tax for Sewage services as proposed for 2020 - 2024. These increases are showing the mis-management of the utility, and they have already been charging additional 7% over the last 5 years, as seen my Tax property bills. The total of the 4 years will be around a 25% rate increase, and this is hitting harder on the single family households more than the apartment or business groups, who use more of the resources of the sewage system than a single family.	Oppose	04-20-2020 11:05 pm	
H-1. CONDUCT a public hearing to hear comments regarding the proposed wastewater rate increase; and INTRODUCE an ordinance (first reading) setting wastewater user rates for fiscal years 2020-2021 through 2024-25. The recommended annual rate increases are 7.0% for each of these five fiscal years - Public Works Department (Yader A. Bermudez 774-6300/Mary Phelps 621-1269).	Guest User	I oppose the rate increase.The rates were increased 2015-2016 fiscal year which were supposed to cover needed improvements and pipelines. Now you want to increase the rates again by 7%, ridiculous. \$880.00 per year for the next 5 years is more than enough to pay for any current or future projects. The city attaches their financial needs to the property owners and single family owners. We do not need another increase. I'm asking the city to renegotiate the terms of the cost.	Oppose	04-21-2020 02:14 pm	
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<p>I-1. DIRECT staff to analyze the proposed amendments to the temporary moratorium on evictions and draft an ordinance that includes a freeze on rent increases for residential and commercial properties up to 90 days after the shelter in place order is lifted - Councilmember Melvin Willis (412-2050), Councilmember Eduardo Martinez (620-6593).</p>	<p>Elsa Stevens</p>	<p>My name is Elsa Stevens. This amendment improves Richmond's moratorium on evictions, but does not go far enough. FORGIVE rent/mortgage payments that residents and small business are forced to miss during Shelter-in-Place. Also extend the grace period for at least 120 days after the S-I-P is lifted. A tsunami of evictions will swell our homeless population and cause wave after wave of pandemics. Businesses will need recovery time. People will need time to regain employment.</p>	<p>Support</p>		<p>04-21-2020 02:57 pm</p>	
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I-1. DIRECT staff to analyze the proposed amendments to the temporary moratorium on evictions and draft an ordinance that includes a freeze on rent increases for residential and commercial properties up to 90 days after the shelter in place order is lifted - Councilmember Melvin Willis (412-2050), Councilmember Eduardo Martinez (620-6593).	Guest User	Hello members of the council, my name is Ana Gonzalez I am 1 of 7 members of my family, 3 adults, 4 kids. My daughter was laid off from work. She does not qualify for stimulus packet and is trying to figure out how to support her 12 year old daughter. By the time this shelter in place is over we are going to have to still go out and work, this won't give us enough time. Freeze rent increases ,give people a year to pay back missed rent or 180 days for every month of the emergency order. Thanks.	Support	04-17-2020 08:01 pm
I-1. DIRECT staff to analyze the proposed amendments to the temporary moratorium on evictions and draft an ordinance that includes a freeze on rent increases for residential and commercial properties up to 90 days after the shelter in place order is lifted - Councilmember Melvin Willis (412-2050), Councilmember Eduardo Martinez (620-6593).	Guest User	Good day to all of you,  My name is Edith Pastrano, I am a tenant in Richmond. While I support the right thing that this council is doing by amending the moratorium to allow up 90 days once the "shelter in place order has been lifted" for residents and businesses, I still have concerns around the viability of this time period for payment of rent. My neighbors lost jobs, lost hours and it's going to take a lot more time. Please extend the grace period to 12 months to allow folks to catch up.	Support	04-17-2020 04:56 pm
I-3. DIRECT staff to draft an emergency order that will suspend all residential and small business rents, and all mortgage payments of homeowners, small landlords and small businesses for the duration of the current shelter-in-place state of emergency; and DIRECT staff to immediately establish a service to assist Richmond small business and small landlords in filing for Federal and state assistance including the Cares Act - Councilmembers Eduardo Martinez (620-6593) and Melvin Willis (412-	Elsa Stevens	Let us take this crisis seriously. FORGIVENESS of all rent and mortgage payments that residents and small business owners are forced to miss during this emergency is the only logical response. YES the City of Richmond MUST help truly small business apply for Federal Aid before the faux "small business" giant corporations decimate all funds.		04-21-2020 02:45 pm

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<p><a href="#">I-3. DIRECT staff to draft an emergency order that will suspend all residential and small business rents, and all mortgage payments of homeowners, small landlords and small businesses for the duration of the current shelter-in-place state of emergency; and DIRECT staff to immediately establish a service to assist Richmond small business and small landlords in filing for Federal and state assistance including the Cares Act - Councilmembers Eduardo Martinez (620-6593) and Melvin Willis (412-2050).</a></p>	<p>Guest User</p>	<p>Greg Brazil I am very much opposed to your proposal to have tenants not pay their rent during the covid-19 issue. I'm a senior and my life depends on receiving my rent. I still have insurance, property taxes, maintenance and gardening, etc. to pay for. How do pay this things with no rent coming in. If you go ahead and enact this, DO NOT INCLUDE dept forgiveness. I would think all section 8 people can still pay their rent. Let us landlords work out with our tenants what will work for us.</p>	<p>Oppose</p>	<p>04-21-2020 02:04 pm</p>

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<p><u>I-3. DIRECT staff to draft an emergency order that will suspend all residential and small business rents, and all mortgage payments of homeowners, small landlords and small businesses for the duration of the current shelter-in-place state of emergency; and DIRECT staff to immediately establish a service to assist Richmond small business and small landlords in filing for Federal and state assistance including the Cares Act - Councilmembers Eduardo Martinez (620-6593) and Melvin Willis (412-2050).</u></p>	<p>Guest User</p>	<p>Zenaida Ávalos, Richmond resident for 32 years. Currently me and my husband aren't working because we got laid off from covid. May's rent is not going to happen because we have 2 children. It will take a long time to pay off the months that are passing by with no income. Please make sure we aren't going to be penalized for trying to survive and focusing on feeding our family. We need to cancel mortgages and debt, period, so we can stay together in this. Please approve the suspension of mortgages</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>04-21-2020 02:37 am</p>
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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Jeannette Kortz <jeannekortz@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 6:32 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Fwd: Public Comment not on Agenda

Perhaps this should be read in open forum since it's a consent calendar item.

See my comments below.

Thank you!

Jeanne

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**From:** **Jeannette Kortz** <[jeannekortz@gmail.com](mailto:jeannekortz@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** Tue, Apr 21, 2020 at 6:20 PM  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Item G-9  
**To:** [cityclerkdept@ci.richmond.ca.us](mailto:cityclerkdept@ci.richmond.ca.us) <[cityclerkdept@ci.richmond.ca.us](mailto:cityclerkdept@ci.richmond.ca.us)>

Dear City Clerk,

If you could please read the following statement to the City Council during tonight's meeting on the above agenda item, I would very much appreciate it.

Thank you!

This pertains to Consent Calendar Item G-9

- 1) The residents who are under Veolia's sewer service need a detailed breakdown on how the money will be used. We would like to see line items for each project.
- 2) I am ambivalent that the yearly increase will stay at 5%. It has not in the past. It has been anywhere from 6 to 7%. My sewer rate on my property taxes has gone up 40% in the last five years.
- 3) Why are we still using Veolia? This multi-national corporation has literally passed the buck onto residents relying on us to pay for repairs and infrastructure costs.
- 4) Why can't the City get bids from other companies? We should be getting bids from at least three other companies.
- 5) If any council member has received campaign contributions from Veolia or their employees, these council members should recuse themselves from this vote. This would obviously influence a council member's vote.

Thank you,

Jeanne Kortz  
116 Bayside Court  
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**From:** Sean Stalbaum <sstalbaum@ifpte21.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 3:26 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** [BULK] Public Comments -- Item J-2

**Importance:** Low

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**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 3:43 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Sewer Rate - Delay the Public Hearing and Oppose Increase

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Yours sincerely,  
Carmen Espinosa

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**From:** Gayle McLaughlin <gayledirect@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 4:58 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public comments for Item H-1, Item I-1 and Item I-3

Dear City Clerk's Office:

I am submitting the below comments to be read at the meeting tonight.

### **From Gayle McLaughlin (former Richmond mayor)**

**For Item H-1:** Good evening Mr. Mayor and Councilmembers, Please delay the public hearing on this sewer rate increase at this point in time. Many of our residents are struggling heavily in this period of Covid-19. Many have lost their jobs and are struggling to just get by. Many small business owners are unable to survive having had to close shop. Postpone this hearing until a time when more of our residents can weigh in, so that the democratic process is fully upheld.

**For Item I-1:** Good evening Mr. Mayor and Councilmembers, I urge you to pass this item so that landlords throughout the City do not increase their rents during and immediately after this health emergency. This crisis is putting an enormous burden on our families, retirees and small businesses. It is essential that our residents and small businesses survive and recover from this crisis and our community remains whole and strong.

**For Item I-3:** Good evening Mr. Mayor and Councilmembers, I urge you to suspend rents and mortgage payments for Richmond residents and businesses during this pandemic. This will give our residents and businesses some breathing space to avoid spiraling downhill financially. In addition, I urge the City to help small business owners and small landlords access available funding from the state and federal government. Our community needs and deserves such help from its City.

Thank you,  
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Yours sincerely,  
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**Jasuara Castaneda**

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**From:** Michael Gliksohn <mgliksohn@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 3:30 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Item H-1 on a proposed wastewater rate increase.

Dear City Clerk,

I am writing to speak against this item. A controversial issue such as increasing sewer rates should not be taken up during a health emergency, and instead saved for a time when more people can weigh in.

Thank you,  
Michael Gliksohn  
Richmond

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Pam Stello <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 6:13 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Sewer Rate - Delay the Public Hearing and Oppose Increase

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Good evening mayor, council members and city staff. My name is Flor Castro, a Richmond resident, mother and a volunteer advocate with the West County Regional Group, sponsored by First 5 contra Costa.

Through this letter I'd like to thank you for your quick action on enacting a moratorium on evictions. Yet, there is still more you can do to protect us even further. I request that you enact a moratorium on rent increases to assure that no families are evicted from their home for lack of payment. I also request that you extend your current grace period of 6 months to 180-days per month of arrears.

My family has been adversely impacted by the COVID-19, just like many others that now have their children at home due to the Shelter in Place. As a family, we will need time to recover emotionally from the fear and anxiety around this virus, and financially. How can families be able to afford bills, rent and food in the upcoming months when many in our community are not working? It is necessary for you take to action and enact these protections for all residents.

We ask that you expand your current grace period for families with sufficient time to pay back owed rent. We will not be able to come up with thousands of dollars of owed rent in the 6 months. Most of us are not working and therefore, do not have enough money to pay rent, much less the back rent we will owe. We need adequate time—**at least 180 days per month of arrears**--to re-pay our back rent.

As a mother, my biggest worry is making sure my 2 sons have a roof over their heads, food, water and basic necessities to get through this crisis. Of course, I worry about rent that I intend to pay but if it comes to choosing between food for my children or rent, I will choose to keep them fed and healthy. As elected leaders, we ask you to take the necessary steps to prevent families from living on the streets; our community does not need any more homeless, especially because of this crisis.

Landlords are being protected somewhat by the federal government, but tenants so far have been left with minimal protections. Please enact a moratorium on rent increases and provide families with a grace period of 180 days for every month of arrears the Shelter in Place Order lasts.

Good evening mayor, council members, and city staff, my name is Gabriela Hernandez; a Richmond resident and a parent volunteer with the West County Regional Group, sponsored by First 5 Contra Costa.

Thank you for your leadership in enacting a moratorium on evictions. However, I am here to ask you to reinforce our city's moratorium by enacting a moratorium on rent increases and extending your grace period from 6 months to 180-days per month of arrears.

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Gayle McLaughlin <gayledirect@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 4:58 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public comments for Item H-1, Item I-1 and Item I-3

Dear City Clerk's Office:

I am submitting the below comments to be read at the meeting tonight.

### **From Gayle McLaughlin (former Richmond mayor)**

**For Item H-1:** Good evening Mr. Mayor and Councilmembers, Please delay the public hearing on this sewer rate increase at this point in time. Many of our residents are struggling heavily in this period of Covid-19. Many have lost their jobs and are struggling to just get by. Many small business owners are unable to survive having had to close shop. Postpone this hearing until a time when more of our residents can weigh in, so that the democratic process is fully upheld.

**For Item I-1:** Good evening Mr. Mayor and Councilmembers, I urge you to pass this item so that landlords throughout the City do not increase their rents during and immediately after this health emergency. This crisis is putting an enormous burden on our families, retirees and small businesses. It is essential that our residents and small businesses survive and recover from this crisis and our community remains whole and strong.

**For Item I-3:** Good evening Mr. Mayor and Councilmembers, I urge you to suspend rents and mortgage payments for Richmond residents and businesses during this pandemic. This will give our residents and businesses some breathing space to avoid spiraling downhill financially. In addition, I urge the City to help small business owners and small landlords access available funding from the state and federal government. Our community needs and deserves such help from its City.

Thank you,  
Gayle McLaughlin

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Crystal Perez <juarezcrys78@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 6:31 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** "#1- 4.21.20"  
**Attachments:** Heidi public comment 4.21.20 Richmond FINAL.docx

Sent from my iPad

Good evening Mayor, Council members and staff. My name is Heidi Perez and I'm a 12 year old youth advocate with the West County Regional Group, sponsored by First 5 Contra Costa.

Our group works to create healthier, safer and more equitable communities. I wanted to thank you for enacting an eviction moratorium but there are things that are still missing from this ordinance that Richmond family's need. I'm writing to ask you to include a moratorium on rent increases and to give families more time to pay back missed rent with an extended grace period of 180-days per month in arrears.

I believe this moratorium on rent increases is necessary because there are people that are having economic difficulties to pay their rent, bills and food due to the global Covid-19 Pandemic. We know that those most affected are low-income families with children.

As you know, our Richmond community is rich in diversity, and yet there are inequities that lead to it being an under resourced city. In addition to these inequities, many people currently can't work, and so it is more difficult for them to earn money and pay their rent. I closely know and care for many people that are going through incredibly hard times right now. And it is not fair for parents, especially my parents, to have to choose between going out to make ends meet, risking getting sick, and staying home with their children when we have been ordered to Shelter in Place.

This is why I am asking you to pass a Moratorium on rent increases and grant families a grace period of 180-days for every month we are ordered to shelter in place. This moratorium would benefit the people, people who love living and serving this city and community. I am asking you to please consider my suggestions.

Thank you

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Jess Jollett <jjollett@tidescenter.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 6:13 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comment Council Meeting for item I-1 4.21.20

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 you for passing a citywide temporary moratorium on evictions last week. This was a necessary and sound step as many Richmond residents are facing the brutal and unfair choice of which essential need to prioritize. Should they pay for rent or feed their children? Should they buy their medicine or pay a bill?

While we applaud this moratorium there are still **two key components for protection**. As elected officials you have the responsibility, power, and privilege to help ease the burden of your constituency. Therefore, we look to you to pass a simple moratorium including the following components:

- Provide a grace period for payment of back rent of 120 days per month of arrears--or at least a year--after the Shelter in Place is lifted. This crisis is an unknown and moving target. We need a grace period formula that adequately responds to a variety of unknown scenarios.
- Place a freeze on rent increases during the Shelter in Place order. If residents cannot pay rent now, rent increases will only exacerbate the financial crisis across the city

No family should face moving, relocating or being unsheltered. Please do the right thing to ensure the residents of Richmond are safe during this scary time.

Thank you so much for your time.

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** jesus perez <aguilaaguila066@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 6:24 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public comment for agenda #- 1 4.21.20

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

I'm writing to thank you for supporting Richmond families with a moratorium on evictions but also to urge you to enact a freeze on rent increases during this difficult time for families who have lost their job. We can't afford to pay rent as it is, prohibit rent increases to protect our families from being evicted.

I have worked with my community for years, advocating so our children grow up in healthy and safe environments. I have 3 children and teach them the value of a strong, united community where we all take care of each other. We look to you to lead the city and be the role models all Richmond children can look up to.

I ask you to immediately pass a moratorium on rent increases. Also, extend your grace period currently 6 months to 180 days per month of arrears to pay back rent owed. For a low-income family of 5 like mine, it will not be easy to recover financially in just a few months. It's pretty much impossible, and my family doesn't qualify for any government financial assistance.

Tonight make a difference for Richmond families. We are counting on you during these moments of crisis to show your leadership and represent us—Richmond.

Thank you. Our families count on you passing this immediate moratorium on rent increases and extending the grace period from 6 months to 180-days per month of arrears.

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**From:** Jim Becker <jbecker@richmondcf.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 6:19 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comment on agenda item I-1

Good evening Mayor Butt and members of the Richmond City Council,

My name is Jim Becker and I am President and CEO of the Richmond Community Foundation. While Contra Costa has seen early progress in flattening the curve of the pandemic, our stay-at-home order is accelerating the devastating economic impacts on local workers who have lost some or all of their income. Hundreds of businesses remain closed, and thousands of residents have been laid off or had their hours cut. With rent payments for many residents already past due for April, and the stay-at-home order continuing at least through May, it is vitally important that you strengthen you ordinance by making the documentation required by a residential or commercial tenant to their landlord to be as simple as possible and extend the time to repay back rent to a minimum of 90 days per month of arears or 12 months from when the shelter in place order is lifted. I would also encourage you to think of the future, knowing that even after a grace period, there will be families unable to pay rent. Richmond community Foundation stands ready to help you develop a rent assistance fund to support the long term recovery of our community.

Thank you.



**Jim Becker**

*President and CEO*

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**From:** Michael Gliksohn <mglksohn@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 3:32 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Item I-1 on freezing rent increases during the shelter in the place.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 4:07 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comment Council Meeting for item I-1 4.21.20

To the Mayor, City Councilmembers, and staff:

I'm a resident of Richmond and work with families who also live in the city. I'm concerned about their well being in this uncertain times, and families possibly losing their homes.

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Thank you,

**Nain Villanueva de Lopez**  
Community Resource Specialist  
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**From:** Rhea Laughlin <rlaughlin@first5coco.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 5:52 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Please read aloud at tonight's Council meeting: Item I-1 (Eviction Moratorium)  
**Attachments:** Rhea's Public Comment 4.21.20 Richmond final.pdf

Good evening,

Will you please accept this comment to be read into the public record for tonight's meeting? I appreciate you reading the comment in FULL. Thank you, rhea

PLEASE READ ALOUD: ITEM I-1

Good evening Mayor, Council and staff.

My name is Rhea Elina Laughlin. I'm with First 5 Contra Costa, the proud sponsor of the West County Regional Group, made up of parent volunteers, advocating for Richmond children and families.

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Thousands of families with young children are facing devastating financial hardship during the Shelter in Place Order.

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Under this extreme duress, families are plagued with worries about paying their rent, becoming homeless, or choosing between paying for rent, medicine or food for their kids. Meanwhile, children are experiencing extraordinary trauma as they absorb this palpable stress and fear. The biggest question on everyone's mind is 'how will we pay the rent we owe?' Without sufficient grace period protections, Richmond faces an extraordinary financial and homelessness crisis.

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**PLEASE READ ALOUD: ITEM 15**

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**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 6:27 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public comment for agenda #I-1 4.21.20  
**Attachments:** Tomasa public comment 4.21.20 FINAL.docx

Good evening mayor, council members and staff, my name is Tomasa Espinoza. I'm a Richmond resident and mother of 3. I also am a volunteer advocate with the West County Regional Group, sponsored by First 5 Contra Costa.

First, thank you for your leadership in passing a moratorium on evictions. It is something that not all Contra Costa cities have done, and that shows how different Richmond is from the rest.

With that said, I write to you to let you know that there is still other components missing from the ordinance that are urgent and necessary to support the communities most affected by the pandemic. The security of having a safe home to shelter in place is becoming unstable for many families in our city including mine. Many of us currently don't have the money to pay rent and the debt that is beginning to accumulate. This is why we ask that you enact a moratorium on evictions immediately and expand your grace period from 6 months to 180 days per month in arrears.

My family of 5 lives paycheck-to-paycheck and we don't qualify for any government assistance. It is extremely important for us to know that our landlord will not be able to evict us, nor be able to increase our rent.

However, we may not be evicted now but in 6 months, if we can't pay back all of our owed rent, we will still end up in the streets. This is why, a longer grace period is necessary. I am sure no one wants to see homelessness rise in our city when you the power to make it better.

To make your moratorium yet stronger and add extra protections please add a moratorium on rent increases; there should not be any gaps for landlords to take advantage. We urge you to also grant us the grace period of 180 days per month of arrears.

Thank you, my family is counting on you to do the right thing and continue being the great leaders of Richmond.

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Valerie Jameson <valjam92@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 4:47 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Support for I.1 and i.3

I support the following items:

- DIRECT staff to analyze the proposed amendments to the temporary moratorium on evictions and draft an ordinance that includes a freeze on rent increases for residential and commercial properties up to 90 days after the shelter in place order is lifted - Councilmember Melvin Willis (412-2050), Councilmember Eduardo Martinez (620-6593).
- DIRECT staff to draft an emergency order that will suspend all residential and small business rents, and all mortgage payments of homeowners, small landlords and small businesses for the duration of the current shelter-in-place state of emergency; and DIRECT staff to immediately establish a service to assist Richmond small business and small landlords in filing for Federal and state assistance including the Cares Act - Councilmembers Eduardo Martinez (620- 6593) and Melvin Willis (412-2050).

I believe they are essential to our collective wellbeing and community success.

Valerie Jameson  
Belding Woods Resident

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** estelaruiz4401 <estelaruiz4401@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 5:28 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Soy duela de un pequeño negocio en Richmond estamos muy preocupados por no poder pagar la renta ya que también no podemos pagar la renta de la casa nesecitamos ayuda urgente por favor

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S8 Active, an AT&T 5G Evolution capable smartphone

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Gayle McLaughlin <gayledirect@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 4:58 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public comments for Item H-1, Item I-1 and Item I-3

Dear City Clerk's Office:

I am submitting the below comments to be read at the meeting tonight.

### **From Gayle McLaughlin (former Richmond mayor)**

**For Item H-1:** Good evening Mr. Mayor and Councilmembers, Please delay the public hearing on this sewer rate increase at this point in time. Many of our residents are struggling heavily in this period of Covid-19. Many have lost their jobs and are struggling to just get by. Many small business owners are unable to survive having had to close shop. Postpone this hearing until a time when more of our residents can weigh in, so that the democratic process is fully upheld.

**For Item I-1:** Good evening Mr. Mayor and Councilmembers, I urge you to pass this item so that landlords throughout the City do not increase their rents during and immediately after this health emergency. This crisis is putting an enormous burden on our families, retirees and small businesses. It is essential that our residents and small businesses survive and recover from this crisis and our community remains whole and strong.

**For Item I-3:** Good evening Mr. Mayor and Councilmembers, I urge you to suspend rents and mortgage payments for Richmond residents and businesses during this pandemic. This will give our residents and businesses some breathing space to avoid spiraling downhill financially. In addition, I urge the City to help small business owners and small landlords access available funding from the state and federal government. Our community needs and deserves such help from its City.

Thank you,  
Gayle McLaughlin

## Jasuara Castaneda

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**From:** Ilona Clark <in70clark@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 3:36 PM  
**To:** Ben Choi; City Clerk Dept; Demnlus Johnson III; Eduardo Martinez; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis; Nat Bates; Tom Butt - external; Trina Jackson  
**Subject:** Re: I-3

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I am sending this after 3 PM so that it may be read during public comment about tonight meeting. Richmond City Council Members, I expect this comment to be read (not summarized) at the city council meeting in the appropriate public comments portion of the meeting.

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- This regulation unfairly singles out housing providers to bear a burden that should be borne by the public as a whole.
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Ilona Clark RN

AURHP

Sent from my phone please excuse typos and the sins of spell check!

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**From:** Janet Johnson <electricista545@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 4:07 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Agenda item I-3: direct staff to create an ordinance to suspend rent & mortgage payments ENTIRELY during the duration of the emergency crisis.

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Thank you.

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[Janet Scoll Johnson, 510-331-3985](tel:510-331-3985)  
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**From:** Michael Gliksohn <mglksohn@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 3:34 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Item I-3, on suspending rents and mortgage payments for residents and businesses.

Dear City Clerk,

I am writing to speak in favor of this item. Many people's and businesses' income have been temporarily put on pause with this pandemic. By putting some of their biggest bills on pause as well, it can help prevent people and businesses from permanent financial ruin.

Thank you,  
Michael Gliksohn  
Richmond

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Michael Vasilas <mvasilas@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 6:40 PM  
**To:** Pamela Christian; City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comment for Item I-3

Dear Councilmember Martinez and Councilmember Willis:

We are writing in regards to the April 21st Agenda Items I-1 and I-3. Since the beginning of the pandemic, we have been advocating for you to rally around real solutions to stabilize our City's rental housing system. In the meantime, we have been speaking with Assemblywoman Buffy Wicks about developing a state-funded rental assistance program that could be administered through existing Housing Authorities. We asked for the council's support for an approach like this that could help stabilize rental housing from the ground up. Instead you came up with Item I-3.

It should be obvious that you have no power over banks, and attempting to freeze rents will be a clear violation of the Constitution and the City's allowable police power (see attached City Attorney of San Jose letter). An approach like this will only result in wasted time, bad will, foreclosures, and large transfers of taxpayer money into lawyers' pockets. While you may believe your proposal is a gesture of good will, publicly broadcasting an effort that is entirely out of touch with reality is beyond irresponsible at a time when we can least afford it.

We presume you'll quickly move past this meritless proposal so we can get back to work on solving the problems we already have rather than creating new ones.

Sincerely,  
Membership of the Association of United Richmond Housing Providers  
[www.aurhp.org](http://www.aurhp.org)

-- Michael Vasilas

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April 21, 2020

**VIA EMAIL**

Mayor Thomas K. Butt  
Richmond City Council  
440 Civic Center Plaza  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Richmond, CA 94804  
[cityclerkdept@ci.richmond.ca.us](mailto:cityclerkdept@ci.richmond.ca.us)

Re: Objection to Agenda Item I-3  
Proposed Moratorium on Rent and Mortgage Payments

Dear Mayor Butt and Honorable City Council Members:

Our office represents Menlo Westridge Affordable Partners, L.P., the owner of Westridge at Hilltop, an affordable housing community within the City of Richmond. If enacted, our client and many other owners of rental property within the City would be severely harmed by Agenda Item I-3, the proposed moratorium on rent and mortgage payments (the “Moratorium”). Such a Moratorium is clearly illegal and would subject the City to serious liability.

As you know, the City of San Jose recently considered and rejected a similar proposal. As the San Jose City Attorney’s Office advised, “Suspending a tenant’s contractual obligation to pay rent goes outside the boundaries of rent control and implicates the constitutional contractual rights of the parties and property rights of landlords.” (Memorandum Re Suspension of Rents, San Jose City Attorney’s Office, April 6, 2020 (“Memorandum”).) The same legal boundaries apply to the proposed Moratorium that is before you today.

The Agenda Report for this item purports to derive authority to enact a Moratorium from Governor Newsom’s Executive Order N-28-20 (the “Order”), which was issued March 16, 2020 pursuant to the California Emergency Services Act. The Order authorizes localities to temporarily limit evictions for nonpayment of rent due to the COVID-19 crisis. The Order states:

[T]he statutory cause of action for unlawful detainer, Code of Civil Procedure section 1161 et seq., and any other statutory cause of action that could be used to evict or otherwise eject a residential [tenant] is suspended only as applied to any tenancy . . . to which a local government has imposed a limitation on eviction pursuant to this paragraph 2, and only to the extent of the limitation imposed by the

local government. Nothing in this Order shall relieve a tenant of the obligation to pay rent, nor restrict a landlord's ability to recover rent due.

The [aforesaid] protections . . . shall be in effect through May 31, 2020, unless extended.

(Order, emphasis added.)

The proposed Moratorium extends far beyond what was authorized by Governor Newsom's Order. Moreover, it actually conflicts with the Order. Whereas the Governor's Order authorizes a temporary suspension of evictions but expressly does not "relieve a tenant of the obligation to pay rent," the City's Moratorium would do the opposite: it would permanently deprive landlords of their right and "ability to recover rent due" for the period of the COVID-19 crisis, and it would permanently "relieve a tenant of the obligation to pay rent" during this time. The City lacks this power.

Since the City purports to derive authority from the Governor's Order, it is instructive to examine its underlying legal authority. The Governor's Order derives its authority from the California Emergency Services Act ("ESA"), which permits the Governor, during a state of emergency, to "suspend any regulatory statute, or statute prescribing the procedure for conduct of state business, or the orders, rules, or regulations of any state agency . . ." (Gov. Code § 8571, emphasis add.) The ESA only authorizes the Governor to temporarily suspend ordinary rules; it does not authorize a permanent deprivation of rights. In fact, by its own terms the Governor's Order is not permanent. It states: "The [aforesaid] protections . . . shall be in effect through May 31, 2020, unless extended."

The Moratorium, on the other hand, would permanently prohibit the recovery of rent for the duration of COVID-19, even after the Governor's Order expires. It therefore exceeds the authority granted to Richmond by the Governor's Order and the underlying ESA.

By exceeding its legal authority and conflicting with the Order and ESA, the proposed Moratorium is preempted by state law as a matter of law. It also seeks to impair lawful contracts and purports to deprive landlords of all economically beneficial use of their property, which is both a violation of due process and an unconstitutional taking of private property without just compensation.

Moreover, as the San Jose City Attorney's Office notes:

The Costa Hawkins Act under California law prevents a City from affecting the rental rate of a property that has been previously exempted from rent control. The Apartment Rent Ordinance applies to rental units that had certificate of occupancy issued on or prior to September 7, 1979 or that was offered or available for rent on or before this date. The Apartment Ordinance, when originally passed in 1979, exempted any new rental units first rented after its effective date. Accordingly, any properties built after the effective date of the rent control is prevented from having its rents regulated by local jurisdiction. (Memorandum, pp. 1-2.)

And although the City may have authority to impose rent control on certain properties, it does not have the authority to impose rent *reductions*. (See Memorandum at p. 2.)

Lastly, we note that the Moratorium would likely lead to an increase in evictions once the COVID-19 crisis ends and the eviction moratorium expires. Since the Moratorium is clearly unlawful and will be declared void by the courts, tenants who have not saved for repayment of rent – in reliance on the Moratorium – will not have set funds aside for their past-due rent. It is deeply wrong for the City to lead them down a path to eviction.

Very truly yours,

ZACKS, FREEDMAN & PATTERSON, PC



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Ryan J. Patterson

Encl.



# Memorandum

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL      **FROM:** Richard Doyle

**SUBJECT:** Suspension of Rents      **DATE:** April 6, 2020

**BACKGROUND**

On April 7, 2020, the City Council will be considering adding an agenda item recommending a rent suspension for a period of ninety (90) days that would cancel any rental payments during the effective period of the Ordinance.

**ISSUE**

What are the legal considerations concerning a City’s ability to enact an ordinance that would suspend rents for those impacted by COVID-19?

**SHORT ANSWER**

Suspending a tenant’s contractual obligation to pay rent goes outside the boundaries of rent control and implicates the constitutional contractual rights of the parties and property rights of landlords.

**ANALYSIS**

- I. State law Prevents a City from Regulating the Rental Rates on Properties Exempt from Rent Control.

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originally passed in 1979, exempted any new rental units first rented after its effective date. Accordingly, any properties built after the effective date of the rent control is prevented from having its rents regulated by local jurisdiction.

II. Rent Control Ordinances Permit Reducing the Rent Only Based Only Upon a Diminished Value of the Rental Unit.

Most rent control jurisdictions, including San José, provide a procedure for reducing the rent based upon a diminished value of the rental unit. Jurisdictions permitting such adjustments generally approve rent decrease (or rent credit) applications when necessary to compensate tenants for diminished value of their units due to reduced housing services, code violations, and/or deteriorated or uninhabitable conditions. This process furthers the purpose of rent control laws by counteracting the risk of landlords imposing an impermissible indirect increase through a reduction in housing services.

Rent control ordinances, however, do not provide for rent reductions based upon reasons outside of the conditions of the property, such as a tenant's hardships. The Court has also denied a city's rent reduction when the condition of the property do not rise to the level of a reduction of housing services.

III. Rent Freezes, not Rent Suspensions, are Clearly Within the Police Power of a Rent Control Jurisdiction So Long as They Provide the Landlord an Opportunity to Obtain a Fair Return.

Local rent control ordinances have utilized their police power authority to enact rent freezes in order limit rent increases. These procedures have been upheld by Courts so long as they provide a mechanism for increasing the rent to afford the landlord the ability to obtain a reasonable return on their investment.

IV. A Rent Suspension Implicates Both the Contractual Rights of the Parties and the Property Rights of a Landlord.

Broadly speaking, rent control enactments are deemed a proper exercise of a local entity's police power. That power, however, must be consistent with the fair intent of the constitutional limitation of that power. Rent control measures, like any other exercise of police power, are vulnerable to legal challenge when they go beyond their police power authority to enact reasonable rent control legislation. Specifically, rent control legislation have been subject to challenge under a 5<sup>th</sup> Amendments takings claim when the regulation's economic impact on the Landlord is such that it interferes with their reasonable investment-backed

expectations. The regulation cannot deprive the owner of the economic use of the property, such that it unfairly singles out the property owner to bear a burden that should be borne by the public as a whole.

Furthermore, the Constitution prohibits regulations that would substantially impair a contract by undermining the bargain between the parties and interfering with a party's reasonable expectations under their contract.

## **CONCLUSION**

As discussed, a suspension of rents implicates several legal issues concerning the police power to directly affect the contractual relationship between landlord-tenant and property rights protected under the U.S. Constitution. While cities can enact reasonable rent control legislation, it must be in harmony with Constitutional principles and within the boundaries of California law. A Constitutional violation could subject the City to significant legal exposure.

RICHARD DOYLE, City Attorney

By:           /s/ Chris Alexander            
CHRISTOPHER ALEXANDER  
Deputy City Attorney

For questions please contact Richard Doyle, City Attorney, at (408) 535-1900.

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Jeannette Kortz <jeannekortz@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 6:32 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Fwd: Public Comment not on Agenda

Perhaps this should be read in open forum since it's a consent calendar item.

See my comments below.

Thank you!

Jeanne

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**From:** **Jeannette Kortz** <[jeannekortz@gmail.com](mailto:jeannekortz@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** Tue, Apr 21, 2020 at 6:20 PM  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Item G-9  
**To:** [cityclerkdept@ci.richmond.ca.us](mailto:cityclerkdept@ci.richmond.ca.us) <[cityclerkdept@ci.richmond.ca.us](mailto:cityclerkdept@ci.richmond.ca.us)>

Dear City Clerk,

If you could please read the following statement to the City Council during tonight's meeting on the above agenda item, I would very much appreciate it.

Thank you!

This pertains to Consent Calendar Item G-9

- 1) The residents who are under Veolia's sewer service need a detailed breakdown on how the money will be used. We would like to see line items for each project.
- 2) I am ambivalent that the yearly increase will stay at 5%. It has not in the past. It has been anywhere from 6 to 7%. My sewer rate on my property taxes has gone up 40% in the last five years.
- 3) Why are we still using Veolia? This multi-national corporation has literally passed the buck onto residents relying on us to pay for repairs and infrastructure costs.
- 4) Why can't the City get bids from other companies? We should be getting bids from at least three other companies.
- 5) If any council member has received campaign contributions from Veolia or their employees, these council members should recuse themselves from this vote. This would obviously influence a council member's vote.

Thank you,

Jeanne Kortz  
116 Bayside Court  
Richmond, CA 94804

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** David Lopes <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 7:54 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Sewer Rate - Delay the Public Hearing and Oppose Increase

David Lopes  
5815 Highland Ave  
Richmond, CA 94804

I respectfully request that the Mayor and City Council:

PLEASE DELAY THE PUBLIC HEARING for the Sewer Rate Increase to 45 days post the expiration of the City's Urgency Ordinance. During this COVID-19 pandemic, many residents and small business owners are in survival mode.

Among the pressing issues:

-Many have lost their jobs or have had to close their businesses; -Most cannot afford childcare and are schooling their kids from home; -Some may be dealing with COVID-related illness within their family; -67% of Richmond Property Owners and Customer of Records, predominantly in lower income areas, will be impacted by this 37.5% rate increase.

PLEASE RECORD MY FORMAL PROTEST TO THE SEWER RATE INCREASE

I formally oppose the proposed sewer rate increase and humbly request the Mayor and City Council:

1. Conduct an independent financial audit of the Richmond Municipal Sewer District & Veolia, and deliver a report to the Taxpayers.
2. Send this service contract out for formal bids to at least three new vendors and make this process fully transparent to the Public.
3. Provide documentation to the Public that includes verifiable, fact-based accounting to support any new proposed rate hike.
4. Provide written guarantees that sewer rates will be capped and decrease in the future.
5. Require the Developer/Sun Cal pay for all costs associated with the sewer line(s)/system to Point Molate.
6. Establish clear oversight and accountability of the Richmond Municipal Sewer District.
7. Provide a fair and clear democratic process in a timely manner for all customers to lodge protests and participate in the Public Hearing, irrespective of the current pandemic.
8. After a fair Public Hearing, put this to a vote to determine how a majority of property owners feel.

Yours sincerely,  
David Lopes

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**To:** Ben Choi; City Clerk Dept; Demnlus Johnson III; Eduardo Martinez; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis; Nat Bates; Tom Butt - external; Trina Jackson; Cynthia Shaw; Paige Roosa; Emma Gerould; Lauren Maddock; Nicolas Traylor; Rent Program; Paul Cohen; Virginia Finlay  
**Subject:** sewer rate increase comment for public comment

As you know, Richmond is rent controlled. This means rent increases are limited to the rate of inflation and no more except in rare circumstances under very specific conditions.

hiking rates for rentals whether they are single family homes or multiplexes, in a climate, such as this which severely curtails rent increases further gouges housing providers and represents an unconstitutional taking according to federal law.

Please permit housing providers to pass through the rate increases to renters at cost so that the burden of increased costs is not borne by property owners alone.

thank you for your consideration.

Ilona Clark  
AURHP

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Leisa Johnson <leisa\_johnson@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 8:28 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** PUBlic Comment - Item H1

Good evening Mayor, Council and Staff

I am breaking my comments down into 2 areas:

### 1. First, the unfair democratic process that transpired:

- When the mandatory shelter-in-place was announced on March 16th, one week after Notices were mailed out, the responsible and correct thing to do was to **delay the Public Hearing** until mid-May.
- **Not all impacted customers received the Public Hearing Notice because they were sent out using 4th class mail. How many were lost — that's a very good question. Interestingly, mine was.**
- I asked the City to post the Public Hearing Notice on the City's website. Sadly, the City then **buried it under the Water Resource Recovery webpage**, even after I asked them to move it to the City's home page. Why?
- Even more baffling is why the City mandated that **electronic protests were invalid.**
  - Why is the City making opposition overly burdensome?
- It ultimately became clear that the City was sending **conflicting messages** to a **very small number of residents** indicating that they were **accepting emailed protests.**
- After numerous inquires and complaints were lodged, the **City revised the Public Hearing Notice** a mere **4 days ago, yet the >21,000 impacted customers weren't all appropriately notified.**
- I recognize that we are all doing our best with the challenges at hand, but this process was overly burdensome, unfair, and undemocratic from the beginning, and this hearing should have been delayed until **mid-May.**

### 2) Second, I have previously emailed all of you my comments. With my limited time, I would like this Council to clarify for the Public:

- As elected officials, how are each of you upholding your fiduciary responsibility & ensuring that **67% of your constituencies' taxpayer dollars** are being spent appropriately?
- The whole process by which Veolia won the contract in 2001 was fraught with issues from the beginning, including the fact that Veolia purposely underbid the contract. This is well documented in the press.
- Since being awarded the 20-year contract, the City and Veolia have been engaged in one contract dispute after another, resulting in countless mediation and litigation.
  - As these discussions all occur in closed session, the affected Taxpayers have been kept in the dark yet every 3-5 years, yet City keeps coming back with yet another sewer rate increase?
- In my letter to the Council, I generated a historical rate table since 2006.
  - In 2006 - 8% annual increase for 5 years.
  - In 2010 - another 8% annual increase for 3 years, which was **changed to 5% annuals after public outcry.**

- In 2015 - another 7% annual increase for 5 years;
  - Now - the City wants another ~7% annual increase for 5 years.
- With **previous increases**, we were assured they would be sufficient to meet capital infrastructure costs. Yet every time, the City keeps coming back demanding more.
- Prop 218 requires that the duration of the payments be provided. **What the City does is provide this in 3-5 year increments which is ambiguous & results in ZERO accountability regarding cost controls.**
- We need written guarantees that sewer rates will be capped and ultimately decrease in the future. Why can't this be provided?
- Does the City have the right to conduct a forensic audit of Veolia to determine their costs?
  - Veolia recently provided a proposal to a neighborhood project and they were more than double. How much is Richmond being overcharged? Does the City even know?
- With all of these enormous issues with Veolia, why did the City renew the contract for an additional 5 years to 2027?
  - In 2002, when Veolia entered into a contract with Richmond in 2002, they also entered into a contract with the City of Indianapolis for a similar 20-year contract. However, they happily paid a \$29M contract termination fee in 2010 to have someone else take over. Why didn't Richmond terminate this contract back in the early 2000's as soon as true colors were revealed?
- So, why can't Richmond explore new bids and contract termination in the interim?

3) Lastly, will the City Attorney be asking the three councilmembers who have taken campaign contributions from Veolia employees to recuse themselves? If not, why?

Thank you.

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Pam Stello <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 6:13 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Sewer Rate - Delay the Public Hearing and Oppose Increase

Re: 116 Bayside Court, Richmond, CA 94804

I respectfully request that the Mayor and City Council:

PLEASE DELAY THE PUBLIC HEARING for the Sewer Rate Increase to 45 days post the expiration of the City's Urgency Ordinance. During this COVID-19 pandemic, many residents and small business owners are in survival mode.

Among the pressing issues:

-Many have lost their jobs or have had to close their businesses; -Most cannot afford childcare and are schooling their kids from home; -Some may be dealing with COVID-related illness within their family; -67% of Richmond Property Owners and Customer of Records, predominantly in lower income areas, will be impacted by this 37.5% rate increase.

PLEASE RECORD MY FORMAL PROTEST TO THE SEWER RATE INCREASE

I formally oppose the proposed sewer rate increase and humbly request the Mayor and City Council:

1. Conduct an independent financial audit of the Richmond Municipal Sewer District & Veolia, and deliver a report to the Taxpayers.
2. Send this service contract out for formal bids to at least three new vendors and make this process fully transparent to the Public.
3. Provide documentation to the Public that includes verifiable, fact-based accounting to support any new proposed rate hike.
4. Provide written guarantees that sewer rates will be capped and decrease in the future.
5. Require the Developer/Sun Cal pay for all costs associated with the sewer line(s)/system to Point Molate.
6. Establish clear oversight and accountability of the Richmond Municipal Sewer District.
7. Provide a fair and clear democratic process in a timely manner for all customers to lodge protests and participate in the Public Hearing, irrespective of the current pandemic.
8. After a fair Public Hearing, put this to a vote to determine how a majority of property owners feel.

Yours sincerely,  
Pam Stello

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This email was sent by Pam Stello via Do Gooder, a website that allows people to contact you regarding issues they consider important. In accordance with web protocol RFC 3834 we have set the FROM field of this email to our generic no-reply address at [campaigns@good.do](mailto:campaigns@good.do), however Pam provided an email address ([pamstello@gmail.com](mailto:pamstello@gmail.com)) which we included in the REPLY-TO field.

Please reply to Pam Stello at [pamstello@gmail.com](mailto:pamstello@gmail.com).

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Good evening mayor, council members and city staff. My name is Flor Castro, a Richmond resident, mother and a volunteer advocate with the West County Regional Group, sponsored by First 5 contra Costa.

Through this letter I'd like to thank you for your quick action on enacting a moratorium on evictions. Yet, there is still more you can do to protect us even further. I request that you enact a moratorium on rent increases to assure that no families are evicted from their home for lack of payment. I also request that you extend your current grace period of 6 months to 180-days per month of arrears.

My family has been adversely impacted by the COVID-19, just like many others that now have their children at home due to the Shelter in Place. As a family, we will need time to recover emotionally from the fear and anxiety around this virus, and financially. How can families be able to afford bills, rent and food in the upcoming months when many in our community are not working? It is necessary for you take to action and enact these protections for all residents.

We ask that you expand your current grace period for families with sufficient time to pay back owed rent. We will not be able to come up with thousands of dollars of owed rent in the 6 months. Most of us are not working and therefore, do not have enough money to pay rent, much less the back rent we will owe. We need adequate time—**at least 180 days per month of arrears**--to re-pay our back rent.

As a mother, my biggest worry is making sure my 2 sons have a roof over their heads, food, water and basic necessities to get through this crisis. Of course, I worry about rent that I intend to pay but if it comes to choosing between food for my children or rent, I will choose to keep them fed and healthy. As elected leaders, we ask you to take the necessary steps to prevent families from living on the streets; our community does not need any more homeless, especially because of this crisis.

Landlords are being protected somewhat by the federal government, but tenants so far have been left with minimal protections. Please enact a moratorium on rent increases and provide families with a grace period of 180 days for every month of arrears the Shelter in Place Order lasts.

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Crystal Perez <juarezcrys78@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 6:31 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** "#1- 4.21.20"  
**Attachments:** Heidi public comment 4.21.20 Richmond FINAL.docx

Sent from my iPad

Good evening Mayor, Council members and staff. My name is Heidi Perez and I'm a 12 year old youth advocate with the West County Regional Group, sponsored by First 5 Contra Costa.

Our group works to create healthier, safer and more equitable communities. I wanted to thank you for enacting an eviction moratorium but there are things that are still missing from this ordinance that Richmond family's need. I'm writing to ask you to include a moratorium on rent increases and to give families more time to pay back missed rent with an extended grace period of 180-days per month in arrears.

I believe this moratorium on rent increases is necessary because there are people that are having economic difficulties to pay their rent, bills and food due to the global Covid-19 Pandemic. We know that those most affected are low-income families with children.

As you know, our Richmond community is rich in diversity, and yet there are inequities that lead to it being an under resourced city. In addition to these inequities, many people currently can't work, and so it is more difficult for them to earn money and pay their rent. I closely know and care for many people that are going through incredibly hard times right now. And it is not fair for parents, especially my parents, to have to choose between going out to make ends meet, risking getting sick, and staying home with their children when we have been ordered to Shelter in Place.

This is why I am asking you to pass a Moratorium on rent increases and grant families a grace period of 180-days for every month we are ordered to shelter in place. This moratorium would benefit the people, people who love living and serving this city and community. I am asking you to please consider my suggestions.

Thank you

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Jess Jollett <jjollett@tidescenter.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 6:13 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comment Council Meeting for item I-1 4.21.20

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 you for passing a citywide temporary moratorium on evictions last week. This was a necessary and sound step as many Richmond residents are facing the brutal and unfair choice of which essential need to prioritize. Should they pay for rent or feed their children? Should they buy their medicine or pay a bill?

While we applaud this moratorium there are still **two key components for protection**. As elected officials you have the responsibility, power, and privilege to help ease the burden of your constituency. Therefore, we look to you to pass a simple moratorium including the following components:

- Provide a grace period for payment of back rent of 120 days per month of arrears--or at least a year--after the Shelter in Place is lifted. This crisis is an unknown and moving target. We need a grace period formula that adequately responds to a variety of unknown scenarios.
- Place a freeze on rent increases during the Shelter in Place order. If residents cannot pay rent now, rent increases will only exacerbate the financial crisis across the city

No family should face moving, relocating or being unsheltered. Please do the right thing to ensure the residents of Richmond are safe during this scary time.

Thank you so much for your time.

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** jesus perez <aguilaaguila066@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 6:24 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public comment for agenda #- 1 4.21.20

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

I'm writing to thank you for supporting Richmond families with a moratorium on evictions but also to urge you to enact a freeze on rent increases during this difficult time for families who have lost their job. We can't afford to pay rent as it is, prohibit rent increases to protect our families from being evicted.

I have worked with my community for years, advocating so our children grow up in healthy and safe environments. I have 3 children and teach them the value of a strong, united community where we all take care of each other. We look to you to lead the city and be the role models all Richmond children can look up to.

I ask you to immediately pass a moratorium on rent increases. Also, extend your grace period currently 6 months to 180 days per month of arrears to pay back rent owed. For a low-income family of 5 like mine, it will not be easy to recover financially in just a few months. It's pretty much impossible, and my family doesn't qualify for any government financial assistance.

Tonight make a difference for Richmond families. We are counting on you during these moments of crisis to show your leadership and represent us—Richmond.

Thank you. Our families count on you passing this immediate moratorium on rent increases and extending the grace period from 6 months to 180-days per month of arrears.

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Jim Becker <jbecker@richmondcf.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 6:19 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comment on agenda item I-1

Good evening Mayor Butt and members of the Richmond City Council,

My name is Jim Becker and I am President and CEO of the Richmond Community Foundation. While Contra Costa has seen early progress in flattening the curve of the pandemic, our stay-at-home order is accelerating the devastating economic impacts on local workers who have lost some or all of their income. Hundreds of businesses remain closed, and thousands of residents have been laid off or had their hours cut. With rent payments for many residents already past due for April, and the stay-at-home order continuing at least through May, it is vitally important that you strengthen your ordinance by making the documentation required by a residential or commercial tenant to their landlord to be as simple as possible and extend the time to repay back rent to a minimum of 90 days per month of arrears or 12 months from when the shelter in place order is lifted. I would also encourage you to think of the future, knowing that even after a grace period, there will be families unable to pay rent. Richmond Community Foundation stands ready to help you develop a rent assistance fund to support the long term recovery of our community.

Thank you.



**Jim Becker**

*President and CEO*

1014 Florida Ave. #200, Richmond CA 94804

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**From:** Michelle Chan <michellechansf@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 7:01 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public comment - Item I-1

I strongly support this item. Governments at all levels have a duty to protect people during the pandemic. But as a result of the shelter in place, thousands of Richmond residents are facing lost wages, furloughs, and reduced hours, through not fault of their own. Therefore, government must also do what it can to mitigate the economic impact of emergency. The City Council should use its powers to prevent landlords from jacking up rents on people and businesses while the shelter in place is in effect. This moratorium on rent increases should also apply to the period immediately after the shelter in place is lifted, when residents and businesses are getting back on their feet. This would be a small step towards preventing a dire economic situation from getting worse for many in our city.

Michelle Chan, Richmond North and East

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Rhea Laughlin <rlaughlin@first5coco.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 5:52 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Please read aloud at tonight's Council meeting: Item I-1 (Eviction Moratorium)  
**Attachments:** Rhea's Public Comment 4.21.20 Richmond final.pdf

Good evening,

Will you please accept this comment to be read into the public record for tonight's meeting? I appreciate you reading the comment in FULL. Thank you, rhea

PLEASE READ ALOUD: ITEM I-1

Good evening Mayor, Council and staff.

My name is Rhea Elina Laughlin. I'm with First 5 Contra Costa, the proud sponsor of the West County Regional Group, made up of parent volunteers, advocating for Richmond children and families.

I want to thank the Council for your leadership during this difficult time and passing an eviction moratorium on April 7th to protect Richmond families.

Thousands of families with young children are facing devastating financial hardship during the Shelter in Place Order.

Among the families in our program, 96% are unemployed or have suffered significant work shortages. 70% are ineligible for public benefits. These numbers are staggering and give an idea of the potential scope of this financial crisis in Richmond.

Under this extreme duress, families are plagued with worries about paying their rent, becoming homeless, or choosing between paying for rent, medicine or food for their kids. Meanwhile, children are experiencing extraordinary trauma as they absorb this palpable stress and fear. The biggest question on everyone's mind is 'how will we pay the rent we owe?' Without sufficient grace period protections, Richmond faces an extraordinary financial and homelessness crisis.

I urge you to join other cities across the county and offer stronger protections than the ones outlined in your policy.

Specifically, we recommend a sufficient grace period to allow families to pay overdue rent of no less than a year--or a formula of 180 days PER MONTH of the Shelter in Place-- in order to respond to the changing and unpredictable nature of this crisis. We also request a freeze on all rent increases. If we can't pay the rent, we can't pay increases.

Lives are at stake during this financial crisis. We all look to you for leadership and concrete relief. Please pass a stronger moratorium to keep our children safe, prevent the spread of COVID-19, avoid homelessness, and protect this city. Thank you.

**PLEASE READ ALOUD: ITEM 15**

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Mrs. perez <moraleslina148@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 6:27 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public comment for agenda #I-1 4.21.20  
**Attachments:** Tomasa public comment 4.21.20 FINAL.docx

Good evening mayor, council members and staff, my name is Tomasa Espinoza. I'm a Richmond resident and mother of 3. I also am a volunteer advocate with the West County Regional Group, sponsored by First 5 Contra Costa.

First, thank you for your leadership in passing a moratorium on evictions. It is something that not all Contra Costa cities have done, and that shows how different Richmond is from the rest.

With that said, I write to you to let you know that there is still other components missing from the ordinance that are urgent and necessary to support the communities most affected by the pandemic. The security of having a safe home to shelter in place is becoming unstable for many families in our city including mine. Many of us currently don't have the money to pay rent and the debt that is beginning to accumulate. This is why we ask that you enact a moratorium on evictions immediately and expand your grace period from 6 months to 180 days per month in arrears.

My family of 5 lives paycheck-to-paycheck and we don't qualify for any government assistance. It is extremely important for us to know that our landlord will not be able to evict us, nor be able to increase our rent.

However, we may not be evicted now but in 6 months, if we can't pay back all of our owed rent, we will still end up in the streets. This is why, a longer grace period is necessary. I am sure no one wants to see homelessness rise in our city when you the power to make it better.

To make your moratorium yet stronger and add extra protections please add a moratorium on rent increases; there should not be any gaps for landlords to take advantage. We urge you to also grant us the grace period of 180 days per month of arrears.

Thank you, my family is counting on you to do the right thing and continue being the great leaders of Richmond.

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** estelaruiz4401 <estelaruiz4401@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 5:28 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Soy duela de un pequeño negocio en Richmond estamos muy preocupados por no poder pagar la renta ya que también no podemos pagar la renta de la casa nesecitamos ayuda urgente por favor

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S8 Active, an AT&T 5G Evolution capable smartphone

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Leisa Johnson <leisa\_johnson@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 10:07 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Cc:** Leisa Johnson  
**Subject:** Public Comment - Agenda Item #I-3

Good evening, Mayor and City Council --

This is an extremely challenging time for the majority of people and businesses. And while I think these proposals (agenda items I-1 and I-3) are well-intentioned, I and many others believe there are better solutions that have been proposed and already provided to the City Council, including a rental assistance program. Several cities in and outside of California have already done this as well.

Richmond needs to work with their state elected representatives to support legislation providing both the funding AND administrative responsibilities of the entire \*loan\* process to tenants.

The government has existing capabilities to track income — including unemployment benefits, stimulus payments and other relief funds that have already been passed — as well as execute payment directly to landlords and ultimately seek recovery from tenants.

Landlords simply do not have these capabilities. Nor can many small landlords realistically forego income, especially with multi-unit properties.

A rental assistance program would be much more effective, streamlined, and eliminate the need for landlords to seek mortgage forbearance while assuming all of the risk and no assurance they will ever be paid back, therefore forcing them into bankruptcy and foreclosure.

This is also not just an issue for small ma & pa landlords as many pension plans invest in real estate, including corporate rental holdings.

Please support efforts to pass legislation supporting a rental assistance program.

Thank you.

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Michael Vasilas <mvasilas@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 6:40 PM  
**To:** Pamela Christian; City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comment for Item I-3

Dear Councilmember Martinez and Councilmember Willis:

We are writing in regards to the April 21st Agenda Items I-1 and I-3. Since the beginning of the pandemic, we have been advocating for you to rally around real solutions to stabilize our City's rental housing system. In the meantime, we have been speaking with Assemblywoman Buffy Wicks about developing a state-funded rental assistance program that could be administered through existing Housing Authorities. We asked for the council's support for an approach like this that could help stabilize rental housing from the ground up. Instead you came up with Item I-3.

It should be obvious that you have no power over banks, and attempting to freeze rents will be a clear violation of the Constitution and the City's allowable police power (see attached City Attorney of San Jose letter). An approach like this will only result in wasted time, bad will, foreclosures, and large transfers of taxpayer money into lawyers' pockets. While you may believe your proposal is a gesture of good will, publicly broadcasting an effort that is entirely out of touch with reality is beyond irresponsible at a time when we can least afford it.

We presume you'll quickly move past this meritless proposal so we can get back to work on solving the problems we already have rather than creating new ones.

Sincerely,  
Membership of the Association of United Richmond Housing Providers  
[www.aurhp.org](http://www.aurhp.org)

-- Michael Vasilas

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Michelle Chan <michellechansf@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 7:18 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public comment, Item 1-3

I support this item. Mortgages and rents are some of the biggest expenses for families and businesses. Many folks' income are now on pause during this pandemic, and if some of their expenses don't get put on pause as well, this temporary situation can lead to long-term financial disaster.

For those who may think this is an extreme move, the recent CARES Act passed by Congress already provides a right to mortgage forbearance for homeowners with federally-backed mortgages. This measure would provide similar rights for renters. If landlords find that their tenants -- under the Richmond ordinance -- don't pay rent during this time, they can in turn then get forbearance for their mortgage. In this way, we can all get through this crisis together.

Michelle

B. PUBLIC COMMENT BEFORE CLOSED SESSION	Daniel Large	I oppose the increases to the property tax for Sewage services as proposed for 2020 - 2024. These increases are showing the mis-management of the utility, and they have already been charging additional 7% over the last 5 years, as seen my Tax property bills. The total of the 4 years will be around a 25% rate increase, and this is hitting harder on the single family households more than the apartment or business groups, who use more of the resources of the sewage system than a single family.	Oppose	04-20-2020 11:05 pm	
H-1. CONDUCT a public hearing to hear comments regarding the proposed wastewater rate increase; and INTRODUCE an ordinance (first reading) setting wastewater user rates for fiscal years 2020-2021 through 2024-25. The recommended annual rate increases are 7.0% for each of these five fiscal years - Public Works Department (Yader A. Bermudez 774-6300/Mary Phelps 621-1269).	Guest User	I oppose the rate increase.The rates were increased 2015-2016 fiscal year which were supposed to cover needed improvements and pipelines. Now you want to increase the rates again by 7%, ridiculous. \$880.00 per year for the next 5 years is more than enough to pay for any current or future projects. The city attaches their financial needs to the property owners and single family owners. We do not need another increase. I'm asking the city to renegotiate the terms of the cost.	Oppose	04-21-2020 02:14 pm	
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<p>I-1. DIRECT staff to analyze the proposed amendments to the temporary moratorium on evictions and draft an ordinance that includes a freeze on rent increases for residential and commercial properties up to 90 days after the shelter in place order is lifted - Councilmember Melvin Willis (412-2050), Councilmember Eduardo Martinez (620-6593).</p>	<p>Elsa Stevens</p>	<p>My name is Elsa Stevens. This amendment improves Richmond's moratorium on evictions, but does not go far enough. FORGIVE rent/mortgage payments that residents and small business are forced to miss during Shelter-in-Place. Also extend the grace period for at least 120 days after the S-I-P is lifted. A tsunami of evictions will swell our homeless population and cause wave after wave of pandemics. Businesses will need recovery time. People will need time to regain employment.</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>04-21-2020 02:57 pm</p>		
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