

RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, May 19, 2020

The Richmond City Council Evening Open Session was called to order at 5:02 p.m. by Mayor Thomas K. Butt via teleconference.

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

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

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

*Written public comments were received via email to cityclerkdept@ci.richmond.ca.us and eComment. Comments received by 3:00 p.m. on May 19, 2020, were put into the record and considered before Council action. Comments received via email during the meeting and up until the public comment period on the relevant agenda item closed, were read into the record. Comments were also received via telephone during the public comment period. **Attached herewith all written public comments received.***

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Ben Choi, Demnlus Johnson III, Eduardo Martinez, Vice Mayor Nathaniel Bates, Melvin Willis, and Mayor Thomas K. Butt. **Absent:** Councilmember Jael Myrick arrived after the roll was called.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

CITY COUNCIL

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION (paragraph (1) of Subdivision [d] of Government Code Section 54956.9):

SPRAWLDEF vs. City of Richmond

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
(Government Code Section 54957.6):

Agency Representatives: Jack Hughes

Employee organizations:

1. SEIU Local 1021 Full-Time Unit
2. SEIU Local 1021 Part-Time Unit
3. IFPTE Local 21 Mid-Level Management Unit
4. IFPTE Local 21 Executive Management Unit
5. Richmond Police Officers Association RPOA
6. Richmond Police Management Association RPMA
7. IAFF Local 188
8. Richmond Fire Management Association RFMA

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
(Government Code Section 54957):

Title: City Manager

Cordell Hindler gave comments via email in support of City Manager Laura Snideman.

The Open Session adjourned to Closed Session at 5:04 p.m.
Closed Session adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by Mayor Butt via teleconference.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Choi, Johnson, Martinez, Myrick, Vice Mayor Bates, and Mayor Butt. **Absent:** Councilmember Willis arrived after the roll was called.

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

AGENDA REVIEW

Items H-3, H-7, H-8, H-14, H-15, H-16, and H-17 were removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion at the end of the agenda.

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

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

REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Laura Snideman introduced Contra Costa County (the county) Supervisor John Gioia to provide an update related to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and shelter at home order. Mr. Gioia acknowledged the City of Richmond for its good communication with the county. Mr. Gioia commended the county's residents for their reaction and support that was largely responsible for preventing the virus from overwhelmingly spreading. Mr. Gioia announced that effective May 19, 2020, the county retailers were allowed to reopen for storefront curbside pickup service. As of May 19, 2020, there were 1,192 positive

COVID-19 cases with 1,002 recovered cases in the county. Approximately 24,000 COVID-19 tests were administered in the county and the rate of positive tests was slightly going down. Richmond had 197 positive COVID-19 cases which were a lower per-capita rate compared to other cities in the county. There were thirty-three deaths related to COVID-19 in the county. In mid-April, the county peaked to approximately forty-four COVID-19 related hospitalizations that declined to sixteen. Mr. Gioia advised that the county's Health Department's focus was on increased testing via several free testing locations throughout the county; increasing hospitals and medical overflow capacity; continued shelter for the homeless; ramping up COVID-19 contact tracing; and easing of restrictions by reopening more areas based on the data and the governor's order. Mr. Gioia advised that the county delivered portable toilets and handwashing stations for the homeless population as requested by the City of Richmond and more were available upon request. Mr. Gioia emphasized wearing face masks, self-health monitoring, self-quarantining, testing, social distancing, and the importance of personal behavior and responsibility. Mr. Gioia stated that the county anticipated spending \$130 million between March 2020 and July 2020 in response to COVID-19 and advanced \$25 million to non-profit organizations to serve the most vulnerable. The county was advocating for more federal funding for local governments. Mr. Gioia advised that COVID-19 testing was available in West County by calling (844) 421-0804 for an appointment. Mr. Gioia recommended the public to initially request testing through their personal healthcare provider, if applicable. The Council requested confirmation that the City of Richmond was receiving the transient occupancy tax from the homeless hotel accommodations provided by the county.

Ms. Snideman thanked the community for doing their part in helping to "flatten the curve" and allowing the county health officer to slowly make changes to the order. Ms. Snideman emphasized that the community needed to continue doing its part to loosen restrictions over time. Ms. Snideman reminded the community that the shelter-in-place order was still in effect with slight modifications. Ms. Snideman announced that the State of California COVID-19 disaster relief assistance for immigrants was available by calling (866) 490-3899 or at the following website: www.cceb.org.

Mr. Gioia advised that drive-in graduation events and worship services were being considered based on new guidelines. Mr. Gioia concluded by thanking all frontline workers.

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Jeanne Kortz gave comments regarding item H-2, concerning a contract with Veolia Water. Ms. Kortz requested the Council to provide residents with a detailed summary for the proposed sewer rate increase and consider a bidding process for the Veolia contract. Ms. Kortz recommended recusal for councilmembers that received campaign contributions from Veolia.

Ian Birnam and Oscar Solano Jr. urged the Council not to cut Richmond recreation programs from the budget. Both individuals emphasized the importance of recreational activities for the community.

CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

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

***H-1.** Adopted **Resolution No. 42-20** designating officials and authorizing submission of an application to the State of California Governor's Office of Emergency Services for state financial assistance under the California Disaster Assistance Act and the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act.

***H-2.** Adopted **Resolution No. 43-20** approving a contract for Veolia Water to manage (on behalf of the City of Richmond) a subcontract with WR Forde and Associates in an amount not to exceed \$294,026 [Project cost of \$232,790, plus 10.0% mark-up of \$23,279, plus 15% contingency of \$34,919, plus \$3,142 for 9% mark-up on change orders)]; and appropriated the budget in the amount of \$294,130.

H-3. Continued to the May 26, 2020, meeting the matter to approve the installation of 575 street sweeping parking restriction signs in the Richmond Annex and Panhandle Annex Neighborhoods.

***H-4.** Received the monthly report on Point Molate activities for the month of January 2020.

***H-5.** Received the monthly report on Point Molate activities for the month of February 2020.

***H-6.** Received the monthly report on Point Molate activities for the month of March 2020.

H-7. Continued to the May 26, 2020, meeting the matter to approve: (1) the Project Services Fund Agreement with HRP Campus Bay Property, LLC ("HRP") to provide a mechanism for HRP to provide the funding necessary for the City to negotiate a community benefits agreement, development agreement and any other documents and agreements (the "Definitive Agreements") related to the development and entitlement of a mixed-use development on approximately 65 acres of the Richmond Bay Zeneca/former Stauffer Chemical site (the "Mixed-Use Development"); and (2) authorize the city manager and city attorney, as the case may be, to enter into contracts and legal services agreements for the negotiation and development of the Definitive Agreements and all necessary discretionary land use approvals and entitlements and related environmental review for the Mixed-Use Development.

H-8. Continued to the May 26, 2020, meeting the matter to confirm and ratify the City Council's prior extensions of the City's Exclusive Right to Negotiate Agreement (ERN) with Winehaven Legacy, LLC on February 4, 2020, extending the ERN to May 31, 2020, and on April 21, 2020, extending ERN to September 30, 2020.

***H-9.** Approved an agreement with WR Forde Associates to repair water pipeline leaks at the Point Potrero Marine Terminal for a total value of \$155,000.

***H-10.** Approved a contract with Blink Network, LLC. from May 18, 2020, through December 1, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$46,232 for the installation of 14 electric vehicle charging stations throughout the City of Richmond.

***H-11.** Approved distribution of grant awards, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 to 10 organizations approved as recipients through Category 4 Environmental and Community Investment Agreement processes and guidelines.

***H-12.** Approved an appointment to update the Housing Advisory Commission: appointed Dena Nelson, new appointment, seat #2, term expiration date November 1, 2022.

***H-13.** Approved appointment to the Richmond-Zhoushan Sister City Commission; appointed Margaret Lee, new appointment, seat #4, term expiration date December 31, 2022.

H-14. Continued to the May 26, 2020, meeting the matter to adopt an ordinance (second 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).

H-15. Continued to the May 26, 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.

H-16. Continued to the May 26, 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).

H-17. Continued to the May 26, 2020, meeting the matter to introduce an ordinance (first reading) to establish the wages, salaries, and compensation for the new classification specification of Industrial Building Inspector (salary range 060G \$8,154 -\$9,864/month); and adopt a resolution amending the Position Classification Plan to add the new classification specification of Industrial Building Inspector.

***H-18.** Approved the April 21 and 28, 2020, Regular City Council meetings minutes.

***H-19.** Approved a contract with Tactical K9 LLC, to provide K-9 maintenance training in an amount not to exceed \$57,000 over a two-year term (\$28,500 per year); the contract term was May 1, 2020, and terminated December 31, 2021.

BUDGET SESSION

I-1. The matter to review, comment and provide direction to staff regarding the status report of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-21 Annual Operating Budget, and on the progress to date and proposed next steps for revenue enhancement and cost-recovery measures was introduced by City Manager Laura Snideman. Budget Administrator Markisha Guillory presented a Powerpoint that highlighted the following: Budget goals; FY 2020-21 draft

General Fund revenues (\$166 million) and expenditures (\$193 million); budget balancing strategies to reduce the \$27 million deficit; and budget updates. Deputy City Manager Economic Development Shasa Curl presented a Powerpoint that highlighted potential revenue generation and cost recovery measures. Discussion ensued. Revenue Manager Antonio Banuelos presented a Powerpoint that highlighted the range and status of potential ballot tax measures. Ms. Guillory concluded with the next steps. Discussion ensued. The Council requested written information on the Lift Up Richmond group mentioned in the presentation. The Council recommended the sale of surplus properties to generate revenue. The following individuals gave comments via email, eComments, or telephone: Nine eComments guest users, Oscar Solano Jr., Alan Burns, Mandy Davis, Kim Abbott, Sarah Pritchard, Agnes, Baumann, Cheryl Cardenas, Cordell Hindler, Community Services Department recreation staff, Diana Wear, Emily Somberg, James Madden, Jenise Perez, Lila Sheira, Lisa Camasi, Maryn Hurlbut, Oscar Garcia, Roddey Reid, Alex Acuna, Amber Ramirez, Annie Sako, Beth Poole Kercher, Callie Raab, Deborah Bayer, Elizabeth Claman, Elizabeth Watts, Gayle McLaughlin, Judy Hermann, Rob Lipton, Scott Wolland, Sherri Patterson, Stacey Walker, Tony Tuttle, Vivian Pisano, Yumi Sako, Alix Mazuet, Andrea Mullarkey, Briceida Guzman, Cameron Holly, Carla Bowman, Cathy O'Brien, Claudia Jiminez, Christina Lorenzana, David Bergad, David Stevens, Deborah Bonet, Deborah Sampson-Johannes, Edith Pastrano, Elizabeth Castro, Elsa Stevens, Erin Singer, Ezequiel Chum, Gaby Mercado, Jane Courant, Masako Omata, Joy Hilan, Karen Juster Hecht, Kathleen Clancy, Kevin Mathieu, Lisa Bloom, Masako Omata, Michael Dalla, Nadia Winters, Paul Larudee, Pierre Thompson, Therese Lahaie, Veronica Medina Hernandez, Kate Spaulding, Joshua Anjar, Yen Do, Callie Raab, Claudia Jiminez, Tarnel Abbott, Lynn Maack, Gary Hurlbut, Luis Padilla, and Joey Schlemmer. Further discussion ensued. The Council recommended reduced work hours to reduce the budget deficit. The Council recommended holding special meetings to address the budget. Ms. Brown provided the budget adoption schedule.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

J-1. The city clerk announced that it was time, pursuant to public notice, to hold a public hearing to hear comments regarding the matter to adopt an order of vacation, vacating and abandoning for public purposes a 2,749 square foot portion of 14th Street, near Pennsylvania Avenue, an unbuilt portion of 14th Street from Portola Avenue to Pennsylvania Avenue. Public Works Director Yader Bermudez provided an oral report. Discussion ensued. Mayor Butt declared the public hearing open. Mary Wiggins, James Wiggins, and Alix Mazuet submitted comments via email. Mayor Butt closed the public hearing. Further discussion ensued. A motion was made by Councilmember Willis, seconded by Councilmember Martinez, to reach out to the neighborhood councils and review their feasibility study or needs assessments for the vacant lot before taking action on the matter. Further discussion ensued. A substitute motion made by Vice Mayor Bates, seconded by Mayor Butt, adopted **Order of Vacation No. 918** by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Choi, Johnson, Myrick, Vice Mayor Bates, and Mayor Butt. **Noes:** Councilmembers Martinez and Wills. **Absent:** None. **Abstained:** None. The Council requested Bay Area Rapids Transit to maintain the lot.

J-2. The city clerk announced that it was time, pursuant to public notice, to hold a public hearing continued from April 21, 2020, to hear comments regarding the proposed wastewater rate increase; and introduce an ordinance (first reading) setting wastewater user rates for fiscal years (FY) 2020-21 through 2024-25. There were two options to be considered: Option A with recommended annual rate increases 7% for each of the five fiscal years, or option B with annual rate increases of 5%, 6%, 7%, 7%, and 7% for FY 2020-21 through FY 2024-25 respectively. Public Works Director Yader Bermudez introduced the item. Project Manager Mary Phelps presented a Powerpoint that highlighted the following: Overview of rate increases, sewer system, and regulatory requirements; Veolia's role; capital projects and funding; Proposition 218 and the City of Richmond ordinance requirements; Plans A/B customer impact analysis; projected operating results; and Plan B revenue risks. Ms. Phelps stated that 420 valid protest letters were received. Discussion ensued. The Council recommended that Veolia not receive a markup payment for project design work conducted by West County. Mayor Butt declared the public hearing open. The following individuals gave comments via email or telephone: William Keller, Alix Mazuet, Jeanne Kortz, and Leisa Johnson. Mayor Butt closed the public hearing. Further discussion ensued. A motion made by Vice Mayor Bates to approve Option A (fixed rate increase) failed for the lack of a second. On motion of Councilmember Myrick, seconded by Councilmember Choi, said ordinance for Option B (gradual rate increase) received the first reading and was laid over for two weeks by the unanimous vote of the City Council.

RESOLUTIONS

K-1. The matter to adopt a resolution amending Resolution 41-20 (ratifying the Director of Emergency Services' Second Supplemental Order) by amending that Order to extend the grace period to pay back rent for residential and commercial tenants financially impacted by COVID-19 was introduced by Councilmembers Myrick and Willis. Discussion ensued.

(At approximately 10:50 p.m., a motion by Vice Mayor Bates, seconded by Councilmember Johnson, to suspend the rules and allow the city clerk to summarize the public comments received during the meeting (five votes needed), failed by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Johnson, Myrick, Vice Mayor Bates, and Mayor Butt. Noes: Councilmembers Choi, Martinez, and Willis. Absent: None. Abstained: None).

The following individuals gave comments via email or telephone: Don Gosney, Alex Werth, Alexina Rojas, Elizabeth Stern, Fran Biderman, Hibris Maciel, Claudia Jiminez, Ali Uscilka, Amelia Hernandez, Briceida G., Christina Lorenzana, Darease Brown, Edith Lopez, Maria Lopez, Edith Pastrano, Elsa Stevens, Enicia Montalvo, Ezequiel Chum, Flor Castro, Gabriela Hernandez Vasquez, Gaby Mercado, Hector Malvido, Heidi Perez, Jesus Perez, Jim Becker, Jose Murillo, Joselyne Quiroz, Kanwarpal Dhaliwal, Karel Villalobos, Kristi Laughlin, Laura Magels, Leydi Maldonado, Maria Elena Juarez, Maria Franco-Kearns, Mariana Moore, Meghan Cadmus, Myrna Godinez, one anonymous, Rhea Elina, Selene Calderon, Tomasa Espinosa, Toni Perez, and Veronica Hernandez.

(At approximately 11:00 p.m. during the public comment period for item K-1, a motion made by Councilmember Myrick, seconded by Councilmember Willis, extended the meeting for thirty minutes by the unanimous vote of the City Council).

(At approximately 11:28 p.m. during the public comment period for item K-1, a motion made by Councilmember Willis, seconded by Councilmember Martinez, suspended the rules and extended the meeting to complete item K-1 by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Choi, Johnson, Martinez, Myrick, and Willis. Noes: Vice Mayor Bates and Mayor Butt. Absent: None. Abstained: None.

Discussion ensued for item K-1. A motion was made by Councilmember Myrick, seconded by Councilmember Willis, to adopt said resolution as written. A friendly amendment was made by Councilmember Willis directing staff to research the Fannie Mae and Freddy Mac deferred mortgage assistance and forgiveness grace period and release the information to the public. The friendly amendment was accepted. The motion adopted **Resolution No. 44-20** by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Choi, Martinez, Myrick, and Willis. **Noes:** Vice Mayor Bates and Mayor Butt. **Absent:** None. **Abstained:** Councilmember Johnson.

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

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:51 p.m., to meet again on Tuesday, May 26, 2020, at 6:30 p.m.

Clerk of the City of Richmond

(SEAL)

Approved:

Mayor

Sabrina Lundy

From: Cordell Hindler <cordellhindler@ymail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 8:17 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT BEFORE CLOSED SESSION

hello Sabrina, i think that Laura is doing a wonderful job as City Manager

Sincerely
Cordell

P.S, i would not mind trying one of her favorite activities

Council Meeting - 5/19/2020

Meeting Time: 05-19-20 18:30

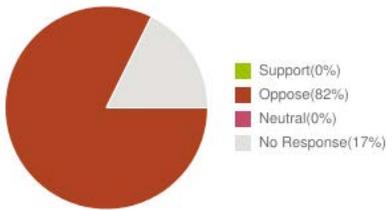
eComments Report

Meetings	Meeting Time	Agenda Items	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
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Sentiments for All Meetings

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Overall Sentiment



Council Meeting - 5/19/2020

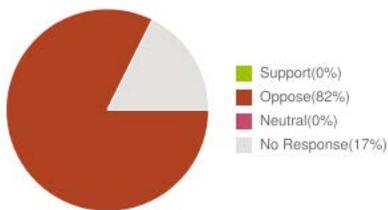
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Agenda Name	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
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G. OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT	3	0	3	0
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Sentiments for All Agenda Items

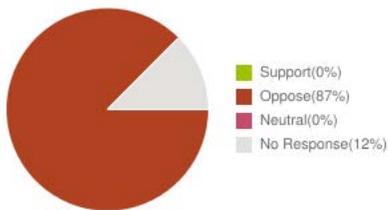
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Agenda Item: eComments for B. PUBLIC COMMENT BEFORE CLOSED SESSION

Overall Sentiment



Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 9:58pm 05-19-20

Please do not cut Recreation Department from budget. It is extremely essential from residents surrounding the area. I am a Richmond resident for over 20 years and have been enjoying various programs for a very long time. I have many friends who live in the nearby cities who enjoys as well. We all need this - please do not cut it from budget.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 9:53pm 05-19-20

I have heard that you are planning on closing the pools until 2021. I don't think you have any idea how necessary this pool is to my physical health. I go several times a week (or did until March 17), and I can feel the pains in my body. There is nothing to replace being in the water doing swimming or exercising or water walking. It is healing, physically and mentally. You may think there is little value to the pools, but for all of us, and there are many, who use it, it is essential.

A Sarris

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 9:51pm 05-19-20

I oppose putting up No Parking -street cleaning signs in the Richmond Annex. I have lived here for 20 years. Myself and all of my neighbors move their cars street cleaning days. The money allocated on Richmond's tight budget can be used in a better fashion. signed Barbara Llanes, 5800 Fresno Ave., Richmond 94804

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 9:43pm 05-19-20

I categorically oppose the budget cuts to the Community Services Department. (CSD) - Agenda Item F1. It is imperative to have a structural plan for people within Richmond that look up to these programs when they don't have the support at home due to poverty or lack of access and now COVID-19. These residents depend on the different programs for mental, physical and emotional progress for structural maintenance in their lives. Hopes and support given by CSD is a must.

Oscar Solano, Jr
Richmond

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 9:25pm 05-19-20

re: Agenda Item H-3, City Council Meeting May 19, 2020

Does the City Council still honor the wishes of neighborhood councils? The Annex was granted an exemption from having these signs back in 2003. We did not want them then, we do not want them now.

It feels like a poke in the eye from the City and the opposite of supportive government.

How about cheaper, less invasive alternatives like a public awareness campaign or schedule notification?

Communicate and educate before you legislate.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 5:26pm 05-19-20

Re: Agenda Item H-8, City Council Meeting May 19, 2020

Please do not extend the SunCAL ERN. Don't give public land to private entrepreneurs so they can profit.

Point Molate should be kept as is, but if there is any development, it must preserve the park AND provide an infusion of tax dollars, not a loss of tax revenue.

Decisions about the future of Point Molate should make environmental and economic sense and truly reflect what the people of Richmond want.

Glenda Rubin
Richmond resident

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 1:56am 05-19-20

1)DO NOT extend the ERN 2)perform a complete analysis of financial impact and publish it, 3) put the entire Point Molate project on hold until litigation is resolved, the financial analysis has been published and risks have been addressed.

Please do not move forward with Point Molate plans until the public can fully participate in the review and approval process.

Thank you.

Guest User

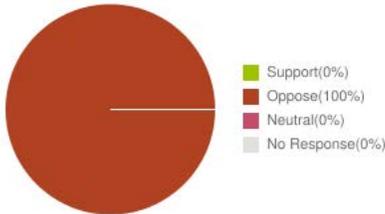
Location:

Submitted At: 9:35pm 05-18-20

Do not extend Sun Cal's ERN. Point Molate belongs to the people, not just of Richmond but of the greater bay area. It is a treasure; keep it that way. High consideration should be for the eel beds, open space, clean air. Housing would be detrimental to items previously mentioned and would increase congestion, concerns for safety and even higher concerns for an overwhelmingly unfair tax burden on current homeowners in Richmond

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Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 9:45pm 05-19-20

Please DO NOT cut funds for the Community Service Department . I am a senior citizen who absolutely depends on the Natatorium for swim exercise - one of the few types available to me and I have missed it. This pool has been mobility-saving grace for me, I can't bear the possibility it will be closed the rest of the year. PLEASE reconsider this cut!!!!!!!

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 9:34pm 05-19-20

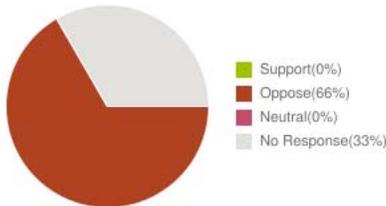
I strongly oppose the cutting of funds to the Community Service Deartment- Community enrichment -recreation.

I swim frequently when the Natatorium is open. With it being shut now due to the virus, I'm going nuts. I need the pool for my personal wellbeing as I'm sure others do. Please keep providing funds for that service to the community.

Funds that might be allocated to put up Annex signs No Parking on street cleaning days (which I oppose) should be used for the pool.

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Overall Sentiment



Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 9:36pm 05-19-20

Richmond really needs to preserve the Red Oak Victory as part of the incredible history this city made to WWII effort. It is SO easy to dismiss these kinds of historic assets but I beg you to keep this accessible for the future.

Alan Burns

Location:

Submitted At: 3:52pm 05-19-20

The Red Oak Victory is a valuable educational asset to our schools and to the community at large. Each year the ship is visited by hundreds of elementary through high school students who learn about its history, the Kaiser Shipyards, and the role the City of Richmond played during one of the most important periods in our nation's history. The Red Oak Victory's presence is a real benefit to Richmond and it's loss through the imposition of unaffordable rent would be a definite loss for the City.

Mandy Davis

Location:

Submitted At: 4:35am 05-19-20

The SS Red Oak is 1 of 3 last remaining Victory ships in the world! What an honor and point of pride for the city to host us in our original birthplace. 100% volunteer led, our crew derives from miles around to dedicate their time, knowledge, and expertises to give back. We continue the responsibility of preservation, education, and community building within our city, schools, and in national associations. The future and success of our organization lies our partnerships. With gratitude,

Kim Abbott

Location:

Submitted At: 1:19am 05-19-20

I oppose budget balancing item 42. In order to make the Red Oak (ROV) an affordable experience we must keep our operating expenses and admission at a minimum. The ROV provides a unique educational resource for school kids, and the community. It is also a place where veterans pass along the legacy of their wartime experiences to their grandkids. The ROV is the only remaining ship built at Kaiser Shipyards. I, therefore, ask the board to allow the ROV to remain in its current berth rent free.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 8:36pm 05-18-20

The proposal before the Council to charge rent or replace the Red Oak Victory will result in the ship ceasing operation just as we are making progress toward getting underway to take passengers. Our current annual visitor total of 4-5000 people will certainly double when that happens increasing the already important benefit the ship brings to Richmond schools, communities, and businesses. I urge you to preserve the Red Oak Victory for the people of Richmond. Fred Klink, Red Oak Victory

Sarah Pritchard

Location:

Submitted At: 7:14pm 05-18-20

The proposal before the Richmond City Council to charge rent or to replace the Red Oak Victory ship (ROV) with a commercial lessee. If the ROV is forced to leave, we lose an iconic asset for Richmond City, for the tourist and business community and the Rosie the Riveter WW II Homefront National Historical Park for which it is a pivotal part as the last remaining ship built during WWII. I urge you to protect this important part of Richmond's and the country's history. Sarah Pritchard, ED, RTRT

Sabrina Lundy

From: Aaron Murphy <aaronmur@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 16, 2020 2:29 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: hey - no street signs please

Hi

I **do not** want more street signs because:

- They are expensive
- Ugly
- Permanent - advertising a reminder everyday for what's needed 2 days a month.

I set my own calendar to remind myself.

I would be **thrilled** to put out a neighborhood reminder - a sandwich board the night before.

But not signs.

Please ... we need trees on these streets not signs.

Best,
Aaron Murphy
5722 Sacramento Ave, Richmond, CA 94804

Sabrina Lundy

From: Amanda Hartrey <ahartrey@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 3:18 PM
To: Tom Butt - external; Ben Choi; Nat Bates; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis; City Clerk Dept
Subject: Please DON'T put street sweeping signs in the Annex neighborhoods!

To Mayor Butt and City Council Members,

It has come to my attention that the city is looking to install hundreds of large signs throughout the Annex neighborhoods. I also know that the residents voted against these signs in 2003. I live in the Richmond Annex. Most people move their cars for street sweeping. I understand that the sweepers are cleaning the pollution from the streets and I would argue that they are still able to do so even when there are a few rogue cars parked on the street.

During this economic crisis, it seems that the money would be better spent on other things than installing signs. If this is an act to create revenue for the city, it seems misguided during a time where people are home more, hence so are their cars, and are out of work.

Please consider the people who live in these neighborhoods. One reason I love the annex is for it's quiet, neighborly charm. We don't even have stop signs at many of the intersections. I would encourage those over unsightly street cleaning signs in front of our houses.

Please hear the voices of the majority from 2003. We do not want these signs in our neighborhoods.

Sincerely,
Amanda Hartrey
San Mateo St., Richmond

Sabrina Lundy

From: Ana Smulian <smulfun@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 6:20 PM
Subject: Re: Proposed Street Sweeping Signs in the Annex

As a PS to our original emails - Stationing a traffic officer, or a speed trap on Carlson Ave. in Richmond would generate a lot more money in a shorter amount of time and make the neighborhood safer. Please keep the street sweeping signs out of our neighborhood.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Ana Smulian

J. Steven Smulian

On 5/18/20 12:22 PM, Ana Smulian wrote:

Dear City of Richmond Leaders:

I am strongly against the proposal of putting up No Parking/Street Sweeping signs in the Richmond Annex. There is enough blight in the East Bay without adding huge, ugly signs to our neighborhood. Several neighbors have used sandwich boards to remind others when it's street sweeping day. Maybe the city can provide more of these sandwich boards, and volunteers can put them out on the appropriate day each month.

More importantly, the funds to put up these signs can be better used to fix the numerous potholes in our neighborhood, and put up stop signs at street corners, since drivers new to the area do not know to stop at uncontrolled intersections. That has led to more than a few accidents in the Annex in the 20 plus years I have lived here.

I understand that Richmond needs funds, but I don't think the monies generated by giving out parking tickets in the Annex would benefit the city in any substantial way.

Please give serious thought to this action. Let's beautify and keep Richmond safe!

Thank you for your consideration.

Ana Smulian

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Sabrina Lundy

From: Just Me <hottubfool@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2020 5:52 PM
To: Tom Butt - external; Ben Choi; Nat Bates; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis; City Clerk Dept
Subject: NO street sweeping parking restriction signs in the Annex

I live in the Annex at 1350 Santa Clara St. I understand you're once again voting on installing No Parking signs in our neighborhood (as happened on 2003).

PLEASE VOTE NO ON THIS! They're UGLY, UNSIGHTLY, BLOCK MY VIEWS OF THE BAY, and are unnecessary. Not to mention, an expense the city can not afford.

Thank you

Andrew Harris
1350 Santa Clara St

Sabrina Lundy

From: Annie Kohut Frankel <akfrankel@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 2:53 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: public comments - agenda item H-3

I support street the sweeping enforcement. Thank you,
Anne Frankel
Park Plaza resident

Sabrina Lundy

From: Anne Marie Richard <amrichard70@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 16, 2020 12:57 PM
To: Tom Butt - external; Ben Choi; Nat Bates; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis; City Clerk Dept
Subject: City Council Item H-3 for May 19 meeting

Dear Councilmembers and City Clerk,

In reference to Item H-3 for next week's City Council meeting, please register my opposition to installing unsightly street sweeping parking restriction signs in the Richmond Annex. We voted against this several years ago, and do not want to see the City attempt to undermine our vote.

Public reminders about the monthly street sweeping dates would be a much better approach. I have lived in the Annex for over 20 years, and deeply appreciate my neighbors who beautify the neighborhood by planting native plants, pulling up invasive weeds, and picking up trash we find on the streets and sidewalks. I would hate to see the City "uglify" our area with unnecessary signage. The cost to install them would be much better spent addressing potholes, weed cleanup in the Carlson median, or repairing sidewalks.

Thank you,

Anne Marie Richard

Sabrina Lundy

From: cheeta llanes <cheetallanes@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 17, 2020 1:28 PM
To: om.butt@intres.com; Ben Choi; Nat Bates; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis; City Clerk Dept
Subject: Please vote NO for the Richmond Annex street sweeping signs"

Respectfully,

The neighbors and myself do not wish to have Street Sweeping signs put up in the Richmond Annex.

Thank you,
Barbara Llanes
5800 Fresno Ave
Richmond 94804

Sabrina Lundy

From: Blake Calhoun <blakevcalhoun@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 17, 2020 2:12 PM
To: Tom Butt - external; Nat Bates; Ben Choi; Demnlus Johnson; Melvin Willis
Cc: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Vote NO on installation of street sweeping signs in the Annex

Hello,

We moved to the Annex in June 2019. We love the suburban and neighborly feel of the Annex. We appreciate the lack of unnecessary signage on the streets. We support street sweeping and are happy to move our vehicles accordingly. Since moving to the area, we have never been notified of any street sweeping schedules. We have mentioned several times that it would be nice to know when the sweepers are coming so our vehicles can be moved.

What we don't need is unnecessary use of city funds, unsightly signs and code enforcement when proper communication of schedules has not been executed. Our neighborhood is diverse in its people and citations for those on fixed incomes, recently unemployed or students is not the preferred approach. Please respect the previous vote of the residents, communicate schedules to the public and use these funds for more needed actions in this time of change.

Thank you for your support and service to the community.

Blake Calhoun & Mela Mulvihill
Richmond Annex, 94804

Sabrina Lundy

From: Bruce McGaw <bmcgaw@att.net>
Sent: Saturday, May 16, 2020 10:33 AM
To: Tom Butt - external; Ben Choi; Nat Bates; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis; City Clerk Dept
Subject: NO to hundreds of oversized and unsightly street signs in our Annex Neighborhoods

Dear City Council,

No NO NO we Don't need and Don't want more signage

Begin forwarded message:

From: Gayle McLaughlin for Richmond City Council 2020 <gayleforrichmond@gmail.com>
Subject: **NO to hundreds of oversized and unsightly street signs in our Annex Neighborhoods**
Date: May 15, 2020 at 5:45:58 PM PDT
To: bmcgaw@att.net
Reply-To: gayleforrichmond@gmail.com.

NO NO NO NO

NO NO NO street sweeping parking restriction signs planted all over the Richmond Annex and Panhandle Annex Neighborhoods.

On March 28th, 2003 the Richmond residents of the Richmond Annex and the Richmond Panhandle Annex voted by more than 66% to oppose the installation of these oversized and unsightly "no parking street sweeping" signs on the sidewalks of our Annex and Panhandle neighborhoods. Other Richmond neighborhoods also had the option to vote for or against the signs.

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Dear Annex neighbors:

We must say NO to having 575 street sweeping parking restriction signs planted all over the Richmond Annex and Panhandle neighborhoods.

On March 28th, 2003 the Richmond residents of the Richmond Annex and the Richmond Panhandle Annex voted by mail for the Richmond Annex and Panhandle neighborhoods. Other Richmond neighborhoods also had the option to vote for or against the signs.

We organized, we outreached, we voted for NO SIGNS for our neighborhoods.

With our victory, our neighborhoods became part of a **Volunteer Street Sweeping Program** and we, the residents, are performing the street sweeping.

Fast forward to today and City Council Item H-3 on May 19, 2020 :

Perhaps under pressure for new revenue and under the general social fog of the COVID-19, the City is attempting to use the signs to raise dollars.

We the Richmond Annex and Panhandle Annex residents care deeply about our environment. We are proud of our neighborhoods.

Signs are not obligatory. Cities have different options to keep curbed areas clear during street sweeping. According to the City, signs in Business Districts, near large apartment complexes, etc.; posting street sweeping signs on streets where appropriate.

Public reminders by the City are a better approach. The residents are already reminding each other. It is encouraging the monthly street sweep.

Increasing that voluntary effort in our neighborhoods is a much better approach than disregarding our democratic principles. Unnecessary ticketing and fines by code enforcement is not a good idea.

The City could use that \$30,000 for other more pressing issues. The picture below gives a sense of how our neighborhoods are affected.



WHAT TO DO?

1. EMAIL City Council before May 19th

tom.butt@intres.com; ben_choi@ci.richmond.ca.us; natbates@comcast.net; eduardo_martinez@ci.richmond.ca.us

2. CALL City Council before May 19th

Leave messages for the city council at: 510-620-6581

3. Submit your testimony on May 19th between 5:00PM - 6:30PM

Send to: cityclerkdept@ci.richmond.ca.us

See agenda [HERE](#) (scroll down and click on H-3 for more info).

Thank you for being a concerned neighbor who values our neighborhood character!

Sincerely,

Gayle McLaughlin

Former Richmond Mayor (2007-2015)

2020 Richmond City Council candidate, District 5

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Sabrina Lundy

From: CARLENE WOLFE <carlenewolfe@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 7:08 PM
To: Tom Butt - external; Ben Choi; Nat Bates; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis; City Clerk Dept
Subject: Richmond Voluntary Street Sweeping Program

Dear Council Members,

I literally just learned that this program will be eliminated. And is being replaced with mandatory parking restrictions and accompanying signage. **I am adamantly against this!!!** We have such a charming neighborhood that we all love, and this adds absolutely nothing to it's quality. But instead it actually diminishes our neighborhood feeling of community and cohesiveness. This action actually feels very hostile. Not what we, the community wanted. So what's up? How does this change make our lives better?

Thanks very much for your attention,
Carlene Wolfe

Sabrina Lundy

From: Carol Swift <c_swift@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 1:36 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Public Comment H-3

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

Dear Ms. Christian,

I would ask the City Council to approve the installation of the 574 street sweeping parking restriction signs so that all those in the affected area can have the benefit of cleaner streets in the future. Thank you.

Sincerely, Carol Swift

150 South 45th. St. #104
Richmond, California 94804

Sabrina Lundy

From: Carol Teltschick <cteltschickfall@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 10:38 PM
To: Irene Perdomo; Lina Velasco; Tom Butt - external; Nat Bates; Ben Choi; Demnlus Johnson; Eduardo Martinez; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis
Cc: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Item H8 - Point Molate - do not extend ERN

Dear City Manager and City Council:

Thank you for considering my comments.

With a pandemic underway, with the City facing a shortfall of \$27 million and making plans to close libraries and furlough employees, you must be mindful of how you expend time and resources. SunCal's proposal for Point Molate and its EIR, suffer from a plethora of fatal flaws: disregard for public safety concerns, disregard for environmental protection, violations of the required transparent, democratic process, and a lack of risk analysis. All of these flaws must be resolved, and resolving them is detracting you from solving the public emergencies at hand.

Therefore, you should not give an extension to the original deadlines in the ERN. Instead put this project on hold until:

- The City has conducted and published a financial analysis, including how to cover the costs of sewer and other infrastructure without passing these costs on to taxpayers at large. (Will some of the proposed Veolia increases be used to cover a sewer system for the SunCal project? If not, how you pay for them? Who pays for the fire station? The City will liable for costs and damages when there's a refinery accident, a fire, an earthquake, and residents cannot escape because of site configuration and poor planning?)
- All current litigation is resolved.
- A new EIR is produced and presented to the public—an EIR that adequately addresses environmental impacts to all ecological systems at Point Molate, and all questions of public safety.
- The City has regained financial and operative balance, and the public can again fully participate in all stages of project planning.

More than ever, the people of Richmond need you to step up and provide responsible leadership.

Wishing you health and equanimity,

Carol Teltschick

Sabrina Lundy

From: Carolyn Graves <Carolyn.Graves@kp.org>
Sent: Saturday, May 16, 2020 4:40 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Cc: Tom Butt - external; Eduardo Martinez; Melvin Willis; Nat Bates; Ben Choi; Demnlus Johnson
Subject: re: City Council May 19 meeting agenda - Please remove consent item H-7 from the agenda (funding agreement HRP Campus Bay Property, LLC ("HRP")) -Zeneca/former Stauffer Chemical site

Hello.

This is a request for the Richmond City Council May 19 meeting agenda, that consent item H-7 be removed from the meeting agenda.

Text of consent Item H-7 from the May 19 City Council meeting agenda:

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The reasons for postponing this item are as follows:

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Regards,
Carolyn Graves
30+ year resident of Richmond

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Sabrina Lundy

From: Cheryl Cardenas
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 2:46 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: City Council Agenda - Item H15 / H16

To Mayor Butt and City Council Members;

Please vote No on Items H15 & H16

- Many of the job responsibilities listed as new for the Manager position are actually current responsibilities listed in the Supervisor job description.
- The budget cost of \$2,000 is only for the remainder of the current year, which is one month. Step 1 of this new Job Classification will be close to \$24,000 for the first year and in total at Step 5 – approximately \$56,000 which will put the position’s pay at 73% higher than the highest paid employee to be supervised.
- The position also cites that this is a 24hr department. It remains to be seen how budget cuts will impact the Police department but it stands to reason that the Records unit could contribute to department budget savings by closing at night. Most Records units in comparable cities do not have a 24hr Records unit and in fact, some are not even open 7 days a week. How ironic will it be that a new position will be approved one month and then be significantly altered the next?
- And, along the same line, the Manager position states that there will be the addition of the Property unit with 3 employees to supervise. First, 1 of the 3 positions has been frozen so the # of employees to be responsible for is now down to 2. Secondly, the Supervisor position has always included 2 units – Records and Transcription. The transcribers (6 FTE) were done away with many years ago, due to budget constraints but the adjustment was never made to the pay for the position of Supervisor. Is it not fair to say the job duties are overdue in being updated but the classification and the pay should remain the same as the job itself has not changed at its foundation?

Sabrina Lundy

From: Christopher Flynn <flynnct@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 7:27 PM
To: Tom Butt - external; Ben Choi; Nat Bates; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis; City Clerk Dept
Subject: NO to hundreds of oversized and unsightly street signs in our Annex Neighborhoods

The \$30,000 spend for signs is a priority 98 item - just before priority 99 - simply burning the money.

The proponent, Yader Rodriguez from public works, argues about the environment.

The 2007 county impact report <http://www.cccleanwater.org/pdfs/StreetSweepingReportFinal.pdf> shows that Richmond residential was "not sampled" (page 4); the big numbers for PCB's (page 9) and total organic carbon, (page 10) were from Richmond mixed and industrial use areas.

The environmental impact bang for the buck is sweeping the mixed/industrial areas. Scientifically the \$30,000 residential sign program is for no significant impact on the environment.

Now there may be political reasons, including personal political reasons, and financial reasons, including personal financial reasons - but neither of these can be raised in public. So judge the issue only on the claimed environmental issues.

Are there alternatives to improving the effectiveness of residential street sweeping - certainly - including the sensitivity raised by this item being on the Council agenda.

This and other publicity is significantly less expensive and potentially more effective than \$30,000 for a non-scientific excuse.

Neighborhood comments note that a major discussion point is about leaves and vegetative matter.

The cited report notes that 2/3rds of the street sweeping matter is vegetative (page 15).

The Neighborhood comments suggest there may be other solutions and more appropriate solutions to much of the vegetative matter other than hideous and hideously expensive street signs.

So lets not further tax the neighborhoods on a vexing issue during this time of stress.

Be Safe
Thanks
Chris
Chris Flynn
Richmond Annex

Sabrina Lundy

From: David Creighton <davidcreighton75@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 3:53 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Testimony re: Street Sweeping Signs in the Annex

To the City Clerk:

Please record my testimony in opposition to the needless posting of street sweeping signs in the Annex.

I and my neighbors are completely opposed to putting street sweeping signs in front of our houses in the Annex.

In my case the sign will likely go right in front of my house where there is already an unsightly utility pole.

This is one of those issues where City policy has a real impact on the quality of our neighborhood and I sincerely hope that the City Council will not approve such legislation.

We are very careful in our neighborhood and even put out temporary signs and call our neighbors to remind them not to park on the street during street sweeping days.

If not for social distancing I would join my neighbors and come to a City Council meeting to argue our case. This is a very important issue for us.

David Creighton

5724 Van Fleet
Richmond 94804

Sabrina Lundy

From: david@kaftonrealestate.com
Sent: Sunday, May 17, 2020 5:38 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Cc: DAVID L KAFTON
Subject: CONSENT ITEM H-7, MAY 19 RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Greetings!

Please remove Consent Item H-7 from the May 19 Richmond City Council Agenda.

We as community members want to comment on the proposed Project Services Fund Agreement with HRP Campus Bay Property regarding the proposed development of the toxic waste site at the former Stauffer Chemical Plant.

Item H-7 concerns the highly controversial development of a toxic waste site and, therefore, should be a topic of discussion before the council and the community. The importance of this site goes far beyond our city.

The shelter-in-place order prevents the normal interactions among council members and the community. The community should have a chance to have its views placed in the record and heard by the council members before they vote on such a controversial subject.

Thank you very much for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

David Kafton, Ph.D.

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Owner/Real Estate Broker
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Sabrina Lundy

From: David Lopes <d5d@comcast.net>
Sent: Saturday, May 16, 2020 9:24 AM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: The Annex says NO to street sweeping signs

Importance: High

Dear City Clerk:

We said no to street sweeping signage here in the Annex.
Please honor the wishes of taxpaying voters here in the Annex with your May 19th city council vote.

All best,

David

David Lopes
5815 Highland Ave
Richmond, CA 94804

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(510) 965 3112

Sabrina Lundy

From: Debbi Landshoff <deb_land@igc.org>
Sent: Sunday, May 17, 2020 7:33 PM
To: Tom Butt - external; Ben Choi; Nat Bates; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis; City Clerk Dept
Subject: Consent Calendar item H-3 - street sweeping signs

City Council,

I am a resident of the Richmond Annex.

Back in 2002, when the issue came up for City Council, I supported mandatory parking restrictions on street sweeping days. I strongly believe that efficient street sweeping is a good thing, because debris not picked up by street sweepers makes its way into gutters and out to the Bay.

Therefore I generally support this agenda item, but hope you can see your way to amending it so that the RFP for the sign construction would specify smaller signs than were originally installed and fewer signs per block. That would make them not so disruptive to the neighborhood.

Debbi Landshoff
6016 Orchard Ave.,
Richmond, CA 94804

Sabrina Lundy

From: Debi Clifford <debicliff@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 7:42 AM
To: City Clerk Dept
Cc: Tom Butt - external; Melvin Willis; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Nat Bates; Ben Choi; Demnlus Johnson; richcityservant@gmail.com
Subject: City Council May 19 meeting agenda - Please remove consent item H-7 from the agenda (funding agreement HRP Campus Bay Property, LLC ("HRP")) -Zeneca/former Stauffer Chemical site

Importance: High

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Thank you,

Debi Clifford
8-year Richmond Resident
Member, Sierra Club

Sabrina Lundy

From: Diana Wear <diana4richmond@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 2:25 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Public Comment: Agenda Item H-7

Diana Wear
Richmond Resident

Dear Mayor Butt and Richmond City Council,

Item H-7 should be removed from the Consent Calendar.
The developer should not be able to move forward on
the development of this last at the Richmond Bay Zeneca
site without full public comment.

As well, while we speak of May as “Affordable Housing”
month, there are no specifics for making any of this housing
affordable, not to mention that it will be on toxic ground so
no one should be living on this site unless it is adequately
cleaned up. It’s preposterous

Sincerely,

Diana Wear
diana4richmond@gmail.com

Sabrina Lundy

From: DIANE DICKEY <diane.dickey@msn.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 17, 2020 11:30 AM
To: Tom Butt - external; Ben Choi; Nat Bates; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis; City Clerk Dept
Subject: No Street Sweeping Signs in the Annex...

Now is not the time to be spending thousands of dollars putting up street signs for street cleaning. It is not needed. All the neighbors on my block keep the street in front of their homes clean. We don't need the city to install these signs. Please don't.

Diane Dickey
1601 Santa Clara
Richmond, CA 94804

Sabrina Lundy

From: utmost68@yahoo.com
Sent: Saturday, May 16, 2020 2:06 PM
To: Tom Butt - external; Ben Choi; Nat Bates; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis; City Clerk Dept
Subject: Supporting street sweeping signs in Richmond Annex

Just wanted to register my support for this proposal.

Diane Peterson
Richmond Annex

Sabrina Lundy

From: Don Hinshaw <dhinshaw@hinshawdesign.com>
Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 3:30 PM
To: Tom Butt - external; Ben Choi; Nat Bates; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis; City Clerk Dept
Subject: Street sweeping signs -- Richmond Annex

Dear Mayor Butts and Councilmembers,

I respectfully request that you do NOT place street sweeping signs in the Richmond Annex. We have managed quite well in the 19 years we have lived here to keep our cars moved on sweeping days, and we do not need the visual blight in our neighborhood.

In 2003, we voted to oppose the installation of these signs, and I'm quite sure the feeling would be the same 17 years later. Please respect our wishes in this matter, and don't waste our precious resources on the signs.

Kind regards,

--

Don Hinshaw

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Sabrina Lundy

From: Dori Maxon <dorimaxon@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 17, 2020 9:50 AM
To: Tom Butt - external; Ben Choi; Nat Bates; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis; City Clerk Dept
Subject: No Street Cleaning Signs in the Richmond Annex

Dear Representative,

We won't want to spend scarce resources on unsightly signs! Please use the money to keep the Carlson median maintained so drivers can make turns safely. Use it on PPE for our city workers - use it for something of value not unsightly and unnecessary signs.

Thank you,

Dori

Dori Maxon PT, MEd
Founder, Director
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Sabrina Lundy

From: Eileen McKenzie <emkenzie326@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 16, 2020 9:22 AM
To: Tom Butt - external; Ben Choi; Nat Bates; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis; City Clerk Dept
Subject: NO to street sweeping signs in Richmond Annex and panhandle

I am writing to ask that you do NOT vote in favor of Item H-3 at the city council meeting on May 19th. We as a community have made it clear that we do not want the signs!! I feel public reminders by the city is a much better approach. The money spent erecting these signs could be better spent. Increasing the voluntary effort in our neighborhoods is a much better approach than disregarding our democratic vote in 2003 to become part of a Volunteer Street Sweeping Program! Increasing our voluntary effort in our neighborhoods is a much better approach.

Respectfully,
Eileen and Tony McKenzie
1551 anta Clara Street
Rlchmond

Sabrina Lundy

From: Irene Perdomo
Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 1:13 PM
To: elizabeth kudo
Cc: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Re: Hear Us

Hi Elizabeth,

Thank you for your email. I am forwarding this to the City Clerk's Office for recording.

Best,

Irene Perdomo
Executive Assistant to the City Manager
510-621-1264

On May 18, 2020, at 10:04 AM, elizabeth kudo <elizabethkudo@yahoo.com> wrote:

Please... Do not move forward with Point Molate plans until public can fully participate in the review and approval process. The taxpayers of Richmond need to be heard!

We urge you to not extend the ERN, to perform a complete analysis of financial impact and publish it.

Please put entire Point Molate project on hold until litigation is resolved. Residents of Richmond need to thoroughly evaluate the financial and safety risks. Please serve us well. Point Molate can represent what is best of Richmond.

We want to truly view Point Molate as a place in Richmond that is *ours*. Let's work together.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Kudo
Richmond resident

elizabethkudo@yahoo.com

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPad](#)

Sabrina Lundy

From: Lina Velasco
Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 8:46 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Fwd: Pt. Molate

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Erika Helene <ehelene@lmi.net>
Date: May 18, 2020 at 6:13:14 PM PDT
To: Lina Velasco <Lina_Velasco@ci.richmond.ca.us>
Subject: Pt. Molate

I oppose development of Pt. molate.

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It is wrong to move forward when the public cannot engage due to pandemic!

Sabrina Lundy

From: ericchristen <ericdchristen@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 11:02 AM
To: Tom Butt - external; Ben Choi; Nat Bates; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis
Cc: City Clerk Dept; dborenstein@bayareanewsgroup.com; jkawamoto@bayareanewsgroup.com; tandersen@bizjournals.com; pmatier@sfchronicle.com
Subject: Your PLA vote today is a vote for discrimination against workers, companies and apprentices.
Attachments: PLA Cost to Workers.pdf; Minority_revised.pdf; City of Selma PLA.jpg; 2003-09-29 San Jose USD Contractor PLA Survey - Final Results.pdf; EBMUD PLA Contractor Survey.doc
Importance: High



Richmond City Councilmembers:

My name is Eric Christen and I am the Executive Director of the Coalition for Fair Employment in Construction (CFEC). Formed 21 years ago to oppose Project Labor Agreements (PLAs) CFEC seeks to educate those considering their use and why that would be a terrible idea.

[Today you are scheduled to vote](#) to force a developer to use a PLA on the 20 acre [Campus Bay Project](#) in Richmond. They don't want to use it but you have made a political decision to placate the demands of big labor special interests while treating local workers, companies and apprentices as second class citizens.

Project Labor Agreements (PLAs) [are banned in 24 states](#) and [11 entities have done the same in California](#) Why? Because, in California's case, they implicitly and explicitly discriminate against [the 85% of the workforce who are union-free](#).

PLAs create barriers for local, minority and women-owned construction employers and their employees from participating in building their community because they contain provisions that do not allow for the full utilization of their own workforces [and force union-free workers to pay into union pension plans they will never vest in](#). This is wage theft. (see attached)

Furthermore, [studies show these types of agreements increase project costs](#) – anywhere from 10-30% above prevailing wage because they restrict competition. Open competition is healthy and increases quality. It levels the playing field and local money is invested into the community. With the construction market so busy right now and with more work than workers, why would you do anything that makes it less likely you'll attract bidders. If you want to see what this means in real life [here is what happened to the City of Selma when they](#)

[tried using a PLA](#). Their new police station was supposed to have been awarded already but despite having 10 pre-qualified bidders only 1 ended up bidding the project. Why? As you can see **from the attached document**, staff lays the fault squarely at the feet of the PLA.

And finally, PLAs exclude the men, women, and veterans who have chosen to enter into state approved, unilateral apprenticeship training programs in pursuit of a construction career from the opportunity to work and gain the invaluable on-the-job training experience that provides stability for them, their family and their community.

We wanted to make it clear what you are forcing upon this developer and what the impacts of this imposition of ad hoc law really accomplishes.

Bigotry and waste have no business in California in 2020.

Your actions and requirements that a private entity be forced to discriminate as a condition of building in your city is shameful.

Eric Christen
Executive Director
Coalition for Fair Employment in Construction
www.opencompca.com



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SCHOOL DISTRICT

All Students Can Learn... All Students Can Succeed!

School Construction
Ty Williams, Director

September 29, 2003

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To: Contractors Bidding Work in San Jose Unified School District

Dear Contractors,

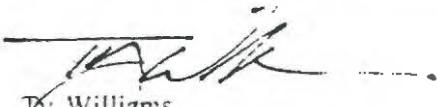
The San Jose Unified School District Board of Education has instructed staff to study the issues involved in possibly entering into a Project Labor Agreement (PLA) with the Building Trades Council for the upcoming work funded by the Measure F bond proceeds. The Board believes this may be a controversial step and has instructed staff to determine whether common ground exists between the various parties on which a PLA beneficial to the District could be established. Staff has met on several occasions with the Building Trades Council representatives and has solicited and received feedback on the proposed form of the PLA from the Associated Builders and Contractors and the California Fair Employment Commission. We have heard the comments and concerns of individual contractors and construction industry representatives and have distilled the major issues down to those involving apprenticeship programs, prevailing wage compliance, payments into health and retirement programs, and the hiring of one's own employees through the Union halls.

As contractors who have bid on construction projects within the San Jose Unified School District in the recent past, your input is invaluable to us in this effort. The District's intent is to enter into an agreement only if it does not discourage contractors from bidding our work, regardless of their affiliation to the Trades Unions. We recognize the important role the contracting community has had in the successes of our Modernization Program to date, and would like your input on how a PLA might affect your company's willingness to bid on District projects.

With this in mind we wish to survey the contracting community to understand where the owners of these companies stand in regard to the potential of the District entering into a PLA. We request that you please take the time to answer the following survey questions, attach any additional comments you care to, and return the survey by mail or by fax to the SJUSD School Construction Department at the following address:

San Jose Unified School District, 855 Lenzen Avenue, Room 211, San Jose, CA 95126
Attn: Debbie Doty FAX: (408) 535-2322

Thank you very much for your attention to this important matter.


Ty Williams
Director, School Construction

SURVEY RESULTS FROM BIDDERS

If the SJUSD enters into a Project Labor Agreement with the Building Trades Council containing the following clauses, how would this affect your willingness to continue bidding projects in our District:

1. If all of your employees, other than your 'core' employees (those meeting a criteria defined within the PLA as a 'core' employee), would have to be hired through the appropriate Union hall.

Would this make you (Less Likely 34) (The Same 29) (More Likely 52) to bid on the work?

2. If you had to pay benefits for all employees into the defined benefit and retirement programs administered by the appropriate trade's labor management trust fund for the hours worked on the project(s) under the PLA.

Would this make you (Less Likely 33) (The Same 32) (More Likely 50) to bid on the work?

3. Non-Union employees choosing not to join a Union upon completion of work under the PLA would forfeit their contributions to the retirement programs administered by the appropriate trade's labor management trust fund, unless the employee is vested in the plan (typically a 5 year period).

Would this make you (Less Likely 38) (The Same 31) (More Likely 44) to bid on the work?

4. If all employees had to pay either agency fees or initiation fees to the applicable trade union.

Would this make you (Less Likely 40) (The Same 28) (More Likely 46) to bid on the work?

5. If those funds in the appropriate trade's labor management trust fund programs were portable and the employees were able to take the contributions with them and reinvest them in a personal retirement plan, Roth IRA, 401k etc.

Would this make you (Less Likely 28) (The Same 56) (More Likely 28) to bid on the work?

6. If you were required to hire apprentices through the appropriate trade's labor management trust fund apprenticeship programs.

Would this make you (Less Likely 30) (The Same 41) (More Likely 45) to bid on the work?

7. If you could hire apprentices from any State-approved apprenticeship program.

Would this make you (Less Likely 32) (The Same 54) (More Likely 28) to bid on the work?

8. Would the District's entering into a PLA make you stop bidding our work regardless of the content of the PLA? (Yes 29) (No 86)

Please explain your response:

9. Do you believe that the District entering into a PLA would attract more Union contractors?
(Yes 74) (No 38)

Please explain your response:

10. Do you believe that the District entering into a PLA would discourage non-Union contractors?
(Yes 83) (No 26)

Please explain your response:

11. Does your company currently provide health benefits and a retirement package(s) for all employees?

If yes, please state how it is administered and who is eligible. Please provide information the District can use to confirm levels of participation.

yes - 106 no - 4

12. If you have any comments you would like to add, feel free to use the space provided below.

Please add additional sheets if you would like to add more information for any questions.

The City prequalified 10 contractors for the project. On July 20, 2018, the project went out to bid, and on August 30, 2018, the City received one bid for the project, from Seals Construction for \$7,952,000. In reviewing the bids, Vanir opined that the labor costs

associated with the PLA coupled with the lack of competition created by the PLA, drove the bid to exceed the engineer's estimate.

On September 4, 2018, because the bid exceeded the engineer's estimate, Council rejected the bid, directed City Staff to revise the project, and return to the City Council with a revised project scope and estimated cost, as well as discuss revisions to the PLA requiring union labor. These steps were taken with the intention to rebid the project and attract more competitive bids.

Vanir also reached out to the pre-qualified contractors for the project, to determine the reasons that those contractors did not submit a bid for the project. The various contractors indicated that given the healthy construction market, contractors prefer to bid on projects that do not have a PLA in place, given the rigorous requirements contained in PLAs.

PLA Survey of Selected Contractors who have Bid on District Projects

Contractor	Union Signatory?	PLA Disincentive to Bid?	PLA Increases Cost?	Comments
	Yes	Yes	Yes	<p>PLA not good public policy for agencies to be “married to unions” and require hiring of union workers. 90% of our staff are long-time employees who are also members of union but we will not bid SFPUC projects because of PLA and generally stay away from PLA jobs.</p> <p>Prevailing wage enforcement is a level playing field for all contractors and is sufficient. Hiring staff should be prerogative of the contractor – better contractors develop their own trained personnel, have lower turnover and better safety records. Employees lose benefits if they shift from one trade union to another. We are signatory to laborers union because we reached agreement with them on training and ability to pay benefits directly to employee rather than to union trust fund.</p>
	No	Yes	Yes	<p>Prefer not to bid PLA jobs but it depends on the PLA. SFPUC’s PLA is contractor friendly and has no problem working with it. Allows contractor some freedom to negotiate terms and conditions. Jurisdictional disputes between unions are a bigger problem than the PLA itself.</p> <p>Despite the fact contractors have their own benefits plans, PLAs require open shop contractors to pay their workers’ health and retirement benefits to union benefit and pension funds. Thus, companies have to pay benefits twice: once to the union and once to the company plan. Nonunion employees never see any of the benefits from contributions sent to union plans unless they decide to join a union and remain with the union until vested.(So now the open shop contractor is at a disadvantage with wage rates)</p> <p>We have had employees to previous PLA’s let their pension funds go. In order to stay vested for the pension funds, the employee had to continue paying union dues or bring union dues up to date in order to obtain their pension monies.</p>

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	Yes	No	Yes	<p>Do not care for PLA but deal with it. No purpose except to complicate and confuse issues. Forces work with teamsters and electricians union. Work rules of some unions increase costs – e.g. pipe fitters union not competitive.</p> <p>Bids are higher for SFPUC work because of PLA. Requiring non-union contractors to pay into union trust fund under a PLA helps level the playing field for union contractors. Union contractors are hampered by union jurisdictional issues and lack flexibility of non-union contractors to have workers perform multiple tasks and pay the appropriate prevailing wage for the different tasks.</p>
	Yes	Yes	Yes	<p>PLAs do not make much sense for modest sized projects (<\$100M). The main benefit provided by PLAs, if properly negotiated, is the assurance of labor peace, no pickets or work stoppages and a 4-10 staggered work week.</p> <p>Prevailing wage enforcement is a sufficient step to assure the level playing field between union and non-union contractors. On larger projects, bonding and pre-qualification requirements are a better method to assure a qualified construction team.</p> <p>PLAs are expensive to negotiate/implement and limit competition from both union and non-union contractors. Costs/bids increase largely due to the reduced control over craft labor and it becomes more difficult to ensure safety. We are very selective in deciding to bid projects for Contra Costa County and SFPUC when the bid documents include a PLA.</p>
	Yes	No	Yes	<p>Generally not a fan of PLA but will bid those jobs. Not a big fan of unions either but being a union contractor helps to avoid pickets on prevailing wage jobs. Prevailing wage enforcement provides a level playing field.</p> <p>Biggest problem with PLA is jurisdictional disputes between unions particularly with plumbers and what work do plumbers have to do vs. laborers or boiler workers. PLA increases bid amount due to limiting competition.</p>

PLA Survey of Selected Contractors who have Bid on District Projects

Contractor	Union Signatory?	PLA Disincentive to Bid?	PLA Increases Cost?	Comments
	Yes	No	Yes	<p>PLA can work well. Have not had a negative experience. Danger is when agency and union negotiate PLA without contractor input – sometimes local area practices are not included. Increases costs for some trades where we are not signatory because non-union subs will not bid PLA jobs and competition is limited. Bigger problem is jurisdictional disputes between unions (e.g. pipe fitters vs. millwrights). PLA could help by clarifying who does what work.</p> <p>PLA does not help with quality/safety and in fact may hinder it. Quality/safety is driven by company not the unions. Like the “core worker” and trust fund payment provision in PLA because it increases costs for non-union contractors who have to pay into union trust fund.</p>
	Yes	No	Yes	<p>Generally have no problems with PLA and it works for us. However pre-qualification is a better route to go than PLA. As a union contractor, we can only hire union sub-contractors. However, some disciplines have no union contractors (e.g. slurry sealing) and this causes problems.</p> <p>PLA can help with jurisdictional disputes between unions (e.g. plumbers vs. boiler workers re: welding of large diameter pipe). Plumbers want to do it but are generally not qualified. PLA requirements regarding payment into union trust funds do not affect us but it impacts non-union contractors. Non-union workers never see the benefits paid into the trust fund on their behalf.</p>
	No	Yes	Yes	<p>Do not like PLA and avoid at almost all cost. Limits freedom with staffing and ability to move people around. Prevailing wage provides level playing field.</p> <p>Was a sub on SFPUC job with PLA – did not receive good service from union because (as a non-union signatory) we were low on totem pole. PLA did allow our staff to join union, and then hired them for the job. But benefit costs increased because we had to pay benefits to union in addition to company benefits in order to ensure staff retention after the PLA job was over. Extra cost was about \$12/hour per worker.</p>

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	No	Yes	Yes	<p>85% of the construction work force in California is non-union. Non-union contractors have accepted prevailing wages as the level playing field. There are penalties for violating prevailing wage laws and EBMUD does a good job monitoring prevailing wages.</p> <p>Unions do not want non-union contractors on PLA jobs and it is a blatant move to eliminate the open shop. We did seven jobs for the Port of Oakland prior to the PLA but now can't bid Port jobs anymore. Absolutely increases contract costs due to limiting competition. Also increases agency costs for administering the contract and PLA.</p> <p>Workers should not be forced to join union to work on PLA job. There should be no requirement for companies to pay into the union trust fund for workers who are not union members, thereby paying double benefits. We would want a minimum of two core workers before being required to go to the union hiring hall. Unions deliberately send the "bottom of the barrel" to non-union contractors on PLA jobs because trust fund payments are for one project only. District should set a high threshold of \$35m contract amount for PLA projects.</p>
	Yes	Yes	Yes	<p>Do not like PLAs. If they have to be used, the threshold for contract amount should be \$20m. Problems occur with some disciplines where union subcontractors are not available and the non-union subs stay away from PLA jobs. It is impossible for us to build jobs without the ability to use our core workers. We are forced to carry "excess baggage" in order to meet the requirements of a PLA.</p> <p>Jurisdictional issues are a problem with plumbers who are unable to meet the needs for mechanical piping on water and wastewater jobs but claim the work is theirs. Prevailing wage provides a level playing field. On PLA, non-union subcontractors have to pay double benefits to union trust fund if workers are not union members. On one SFPUC job this amounted to \$46/hour per worker. PLA limits competition by effectively removing non-union subcontractors from the bidding pool.</p>

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	Yes	Yes	Yes	<p>A PLA not only limits the number of general contractors looking at a project, but also limits the number of subcontractors exponentially reducing competition and increasing costs. Even “union contractors” are impacted by a PLA because many contractors are only signatory to a few trades, but under a PLA the contractor is now bound to the collective bargaining agreements of <u>all</u> trades and those work rules, another factor that increases costs.</p> <p>The double payment of benefits or waiting period for union benefits discourages contractors from bidding PLA projects, and most likely increases costs for those that do bid. Each contractor whether non signatory, or signatory with only a few unions had made that business decision and obviously felt that decision and their means and methods made them competitive. A PLA changes those means and methods which in turn can change the contractor’s costs and bid.</p> <p>Core worker provisions, while a novel concept and offered in some PLAs by proponents to hide the discriminatory nature of a PLA, do little to address the issues created by a PLA. While a core worker provision does allow contractors not signatory with a particular trade to bring in some of its workers for that trade it still disrupts the crew already established by the contractor (union and non-union).</p>

Survey initially conducted 5/15/12 – 5/29/12

Updated 7/15/15

What Women and Minority Groups Say About PLAs

“PLAs are de facto segregation... African-American workers are significantly underrepresented in all crafts of construction union shops...PLAs are non-competitive and, most of all, discriminatory.”

National Black Chamber of Commerce

“We believe PLAs make it more difficult for minority-owned contractors to compete...they effectively work against the goals of increasing the number of projects awarded to minority-owned businesses by placing roadblocks in the way.”

Latin Builders Association

“Bay Area Black Contractors Association has been a strong advocate for merit shop construction firms in the Bay Area and we are opposed to PLAs.”

Bay Area Black Contractors Association

“WCOE opposes government mandated PLAs...PLAs will disproportionately impact small business, particularly those owned by women and minorities.”

Women Construction Owners and Executives

“The ultimate effect of the San Francisco Airport PLA is clear...once the PLA was implemented minority business prime contract participation dropped 91.9%. This PLA has been a disaster for minority-owned businesses.”



Asian American Contractors Association

At Some Point it Becomes Obvious What PLAs are REALLY All About

PLAs are typically touted as being in the “best interests of the workers.” But here is the painful truth for construction workers who are forced to participate in a PLA. It could cost a worker – in this example a journeyman electrician – as much as \$70,233 to work under a PLA.

The “total package” of wages and benefits are set by the state in what is called a “prevailing wage determination” which is almost always based upon the union’s collective bargaining agreement. In Orange County for the job of inside wireman – the total package is \$58.57 an hour but let’s look what happens to that.

The package is composed of an hourly wage, and amounts for health insurance, pension, training, and an amount for “other purposes” (really - a union slush fund).

So long as the total of payments add up to the total package – the amounts for some of these items can vary – but the wage can never drop below \$39.50. But watch what happens and the impact these variances have on non-union workers who are forced to contribute under the PLA.

The PW amount for health and welfare is set at \$10.20 an hour – and that is the amount the contractor must send to the union for medical coverage for the covered employee. That is \$1,632 a month for medical. WECA collects \$720 a month for a full coverage plan for a typical covered worker and family and another example – under the ACA – you can purchase a gold plan policy for a family of three for \$856 a month. So, at a minimum, the electrician forced into the unions’ “one size fits all plan” costs him or her at least \$800 a month! And if the worker doesn’t need any medical coverage – say they are covered on their spouse’s plan or parent’s – they lose the entire \$1,632 for coverage they don’t need (remember – the total package must add up to \$58.57 – so an employer who pays less than \$10.20 an hour – pays more into one of the other categories – usually pension.

So let’s look at the pension. That is set at \$7.45 an hour. The vesting can vary from union to union but according to the IBEW/NECA website – it is five years for locals in Southern California. So, unless the non-union worker gets five years of work in the IBEW – they lose the **entire** \$7.45 because they never qualify for retirement from the union. To qualify for being part of the total package, a non-union contractor must make an **irrevocable** contribution to the benefit of the worker – usually the contributions are made into a 401K.

The package includes an amount called “other payments” which we in the merit shop call the unions’ slush fund. In the OC it’s \$.44 an hour – not much – but it still is an involuntary “deduction” from the total package that in the merit shop is typically paid into pension.

Finally – these workers now are obligated to pay union dues for a union they did not voluntarily join. I am sure some in the audience will complain that no one can be forced to join a union or pay dues – but I’ve seen PLAs that mandate union membership beginning on the 7th day of work – so I argue the dues are required – and in SLO it is \$31.70 a month or \$.20.

So when you add up the higher costs for medical, the loss of pension contributions, the payment of dues and “other” fees, a PLA at Centralia SD will cost a non-union electrician at least **\$13.14 an hour** – for a union the worker never agreed to join!

PLAs Cost Workers

These scenarios assume a two-year construction project with 48 weeks of full-time, paid employment.¹

	JP electrician, 2 dependents. PLA in place	JP electrician, 2 dependents. No PLA in place	JP electrician, no dependents, health covered under ACA
Total package	\$58.57	\$58.57	\$58.57
Health & Welfare	\$10.20 ²	\$5.35 ³	\$0
Training ⁴	\$0.78	\$0.78	\$0.78
Union Dues ⁵	\$0.20	-	-
“Other” ⁶	\$0.44	-	-
“Lost” Pension ⁷	\$7.45	-	-
Available Take home pay	\$39.50	\$52.44	\$57.79
		\$13.14 ⁸	\$18.49 ⁹
“Savings” to worker free from PLA ¹⁰		\$50,457.60	\$71,001.60

¹ These scenarios do not calculate any tax consequences that could result from an employers decision to pay additional wages to reach the total package or make pension contributions that could shield some payments from federal and/or state taxation

² Paid to union trust – assumes full coverage for employee and dependents

³ For illustration, this is an estimate from Covered California for a Blue Shield Gold 80 PPO policy for this family in SLO County.

<http://www.coveredca.com/shopandcompare/2015/#healthplans>

⁴ Required payment of training contribution to State CAC or apprenticeship program

⁵ <https://www.unionfacts.com/lu/25310/IBEW/639/#membership-tab>

⁶ From DIR PW calculations. *INCLUDES AN AMOUNT FOR THE NATIONAL LABOR-MANAGEMENT COOPERATION FUND AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE MAINTENANCE FUND.*

⁷ According to IBEW/NECA pension vests in five years, contributions made if worker doesn't vest are “lost.” <https://www.scibew-neca.org/html/pspd0080.htm>

⁸ This is the difference between the required basic hourly rate of \$39.30 and the total package of \$58.37. The employer MAY pay this on the wage – which results in additional costs to employee and employer or more typically, may make an irrevocable contribution to a retirement account like a 401K.

⁹ Ibid

¹⁰ As previously noted, this amount could be in the form of wages or a contribution to a pension program.

Sabrina Lundy

From: Irene Perdomo
Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 10:34 PM
To: Erika Helene
Cc: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Re: Pt molate

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From: Flora McMartin <flora.mcmartin@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 12:51 PM
To: Tom Butt - external; Ben Choi; Nat Bates; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis; City Clerk Dept
Subject: NO on street sweep parking restitutions

Greetings,

I am writing to urge you to respect the 2003 decision of the residents of the Richmond Annex to not post parking signs on street cleaning days in residential areas.

I note that signs are not obligatory. I would also like to point out that if concerns have been expressed about cars not being moved on cleaning days, there has been NO notification or effort to encourage car owners to move cars.

A resident on my street since 1994, I note that NO education about street sweeping procedures has occurred in my neighborhood since 2003. I did a quick count - over 50% of the homes on my block have new home owners or renters since 2003. Several homes turning over several times. That kind of turn over requires systematic education about this policy (as well as other city policies, project, and so forth.)

Education by flyers, or spreading information through regular Annex communication routes would surely be cheaper than installing these signs.

This announcement seems to have come from nowhere. Given our times and the budget crisis faced by cities like Richmond, how can this be a priority? Let's get back to talking to our people and doing services that actually help improve neighborhoods (planting trees would be a good place to start).

Thank you for your time,

Flora McMartin
5935 Orchard Ave.
Richmond, CA 94804

Sabrina Lundy

From: Gary Rienzo <grbuild@lmi.net>
Sent: Saturday, May 16, 2020 12:07 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Please- no street sweeping signs in the annex. Use the \$30K for potholes..

Sabrina Lundy

From: Gayle McLaughlin <gayledirect@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 6:51 AM
To: Tom Butt - external; Ben Choi; Nat Bates; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis; City Clerk Dept
Subject: Oppose Item H-3

Dear Mayor and Councilmembers,

I request that you do not support the elimination of the Richmond Voluntary Street Sweeping Program. This program was voted for by the residents of some Richmond neighborhoods.

Residents of the Richmond Annex and Panhandle Annex voted in 2003 to participate in this voluntary program rather than have signs put up in our neighborhoods. It is totally inappropriate for the City to disregard this vote conducted by the City and now, without any consultation with the residents, move forward with implementing these signs at the cost of \$30,000.

We, the residents, should have our democratic process upheld. There are better ways to remind residents to remove cars once a month, including working with Neighborhood Councils and providing reminders from City Hall. The City should be working closely with residents especially in this COVID-19 era. We all know that this horrendous crisis will continue both health-wise and economically for a long time going into the future. Use the money to fix potholes, to remove graffiti, to prevent home and car break-ins, to plant some trees. Or maintain some part-time Library staffers rather than lay them off. These would all be positive things for the community.

The City should be doing everything it possibly can to build relationships with community, and not disregard our democratic process. With all the problems created by COVID-19, the City needs to understand that the democratic process is more important than ever. This is in regard to all City issues. Pushing through items like this on Consent Calendar is not appropriate. **This will not build trust between the community and the City.** There has been no objective evaluation. Just anecdotes here and there.

The residents could end up suing the City for violation of our Volunteer Program, that was voted for and established years ago. **Again, no serious data of infractions has been presented to the council or the public. A few pictures and some anecdotal reports are not sufficient. Please vote against this bad idea.**

Sincerely,

Gayle McLaughlin
Richmond Annex resident

Sabrina Lundy

From: Irene Perdomo
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 1:49 PM
To: Gayle McLaughlin
Cc: Lina Velasco; City Clerk Dept
Subject: RE: H-7

Hi Gayle,

Thank you for your message. I am sending your email to the Clerk's Office for recording.

Best,

Irene Perdomo

Executive Assistant to the City Manager
City Manager's Office
510-621-1264

From: Gayle McLaughlin [<mailto:gayledirect@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 1:48 PM
To: Tom Butt - external; Nat Bates; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Eduardo Martinez; Melvin Willis; Ben Choi; Shasa Curl; Lina Velasco; Irene Perdomo
Subject: H-7

Dear Mayor, City Councilmembers, City Manager Snideman, Shasa, and Lina:

This is a request for consent calendar Item H-7 on the May 19, 2020 City Council Agenda to be held over. This particular item is in regards to the highly controversial Zeneca/former Stauffer Chemical site. For over a decade and a half, the community has fought long and hard to get this site comprehensively cleaned up including trucking away hazardous toxins that, if left in place, could cause harm for residents and create liability for the City. This item should not be decided via a single vote as part of the consent calendar.

In addition the COVID19 shelter-in-place order prevents community members from attending City Council meetings in person and the current email and call-in workarounds for the community to submit public comments do not consistently work.

To move forward with this item, after so many years of hard work by community activists, such as those engaged in the CAG, shows a total disregard for community voices in the governmental process.

Sincerely,
Gayle McLaughlin
Richmond resident and former Richmond mayor

Sabrina Lundy

From: Gayle McLaughlin <gayledirect@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 1:21 PM
To: Tom Butt - external; Ben Choi; Nat Bates; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis; City Clerk Dept; Lina Velasco; Irene Perdomo
Subject: Item H-8

Dear Mayor, City Councilmembers, City Manager Snideman and Community Development Director Velasco:

I urge you to not move forward with the SunCal ERN. This plan is a recipe for financial disaster. Richmond is struggling financially, as are cities everywhere, due to COVID-19. The City of Richmond should not be spending precious time and resources on a project that clearly has major financial risks, health and safety concerns, traffic concerns, a deeply flawed SDEIR and other major concerns to people, planet and our overall well-being as a community.

I am writing to urge you on these 3 points: 1) DO NOT extend the ERN 2) perform a complete analysis of financial impact and publish it, 3) put the entire Point Molate project on hold until litigation is resolved, the financial analysis has been published and risks have been addressed.

In addition the City should not be moving forward with Point Molate plans until the public can fully participate in the review and approval process.

As we move through this virus crisis, the City should be greatly concerned about its relationship with the community on issues that our residents care about deeply. Disregarding full participation with the community on Pt Molate and other issues of concern will surely foster distrust between residents and City Government.

Sincerely,
Gayle McLaughlin
Richmond resident and former Richmond Mayor

Sabrina Lundy

From: Geraldine Hagopian <auntgerryls@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 7:02 AM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Street sweeping signs

I understand you are planning on spending \$30,000 on putting these signs on our Richmond Annex property. Please do NOT spend the money on this. Spend it on getting our numerous pot holes fixed. They are getting worse and worse! Thank you, Geraldine Hagopian, 2623 Santa Clara Street, Richmond 94804

Sent from my iPad

Sabrina Lundy

From: Mustang Greg 1966 <mustanggreg66@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 17, 2020 1:48 PM
To: Tom Butt - external; Ben Choi; Nat Bates; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis; City Clerk Dept
Subject: Oppose the elimination of the Richmond Voluntary Street Sweeping Program

Dear Council members,

I request that you do not support the elimination of the Richmond Voluntary Street Sweeping Program. Please see the well worded email below sent to you by fellow Richmond Annex Resident Juan Reardon. I agree with him 100% and vehemently oppose any street sweeping signs, ticket, or enforcement in our neighborhood.

Thank you,
Greg Fiddes
Richmond Annex resident and homeowner

Dear Councilmembers, I request that you do not support the elimination of the Richmond Voluntary Street Sweeping Program. This program was voted for by the residents of some Richmond neighborhoods, as Mayor Butt recalls in his E-Forum : "ELECTION: The requirement for a 2/3 "protest" vote to opt out of mandatory parking management seems excessive. I recommend that it be reduced to 51 per cent. This is consistent with state law relating to the establishment of a benefit district, and it was the method used to ballot Richmond's wastewater rate increases. There were many complaints about the appearance of the ballot -- how it resembled junk mail -- about the effectiveness of the distribution, and so forth. Sure, perhaps it could have been done better, but those neighborhoods that have strong feelings on the subject are well-organized and can probably compensate for any shortcomings through outreach, activism and community organizations. It doesn't make sense to me to go through the time and expense of doing it all over again at this point." Tom Butt's E-Forum A Clean Sweep? March 23, 2003 This is simply a money grab under the pretense of environmental concerns. As Councilmember Bates would say: if it looks like a money grab, if it walks like a money grab, if it sounds like a money grab, it is a money grab! Something very ironic about the proposal is that it has been submitted by Mr. Yader Bermudez, the same director of Public Works, who for years used a city code loophole to continue spreading cancer causing Glyphosate (Round-up) and other pesticides over Richmond streets until he was stopped by Annex residents with the assistance of the then newly elected mayor Butt (2015). Spending tens of thousands on signs is wrong. There are better ways to remind residents to remove cars once a month. Use the money to fix potholes, to remove graffiti, to prevent home and car break-ins, to plant some trees. Do something positive! The residents may end up suing the City for violation of our Volunteer Program, voted for and established years ago. No serious data of infractions has been presented to the council or the public. A few pictures and some anecdotic reports don't cut it. Please pass on this bad idea. Juan Reardon Richmond Annex resident and homeowner

Sabrina Lundy

From: Inger Coble <imcoble@msn.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 16, 2020 5:02 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Cc: Tom Butt - external; Eduardo Martinez; Melvin Willis; Nat Bates; Ben Choi; Demnlus Johnson
Subject: City Council May 19 meeting agenda - Please remove consent item H-7 from the agenda (funding agreement HRP Campus Bay Property, LLC ("HRP")) -Zeneca/former Stauffer Chemical site

Hello,

This is a request for the Richmond City Council May 19 meeting agenda, that consent item H-7 be removed from the meeting agenda.

Text of consent Item H-7 from the May 19 City Council meeting agenda:

APPROVE: (1) the Project Services Fund Agreement with HRP Campus Bay Property, LLC ("HRP") to provide a mechanism for HRP to provide the funding necessary for the City to negotiate a community benefits agreement, development agreement and any other documents and agreements (the "Definitive Agreements") related to the development and entitlement of a mixed-use development on approximately 65 acres of the Richmond Bay Zeneca/former Stauffer Chemical site (the "Mixed-Use Development"); and (2) AUTHORIZE the city manager and city attorney, as the case may be, to enter into contracts and legal services agreements for the negotiation and development of the Definitive Agreements and for all necessary discretionary land use approvals and entitlements and related environmental review for the Mixed-Use Development - City Manager's Office/Community Development Department (Shasa Curl/Lina Velasco 620-6512)

The reasons for postponing this item are as follows:

- Consent items do not allow community members to comment on a given consent item before the City Council votes to approve or deny the item
- This particular item is in regards to the highly controversial Zeneca/former Stauffer Chemical site, so it should not be decided via a single vote as part of the consent calendar
- In addition the COVID19 shelter-in-place order prevents community members from attending City Council meetings in person; the current email and call-in workarounds for the community to submit public comments ahead of the City Council have failed a number of times to allow public comment to be read into the record, or presented to the City Council before votes are cast. These workarounds also do not consistently allow the public to hear/see the comments being submitted to the City Council for any given item or during Open Forum.
- In addition the call-in workaround for the public is a poor substitute for allowing public comment at City Council meetings as the sound quality is so poor; it also does not allow the public to see and hear the City Council meetings on TV, which provides a better gauge than a conference call of what is happening at the meeting. The Richmond City Council chambers are also very high-tech, so a better solution for all City Council meetings during this pandemic should implemented where the City Council members meet in the City Council Chambers, sitting six feet apart, and the meeting is broadcast on TV by KCRT as before.

Sincerely,
Inger Coble
135 Lakeshore Ct.
Richmond

Resident of Richmond since 2003

Sabrina Lundy

From: Jack <scheinmore@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 2:05 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Cc: Tom Butt - external; Nat Bates; Ben Choi; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis; Irene Perdomo; Lina Velasco
Subject: #H-8
Attachments: image0.jpeg

Hello,

Please don't let the sun set on this fabulous treasure the Bay Area has. Point Molate is truly the jewel of the East Bay shoreline. Once it's gone, it is gone forever.

The City's plan to develop Pt Molate is a recipe for financial disaster. The pandemic has all Bay Area cities facing disastrous budget shortfalls. Hatch, a globally respected business consulting firm, projects that SunCal's plan could cost the City \$5-million-per-year. Yet Richmond—facing a deficit of \$27 million and taking desperate measures to close libraries and furlough employees—continues to move forward with SunCal's proposal without regard for financial risk. They continue to expend precious time and resources on a faulty Environmental Impact Report that, if approved, will bring more will bring more litigation against the City. DO NOT extend the ERN, perform a complete analysis of financial impact and publish it, put the entire Point Molate project on hold until litigation is resolved, the financial analysis has been published and risks have been addressed. You should not move forward with Point Molate plans until the public can fully participate in the review and approval process.

Sincerely,
Jack Scheinman



19 May 2020

Dear Mayor Butt and Councilmembers:

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO ITEM H-3 ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR:

H-3. Approve the installation of 575 street sweeping parking restriction signs in the Richmond Annex and Panhandle Annex Neighborhoods - Public Works Department (Yader A. Bermudez 774-6300).

Please defer this item to January 2021. With shelter-at-home orders and record unemployment, more residents are staying home, and their vehicles remain parked on the street, so there may be less compliance than usual.

The expenditure for street signs poles and the labor cost to install them is unwise during the city's economic emergency. Also, it is unclear if there is any evidence that the Richmond Annex or Panhandle Annex streets are contributing to any measurable debris into the stormwater system.

I believe a strong education campaign can greatly increase compliance to the schedule. This education would be conducted by neighbors, the city, the Richmond Annex Neighborhood Council, and a newly formed group, GRAND – Greater Richmond Annex Neighborhood District.

In fact, GRAND is considering an idea to produce business-size card magnets with the street sweeping schedule, and distribute it to residents. It can be place on a fridge or other conspicuous location to remind residents to adhere to the schedule.

Please give the residents of the Annex until the end of the year to improve compliance.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully yours,



Jahan Byrne

STREET SWEEPING SCHEDULE Richmond Annex and Panhandle Annex	
8:00 am to 11:00 am	
Odd-numbered side of street: 4th THU of the month	Even-numbered side of street: 4th FRI of the month
Jun 25	Jun 26
Jul 23	Jul 24
Aug 27	Aug 28
Sep 24	Sep 25
Oct 22	Oct 24
Nov 26	Nov 27
Dec 24	Dec 25
\$50 Fine	

Draft magnet design to distribute to Annex residents.

Sabrina Lundy

From: JANET DALY <dalyplanet@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 7:41 AM
To: Tom Butt - external; Ben Choi; Nat Bates; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis; City Clerk Dept
Subject: street sweeping signs

Dear City Council Members,

I strongly urge you to not allow street sweeping signs and fines in our lovely Richmond neighborhoods.

I was part of the group in 2003 that originally opposed and collected signatures for the no vote back then.

We the people of Richmond have not changed our minds about these signs bringing a terrible blight to our neighborhood ambiance.

We prefer to work together to notify neighbors and new neighbors about moving vehicles and some great neighbors put out signs as a reminder. and then there are those that actually sweep and clean their own gutters and curbs -- a much better job that that street sweeper that just moves things along by the way -- I've had to personally clean up after the street sweeper made messes in our streets.

This is way neighbors work together to keep our neighborhoods clean.

NO STREET SWEEPING SIGNS. NO FINES FOR OUR CITIZENS.

Janet Daly
5637 Van Fleet Avenue
Richmond, CA 94804

Re: Agenda Item H-8, City Council Meeting May 19, 2020

Dear Mayor Butt and Council Members Bates, Choi, Johnson, Martinez, Myrick and Willis,

The City Council must vote against extending the ERN with SunCal. In fact, no decisions on Point Molate should be made until after the COVID-19 shelter in place is lifted or alternative means are found for the public to fully participate in the review and approval process for the SunCal project. Shouldn't the public have a voice in the future of our public land? After all, Point Molate belongs to the people of Richmond. If you vote to go forward during the pandemic, then put the Pt Molate Community Plan on the November 2020 ballot, so the voters have a voice.

The backroom settlement agreement intentionally eliminated public discussion of the Community Plan. This plan is based on input from the majority of people who participated in the City's public planning meetings, and one that has been put forward by the public in general form since 2010: develop the north end of the property, the historic district, and conserve Pt Molate's rare natural resources by creating a regional park in the south end of the property with sports fields and other recreation and education opportunities for Richmond and the region. This park is already in the East Bay Regional Park District's Master Plan, and they have \$4.5 million for this purpose and can raise the additional funds.

The voices of the majority of the participants in the public planning meetings were censored because the City falsely claimed that a Federal Court Judge requires a minimum of 670 housing units are built at Pt Molate. The Mayor, Council member Ben Choi and others called it a "Court Order." It was not a court order. The housing requirement was included in the settlement by the two parties, not a judge. When the judge learned that you had voted behind closed doors on a settlement that required housing — backroom zoning — the judge supported moving forward with the litigation against you for committing a Brown Act violation. That case is pending. If the City loses that case in court, you may have to go back to the drawing board. All the time and money spent now will be wasted. Isn't it better for Richmond to wait for the outcome of the litigation?

Please review the Hatch Report regarding the negative fiscal impacts of SunCal's plan on Richmond: <http://ptmolatealliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Point-Molate-Fiscal-Impact-Assessment.pdf> We have asked for the City's own financial analysis for months. Shouldn't the City publish a fiscal impact analysis before moving forward on a project that a leading business consulting firm found will impact our General Fund?

I am also very concerned and dismayed that the City has hired a law firm, DowneyBrand, that proudly litigates against environmental groups trying to protect environmental and human health, and the proposed Point Molate developer, SunCal, is paying the legal fees of up to \$650,000: <https://www.downeybrand.com> What does this say about SunCal's project? Our City? What does this say about each of you if you do not stand up against contracting this law firm. It sends the message that you, SunCal and our City staff are well aware of the damage the SunCal plan will do to environmental and human health and the related costs to future generations. Is this what you stand for?

Please consider carefully what the pandemic has taught us about our need to protect environmental and human health, and the power you have to make a difference for Richmond and future generations by voting not to extend SunCal's ERN for their proposed project.

Thank you for your time,

Sincerely,

Jeanne Kortz
Richmond Resident

Sabrina Lundy

From: Jeff Royal <jtr.royal@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 10:43 AM
To: Tom Butt - external; Ben Choi; Nat Bates; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis; City Clerk Dept
Subject: Street sweeping signs are urban blight and a step backward

Street sweeping signs are a blight on any neighborhood - especially the oversized signs put up in Richmond. You should be concentrating on beautification in Richmond and increasing property values rather than continuing backward urban practices that add to urban blight - especially in Richmond!!

Neighborhoods around the country are burying power lines, hiding utilities and removing signs for urban renewal and modernization. We should be moving away from this completely.

If stormwater runoff is the major concern, the money would be better spend cleaning up the illegal dumping all over Richmond. It would also put people to work. The runoff from illegal dumping is more toxic than leaves and tree detritus on the streets.

Oh, but then you wouldn't have the steady stream of revenue from the ticketed residents of those very same streets....basically taxing them twice to support these ill-conceived programs.

Please do not erect street sweeping signs in Richmond Annex. Furthermore, consider removing them elsewhere where possible and make Richmond beautiful again instead of a backward urban dump.

Jeff Royal
Richmond Annex Resident

Sabrina Lundy

From: Jenny E. Balisle <balisle@att.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 2:45 PM
To: Sabrina Lundy
Subject: Public Comments H-3

Hello,

Here's my public comments for H-3 on the agenda.

Thanks again and take good care,

Jenny Balisle

Public Comments:

Hello,

In 2003, residents of the Richmond Annex and Panhandle Annex Neighborhoods told the city that they didn't want these signs and were granted an exemption.

17 years later, why is this an issue again?

We're in a dire economic crisis and a COVID-19 pandemic, and this is the time to start fining and towing cars when residents are losing jobs along while sheltering-in-place?

How about holding zoom town hall meetings, group calls, and/or sending out surveys to these neighborhoods for feedback?

Sincerely,

Jenny Balisle

Sabrina Lundy

From: Jenny E. Balisle <balisle@att.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 2:03 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Public Comments H-6

Hello,

Here's my public comments for H-6 on the agenda.

Thanks again and take good care,

Jenny Balisle

Public Comments:

Hello,

Due to our dire economic crisis and the COVID-19 pandemic, the Point Molate Mixed Use Project can not be realized:

1. We are entering a "Greater Depression" and the city of Richmond is facing a \$27 million deficit. Why would Richmond commit to a project that could cost residents \$5 million a year?
2. This is an economic boondoggle and commitment that will suck funds out of Richmond services as property taxes and revenue dramatically decline.
3. If we can't pay for current commitments, how is Richmond going to pay for Point Molate?
4. Please refocus energies into projects/initiatives that directly aide Richmond residents immediately!

Sincerely,

Jenny Balisle

Sabrina Lundy

From: Irene Perdomo
Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 1:12 PM
To: Jim Hite
Cc: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Re: Pt. Molate

Hi Jim,

Thank you for your email. I am forwarding your comments to the Clerk's Office for recording.

Best,

Irene Perdomo
Executive Assistant to the City Manager
510-621-1264

On May 18, 2020, at 10:04 AM, Jim Hite <umbrella27@hotmail.com> wrote:

Dear Ms. Snideman,

This email is in reference to the city's actions regarding Pt. Molate. The SunCal deal is fraught with risk. The public should be allowed to fully participate in any actions regarding this deal. Until the Covid 19 "shelter in place" orders are lifted no actions should be taken by the city council. The project should be put on hold until a complete financial impact analysis is completed and published so all the citizens of Richmond can read and respond. Nor should the ERN extensions be put on the consent calendar. Please consider the consequences of this project in regard to future generations. The city has a responsibility to protect the future. The SunCal deal will drain city coffers for decades. It's a bad investment which enriches a few at the expense of many. This is why transparency and clarity are so important. If the backers of this scheme can prove that it is a good idea and beneficial to the community so be it.

Thank you,

Jim Hite

Sabrina Lundy

From: Jordan Richardson <runic112@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2020 10:29 PM
To: Tom Butt - external; Ben Choi; Nat Bates; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis; City Clerk Dept
Subject: NO to hundreds street signs in our Annex Neighborhoods

Hello City Council,

Adding these street sweeping signs to the annex is both unsightly and a waste of time and money. I'm vehemently opposed to these being added, and intend to tell all of my neighbors of the council trying to sneak this in under such troubled times.

Best,
Citizen of Richmond Annex
Jordan Richardson

Sabrina Lundy

From: Juan Reardon <juanreardon@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Sunday, May 17, 2020 11:43 AM
To: Tom Butt - external; Ben Choi; Nat Bates; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis; City Clerk Dept
Subject: Oppose H-3

Dear Councilmembers,

I request that you do not support the elimination of the Richmond Voluntary Street Sweeping Program. This program was voted for by the residents of some Richmond neighborhoods, as Mayor Butt recalls in his E-Forum :

“ELECTION: The requirement for a 2/3 “protest” vote to opt out of mandatory parking management seems excessive. I recommend that it be reduced to 51 per cent. This is consistent with state law relating to the establishment of a benefit district, and it was the method used to ballot Richmond’s wastewater rate increases. There were many complaints about the appearance of the ballot -- how it resembled junk mail -- about the effectiveness of the distribution, and so forth. Sure, perhaps it could have been done better, **but those neighborhoods that have strong feelings on the subject are well-organized and can probably compensate for any shortcomings through outreach, activism and community organizations.** It doesn't make sense to me to go through the time and expense of doing it all over again at this point.” [Tom Butt’s E-Forum A Clean Sweep? March 23, 2003](#)

This is simply a money grab under the pretense of environmental concerns. As **Councilmember Bates** would say: if it looks like a money grab, if it walks like a money grab, if it sounds like a money grab, it is a money grab!

Something very ironic about the proposal is that it has been submitted by Mr. Yader Bermudez, the same director of Public Works, who for years used a city code loophole to continue spreading **cancer causing Glyphosate (Round-up)** and other pesticides over Richmond streets until he was stopped by Annex residents with the assistance of the then newly elected mayor Butt (2015).

Spending tens of thousands on signs is wrong. **There are better ways to remind residents to remove cars once a month. Use the money to fix potholes, to remove graffiti, to prevent home and car break-ins, to plant some trees. Do something positive!**

The residents may end up suing the City for violation of our Volunteer Program, voted for and established years. No serious data of infractions has been presented to the council or the public. A few pictures and some anecdotic reports don’t cut it.

Please pass on this bad idea.

Juan Reardon

Richmond Annex resident and homeowner

Sabrina Lundy

From: Kathleen McNee <kathleenmcnee@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 17, 2020 8:41 AM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Fwd: Please prioritize stop/yield signs over street sweeping signs in the Annex
Attachments: Need Stop or Yield Signs.docx; petition.jpg

Hello,

Please consider the feedback below on the meeting on May 19th.

Thanks,
Kate

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Kathleen McNee <kathleenmcnee@gmail.com>
Date: Sun, May 17, 2020 at 8:39 AM
Subject: Please prioritize stop/yield signs over street sweeping signs in the Annex
To: <tom.butt@intres.com>, <ben_choi@ci.richmond.ca.us>, <natbates@comcast.net>, <eduardo_martinez@ci.richmond.ca.us>, <demnlus_johnson@ci.richmond.ca.us>, <jael_myrick@ci.richmond.ca.us>, <melvin_willis@ci.richmond.ca.us>, <cityclerkdept@ci.richmond.ca.us>

Hello,

Please reconsider installing street sweeping signs for the Richmond Annex. We have been campaigning for stop or yield signs to be installed at several intersections that are currently unmarked and often have near accidents when drivers unfamiliar with the neighborhood do not know to yield. This public safety issue should be addressed before installing several street sweeping signs. We have been asking for the stop/yield signs with the police department and city officials since I moved here in 2012 and it has been dismissed or delayed or ignored. They asked us to submit a petition and gather signatures, which we completed and attached here, and it was also ignored. What are the next steps to get this done for our neighborhood?

These intersections are currently without any signs:

- Santa Cruz at Santa Clara
- Santa Cruz at San Mateo
- Sutter at Santa Clara
- San Mateo at Huntington

I appreciate your support.

Thank you,

Kathleen McNee
650.339.4728

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Kathleen McNee
650.339.4728

Sabrina Lundy

From: Kathryn Hedjasi <khedjasi@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 7:06 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: H-8 - comment for this agenda item

RE: H-8

I am a resident and homeowner in Richmond. I am deeply concerned about this issue.

Please DO NOT extend the ERN

We need a complete analysis of financial impact first that is both comprehensive but also published so that residents have a chance to review and comment on it.

Lastly, I urge you to place a hold on the entire Point Molate project until litigation is resolved, the financial analysis has been published and risks have been addressed.

Please do not move forward with Point Molate plans until the public can fully participate in the review and approval process.

Given our current budget shortfalls and covid-19 cuts and aftermath, this is exactly the time such projects should be further studied and not moved on.

It is not the right time, and after further study likely not the right project for our community but I think Many of us residents would like further studies to truly show this. Nothing is more meaningful than thoughtful analysis and unbiased data.

Do not rush this.

Sincerely,
Kathryn Hedjasi, MA, LMFT, MBA
38 Shoreline Ct
Richmond CA 94804

Sent from my iPhone

Sabrina Lundy

From: Kirk G Essler <essler@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Saturday, May 16, 2020 9:31 AM
To: Tom Butt - external; Ben Choi; Nat Bates; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis; City Clerk Dept
Subject: Street Sweeping Signs

Dear council and Mayor:

No street sweeping signs please, and no trucks! Better to conduct a widespread city wide campaign to sweep your own gutter "Keep your gutter clean where you park and where you live. Landlords and tenants, that means you!" The Rent Board should pass a requirement that all rental agreements should include a clause that tenants keep gutters clean where they park and why it's environmentally important. Let property owners pay fines for dirty gutters not fines for parking during street sweeping hours which we all know will happen if signs are in place. I'm a property owner and landlord and I always sweep the curb in front of my property. A neighborhood parking sticker program would be a great way to get the message out and spaces kept for the residents.

Thank-you for your consideration,

Kirk Essler
510 524-5036

1565 Santa Clara St.
Richmond, CA 94804

Sabrina Lundy

From: L. Zephyr <dogspirit@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 12:17 AM
To: City Clerk Dept
Cc: Nat Bates; Ben Choi; Melvin Willis; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Tom Butt - external; Irene Perdomo; Lina Velasco
Subject: Pt. Molate

As a Richmond resident I DO NOT want the Council to extend the ERN.

A complete analysis of financial impact should be performed and published.

The entire Point Molate project should be put on hold until litigation is resolved, the financial analysis has been published and risks have been addressed.

The City should not move forward with Point Molate plans until the public can fully participate in the review and approval process.

There is a pandemic going on, not to mention that Richmond is fiscally underwater, this is not the time to be moving on this. People are struggling just to cope with this current crisis, there is no need to push this through at this time.

L. Zephyr
2805 Euclid Ave
Richmond 94804

Sabrina Lundy

From: Laurel te Velde <laureltevelde@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 16, 2020 8:18 AM
To: Tom Butt - external; Ben Choi; Nat Bates; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis; City Clerk Dept
Subject: Measure to Place Street Sweeping Signs

Council Members,

Please do not pass the measure to place street sweeping signs in the annex. We have a beautiful neighborhood and would like to keep it that way.

Thanks,

Laurel te Velde
510-552-7542

Sabrina Lundy

From: Lee Huo <senpen88@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 16, 2020 8:34 PM
To: Tom Butt - external; Ben Choi; Nat Bates; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis; City Clerk Dept
Subject: No to Street Sweeping Signs and Visual Pollution in the Richmond Annex

Mayor Butt and Councilmembers:

I recently learned about the City's plans to install 600 street sweeping signs in the Richmond Annex, and I am voicing my strong opposition to the installation of unnecessary signs that will only cause visual pollution and take away from the residential character of the Richmond Annex.

The installation of these signs will only create visual clutter and turn the feel of a residential area into a more commercial/industrial area. Just imagine if a similar proposal were to be made at the residential neighborhoods at Point Richmond or the Richmond Hills.

Please vote against the installation of these unsightly and unnecessary signs.

Sincerely,

Lee.Huo
5500 Van Fleet Avenue
Richmond, CA 94804

Sabrina Lundy

From: Linda Kalin <linda_kalin@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 12:10 PM
To: Tom Butt - external; Ben Choi; Nat Bates; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis; City Clerk Dept
Subject: Street Sweeping Sign installation

Greetings to Mayor Butt and all City Council members,

Please do not put these signs in my neighborhood again.

As an Annex resident, I vividly remember the day in 2003, that a gigantic street sweeping sign was installed in front of my house. In a neighborhood with almost no street trees, these popped up signs created their own unsightly forest of urban blight. I was greeted with a view of many, up and down both sides of the street, every time I looked out my front window. Additionally, the two extremely important blind crest signs on my block were dwarfed. Our neighborhood fought hard for the removal of these new signs and the Annex was granted an exemption.

I can hardly believe these many years later, in the middle of a global pandemic, that the City would consider rescinding the Annex's exemption. If you want to inform people about the street sweeping schedule there are much cheaper ideas to try first, such as mailing post cards with schedules or text alerts the night before the truck comes around. I can guarantee that many of my new neighbors are unaware of Richmond's street sweeping policy. Communication with residents would be infinitely better than heavy handed implementation of an enforcement option. Begin by educating residents.

Be honest. If this is about increasing revenue by collecting fines, then I suggest you look elsewhere. Compared to the revenue Richmond currently needs, this seems punitive and petty. If it is about moving abandoned vehicles, then target that directly. If it's about keeping toxins out of the bay - then let's address that and look at effectiveness of multiple strategies.

Most residents are home, all day everyday. One of the few areas of control we have left is our own property and what we see out our windows. I, like many of my neighbors, am spending more time sweeping walks and weeding what's in view. I've managed to disguise the concrete lump left by the previous sign installation/removal and it is really adding to my stress level to think a big ugly red and white sign may now be plunked there again. I DO NOT want it back.

Linda Kalin

Sabrina Lundy

From: Lindsay Holmgren <laholmgren@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 9:58 AM
To: Tom Butt - external; Ben Choi; Nat Bates; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis; City Clerk Dept
Subject: NO to "No Parking Street Sweeping Signs" in Richmond Annex

My husband and I are residents of the Richmond Annex and as we have stated before, we do NOT want signs plastered all over the Annex for street sweeping.

Theses are big, ugly, and a WASTE OF OUR MONEY.

NO to "No Parking Street Sweeping" signs. PLEASE RESPECT OUR WISHES.

Lindsay Holmgren & John Anderson
5809 Tehama Ave, Richmond

Sabrina Lundy

From: Irene Perdomo
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 9:14 AM
To: Lisa Park
Cc: City Clerk Dept
Subject: RE: Please remove Item H-8 from the Consent Calendar at the City Council meeting 5-19-2020

Hi Lisa,

Thank you for your email. I am forwarding your message to the City Clerk's Office for recording.

Best,

Irene Perdomo

Executive Assistant to the City Manager
City Manager's Office
510-621-1264

From: Lisa Park [<mailto:lpark@sonic.net>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 8:53 AM
To: Irene Perdomo; Lina Velasco; Tom Butt - external; Nat Bates; Ben Choi; Demnlus Johnson; Eduardo Martinez; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis
Subject: Please remove Item H-8 from the Consent Calendar at the City Council meeting 5-19-2020

Dear Mayor Butt and Richmond City Council Members,

Please remove from the Consent Calendar Item H-8: To confirm and ratify the City Council's prior extensions of the City's Exclusive Right to Negotiate agreement with Winehaven Legacy, LLC, on February 4th, 2020, extending the Exclusive Right to Negotiate to May 31st, 2020, and on April 21st, 2020, extending the Exclusive Right to Negotiate to September 30th, 2020.

Regarding this Agenda Item:

- 1) Do not extend the ERN.
- 2) Perform a complete analysis of financial impact and publish it.
- 3) Put the entire Point Molate project on hold until litigation is resolved, the financial analysis has been published, and risks have been addressed.
- 4) Do not move forward with Point Molate plans until the public can fully participate in the review and approval process.

Thank you,

Lisa Park
5626 Bayview Avenue
Richmond, CA 94804

Sabrina Lundy

From: Madalyn Law <mmlaw10@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 12:56 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: public comments - agenda item H-3

To Mr. Mayor, Tom Butt and City Council Members,

As President of Park Plaza Neighborhood Council and Co-Chair of the Southside + 1 Improvement Group I want to approve the placement of the 575 street sweeping parking restriction signs designated for the Richmond and Panhandle Annexes. Fair is fair. If all other neighborhoods must abide by the rules on street sweeping, these neighborhoods should be required to do the same.

Thank you,

Madalyn Law,
PPNC and SSIG +1

Sabrina Lundy

From: marshavaughn3@att.net
Sent: Saturday, May 16, 2020 10:07 AM
To: Tom Butt - external; Ben Choi; Nat Bates; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis; City Clerk Dept
Subject: Please do NOT put up street sweeping signs in the Annex

Hi

I have not lived in the Richmond Annex for my entire life, like some of my neighbors have. I have only been here for 17 years. One of the many things I really appreciate about our little neighborhood is how neighborly it is. That means that we help each other out. We watch each other's houses to prevent crimes. During this time of Covid-19, we do errands for each other and provided needed help. We support our neighborhood senior center and adult school. We are a community that cares for itself and for others.

Due to that, we do not need street sweeping signs or no parking signs erected in our neighborhood. Granted there are times when my neighbor doesn't move his truck on street sweeping days but the next time he does, either his mother-in-law or I go out and sweep the street with our brooms. There are very few places where I see trash collect for very long. Most of us pick it up on our daily walks or clean up our section of the street. We take down tacked up fliers from telephone poles to reduce the litter and visual pollution. In short, we care for our neighborhood and absolutely do not need a layer of bureaucratic enforcement to do so. It will be a waste of money and will be visually awful. Please save your money and repave our streets with it instead or create a permanent solution to the terrifying and dangerous problem the Carlson median presents when the weeds are high. The potholes are as bad as if we lived in a major city. The weeds on Carlson cause accidents and many near accidents often.

Please listen to your constituents as to what we need and want. Do not behave as our current POTUS and shove things upon us that are not of any value whatsoever.

Thanks you for your time,

Marsha Vaughn
2513 San Mateo Street
Richmond, CA 94804

Take time to laugh. It is the music of the soul.

Sabrina Lundy

From: MJ Moore <mjmoore6@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 10:18 AM
To: Tom Butt - external; Ben Choi; Nat Bates; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis; City Clerk Dept
Subject: Corrected email Vote No on Street signs

This is a corrected version of the previous email, which had omissions and mistakes. Thanks for your help.

Dear Mayor Butt, and Council Members Choi, Bates, Martinez, Johnson, Myrick, and Willis,

Please vote NO on the proposal to install street sweeping signs in front of our houses in the Annex. These street signs are an eyesore in what is a very lovely and well-kept neighborhood. My neighbors and I are diligent about moving our cars for street sweeping, and the streets are clean.

Richmond is facing terrible budget choices in the coming months and should spend that money in ways that will have a positive impact on our city, rather than wasting it on these ugly and unnecessary signs.

Thank you for your help with this issue.

Sincerely,

Mary Jean Moore
5724 Van Fleet Avenue
Richmond, CA 94804

Sabrina Lundy

From: Meredith M. Lee <mmlee@alumni.stanford.edu>
Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 7:52 AM
To: Tom Butt - external; Ben Choi; Nat Bates; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis; City Clerk Dept
Subject: City Council Item H-3 on May 19, 2020

Dear representatives,

This is the first message I am writing to the city council. As a recent homeowner resident in Richmond, and native to the Bay Area, one of the most compelling reasons for me to choose to live here is the friendly, almost 'old-fashioned' *neighborhood atmosphere* of the Richmond Annex. Neighbors walk (at safe distance) with their pets and hold their kids' hands, enjoying our just-wide-enough sidewalks. We tend to gardens and watch out for each other in our front yards.

The proposed addition of hundreds of street sweeping signs or 'no parking' signs ruins the idyllic appeal of our neighborhood. **I am concerned about and opposed to City Council Item H-3.** Having lived in urban centers where these street signs were prevalent, I know:

- they are often magnets for vandalism,
- they cause tension as blocks shuffle their vehicles, and
- they disrupt the visual appeal of a neighborhood.

If you have tens of thousands of dollars to spend, please consider safety signs, maintenance of weeds, or other approaches to improve the dangerous Carlson Avenue median instead.

Especially now, as workers and residents who contribute to local and state operating budgets are considering moving to other parts of the country that have a lower cost of living and more space, we need to maintain the friendliness and charm of our neighborhoods.

Please consider *not* adding these signs to our neighborhoods.

Respectfully,
Meredith Lee, Richmond Annex resident and homeowner.

Sabrina Lundy

From: michael beer <michaelandrewbeer@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 16, 2020 12:58 PM
To: Tom Butt - external; Ben Choi; Nat Bates; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis; City Clerk Dept
Subject: Street Signs in the Annex

Dear Mayor Butt and Councilmembers,

I live in the Richmond Annex and have learned that you intend to put up 600 street signs warning of the days when streets will be swept. I am opposed to these signs which are so much urban clutter. I do think some notification system must be devised. Perhaps a metal placard could be added lower down on the STOP signs or, with their permission, something added to three telephone poles on each block. In many cases, residents have kept each other informed about the incipient sweeping. For residents moving their cars needs to become a habit. The signs would primarily be for visitors. Because I believe Annex and Panhandle residents strongly object to the signs, it behooves you to come up with a more creative solution that doesn't alienate citizens from their elected government.

Sincerely yours,
Michael Beer

1247 S. 58th Street
Richmond, CA 94894

Sabrina Lundy

From: Irene Perdomo
Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 1:20 PM
To: michael beer
Cc: Laura Snideman; City Clerk Dept
Subject: Re: dux Pt. Molate

Hi Michael,

Thank you for your email. I am forwarding your message to the City Clerk's Office for recording.

Best,

Irene Perdomo
Executive Assistant to the City Manager
510-621-1264

On May 18, 2020, at 11:58 AM, michael beer <michaelandrewbeer@yahoo.com> wrote:

Dear City Manager and CCed,

I find it difficult to understand why in a small city with limited resources, and in spite of overwhelming citizen sentiment, we are still talking about giving away one of our treasures to be transformed into housing that our median income residents might be able to visit on their time off. I don't believe that your job description includes bowing to those who have power, influence and money. These are the same people who thought a casino was a good idea for my proud and purposeful working class city. I understand that you think they have got you by the gonads. All I ask is that you fight as hard as possible to keep Pt. Molate as a public trust for Richmond residents like myself. We do not need, nor want, the remaining pieces of waterfront property used in such an manner insulting to our history, demography, and hopes. When last I looked, there is land for the well-to-do available on the shoreline of North

Richmond and let the newcomers amortize the services that the country may need to provide them.

Sincerely,
Michael Beer

1247 S. 58th Street
Richmond, CA 94804

"We forget that nature itself is one vast miracle transcending the reality of night and nothingness. We forget that each one of us in his personal life repeats that miracle."

Loren Eiseley

Sabrina Lundy

From: Irene Perdomo
Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 1:19 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Fwd: Developing Point Molate

Hi Miriam,

Thank you for your email. I am forwarding your message to the City Clerk's Office for recording.

Best,

Irene Perdomo
Executive Assistant to the City Manager
510-621-1264

Begin forwarded message:

From: Miriam Joscelyn <joskels@icloud.com>
Date: May 18, 2020 at 10:22:25 AM PDT
To: Irene Perdomo <Irene_Perdomo@ci.richmond.ca.us>, Lina Velasco <Lina_Velasco@ci.richmond.ca.us>, Tom Butt - external <tom.butt@intres.com>, Nat Bates <natbates@comcast.net>, Ben Choi <Ben_Choi@ci.richmond.ca.us>, Demnlus Johnson <demnlus_johnson@ci.richmond.ca.us>, Eduardo Martinez <Eduardo_Martinez@ci.richmond.ca.us>, Jael Myrick <Jael_Myrick@ci.richmond.ca.us>, Melvin Willis <melvin_willis@ci.richmond.ca.us>
Subject: Developing Point Molate

I write to insist that you not extend the Sun Cal proposal. With the City facing a budget shortfall that threatens library hours and employee furloughs, giving Sun Cal an extension denies Richmond citizens an opportunity to provide input. At this time of a pandemic, consideration must be given to human beings over corporation. A full review of the financial impact of the proposal and the impact it will have on future City budgets is essential.

Miriam Joscelyn

Sabrina Lundy

From: MOLLYANNE BREWER <mollyanneb@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 3:32 PM
To: Tom Butt - external; Ben Choi; Nat Bates; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis; City Clerk Dept
Subject: RE Streetcleaning Signage in Richmond Annex - write tickets

I agree that the honor system for moving cars on streetsweeping days isn't working.
If it's accurate that the cost of signage would be \$30K, would it be possible, instead, to have meter maids or police write tickets for the cars parked on street sweeping days???

Yes, it would cost time & \$ but might the fees offset labor costs...& even yield \$ for the budget.
Berkeley must make a mint since they ticket frequently.

Mollyanne Brewer
5828 San Jose Avenue

Sabrina Lundy

From: Monica Clark <monicaclark2010@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 11:07 AM
To: Tom Butt - external; Ben Choi; Nat Bates; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis; City Clerk Dept
Subject: No parking signs in Annex

Mr. Mayor and respected Council Members:

I am a 30-year resident of the Richmond Annex and wish to convey my strong opposition to your proposal to install no parking signs for street cleaning in our neighborhood.

My reasons are many:

- 1) Annex residents keep our streets clean. There is rarely any debris in the streets or curbs when the sweepers come through once a month. Putting up signs is an unnecessary expense at a time when the City is dealing with a serious budget deficit
- 2) Enlisting an education campaign through the Annex Neighborhood Council would remind and reinforce the commitment Annex members made years ago to move their cars on street-sweeping days The Council could also work with neighbors whose homes abut street drains to ensure that they are cleared of debris prior to the rainy season
- 3) We have far more serious environmental issues than random paper/leaves on our curbs, namely the ongoing weed problem on the Carlson Blvd. median strip that obscures vision when turning right or left off Carlson into our neighborhood. We have to periodically plead with the city to send staff to Carlson to remove the high weeds. No effective remediation has ever been done since the strip was created so the problem recurs several times each year. City action usually happens only after there have been traffic accidents caused by little/no visibility of oncoming cars on the other side of the median. If there is money in the budget for the Annex, let it be spent on solving the Carlson Blvd. median vegetation problem.
- 4) Money would also be better spent addressing the speeding issue on Carlson and the need for an additional stop light.
- 5) I am concerned that the street sign proposal might be the City's way of generating income from fines from those who forgot to move their cars. Not only will the signs cost money to install, but monitoring compliance will be costly. Surely, the city is not designing this program as a job-creator/job-saver for someone.

Before acting on this sign installation program, I believe that you have an obligation to dialog with Annex residents so together we can develop positive alternatives that will keep our city drains and streets clean while using City funds to keep our libraries and other services open for all..

Monica Clark
1644 Shasta Street
Richmond

Sabrina Lundy

From: Monica Olivares <monica.olivares@att.net>
Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 4:37 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Cc: Monica Olivares
Subject: Agenda item H-3

Sent to the Richmond City Council Members:

Dear Council Member,

I request that you do not support elimination of the Richmond Voluntary Street Sweeping program. I am a lifelong resident and homeowner in the Annex and was against instituting "signs with fines" in 2003, and I am still against it.

Spending \$30,000 on signs in order to fine residents is plain wrong. Instead of spending that money on the signs, why not spend it on fixing potholes, maintaining the landscaping on the Carlson median (a real problem, lovely as it may be), and other worthy projects?

I view this as an attempt to bring in more revenue at the expense of the Annex and Panhandle Annex. We have pride of place in the neighborhood. Citing environmental concerns is a lame attempt at bolstering the assertion that the signs with fines are needed. Hog wash. As Nat Bates was quoted to you, "If it looks like a money grab, if it walks like a money grab, if it sounds like a money grab, it is a money grab!"

I resent that the council would even consider this item once again when it was hotly contested and then rejected in the past. The residents on my street are diligent to move their vehicles on street sweeping days, but I would like to add that my street is rarely ever in need of sweeping in the first place. People here care.

Monica Olivares
Richmond Annex resident and homeowner

Letter from Juan Reardon:

Dear Councilmembers,

I request that you do not support the elimination of the Richmond Voluntary Street Sweeping Program. This program was voted for by the residents of some Richmond neighborhoods, as Mayor Butt recalls in his E-Forum :

"ELECTION: The requirement for a 2/3 "protest" vote to opt out of mandatory parking management seems excessive. I recommend that it be reduced to 51 per cent. This is consistent with state law relating to the establishment of a benefit district, and it was the method used to ballot Richmond's wastewater rate increases. There were many complaints about the appearance of the ballot -- how it resembled junk mail -- about the effectiveness of the distribution, and so forth. Sure, perhaps it could have been done better, but those neighborhoods that have strong feelings on the subject are well-organized and can probably compensate for any shortcomings through outreach, activism and community organizations. It doesn't make sense to me to go through the time and expense of doing it all over again at this point." Tom Butt's E-Forum A Clean Sweep? March 23, 2003

This is simply a money grab under the pretense of environmental concerns.

As Councilmember Bates would say: if it looks like a money grab, If it walks like a money grab, if it sounds like a money grab, it is a money grab!

Something very ironic about the proposal is that it has been submitted by Mr. Yader Bermudez, the same director of Public Works, who for years used a city code loophole to continue spreading cancer causing Glyphosate (Round-up) and other pesticides over Richmond streets until he was stopped by Annex residents with the assistance of the then newly elected mayor Butt (2015).

Spending tens of thousands on signs is wrong. There are better ways to remind residents to remove cars once a month. Use the money to fix potholes, to remove graffiti, to prevent home and car break-ins, to plant some trees. Do something positive!

The residents may end up suing the City for violation of our Volunteer Program, voted for and established years ago. No serious data of infractions has been presented to the council or the public. A few pictures and some anecdotic reports don't cut it.

Please pass on this bad idea.

Juan Reardon

Richmond Annex resident and homeowner

Sabrina Lundy

From: Myrtle Braxton <mbraxton1@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 1:21 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Cc: Trina Jackson; Tom Butt - external; Nat Bates; demnlus johnson; Ben Choi
Subject: Public comments Agenda item #H3

I'm writing in support of installing Street Sweeping Signs in the Richmond Annex, Panhandle Annex and Richmore Village. The purpose of street sweeping is to prevent contamination of our water supply. Exemption of these neighborhoods is unfair and unjust. The poorer neighborhood residents are ticked if they do move their cars. More affluent neighborhood residents are not ticked. Where is the Justice in this? This borders on a Civil Rights violation since this exemption discriminates against citizens who live in predominantly Black and Brown neighborhoods. Since the signs will not cost the City any money, there's no reason not to install the signs.

Sent from my iPad

Sabrina Lundy

From: Nan Ayers <nanayers@mac.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 2:09 PM
To: Tom Butt - external; Ben Choi; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Nat Bates; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; City Clerk Dept; Lina Velasco; Laura Snideman
Subject: Re: Agenda Item H-8, City Council Meeting May 19, 2020

Below is a simply stated argument opposing movement on the ERN with SunCal. I do not know if it is an accurate description of current events/impacts, but if it is, and you are just putting your heads “down,” then shame on you. And a shame for the good people of Richmond, who are still paying for a party to which they’re not invited.

Nan Ayers
184 Marina Lakes Dr
Richmond, CA 94804-7455

Re: Agenda Item H-8, City Council Meeting May 19, 2020

Dear Mayor Butt and Council Members Bates, Choi, Johnson, Martinez, Myrick and Willis,

The City Council must vote against extending the ERN with SunCal. In fact, no decisions on Point Molate should be made until after the COVID-19 shelter in place is lifted or alternative means are found for the public to fully participate in the review and approval process for the SunCal project. Shouldn’t the public have a voice in the future of our public land? After all, Point Molate belongs to the people of Richmond.

If you vote to go forward during the pandemic, then put the Pt Molate Community Plan on the November 2020 ballot, so the voters have a voice.

The backroom settlement agreement intentionally eliminated public discussion of the Community Plan. This plan is based on input from the majority of people who participated in the City’s public planning meetings, and one that has been put forward by the public in general form since 2010: develop the north end of the property, the historic district, and conserve Pt Molate’s rare natural resources by creating a regional park in the south end of the property with sports fields and other recreation and education opportunities for Richmond and the region. This park is already in the East Bay Regional Park District’s Master Plan, and they have \$4.5 million for this purpose and can raise the additional funds.

The voices of the majority of the participants in the public planning meetings were censored because the City falsely claimed that a Federal Court Judge requires a minimum of 670 housing units are built at Pt Molate, The Mayor, Council member Ben Choi and others called it a “Court Order.” It was not a court order. The housing requirement was included in the settlement by the two parties, not a judge. When the judge learned that you had voted behind closed doors on a settlement that required housing — backroom zoning — the judge supported moving forward with the litigation against you for committing a Brown Act violation. That case is pending. If the City loses that case in court, you may have to go back to the drawing board. All the time and money spent now will be wasted. Isn’t it better for Richmond to wait for the outcome of the litigation?

Please review the Hatch Report regarding the negative fiscal impacts of SunCal’s plan on Richmond:
<http://ptmolatealliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Point-Molate-Fiscal-Impact-Assessment.pdf>

We have asked for the City's own financial analysis for months. Shouldn't the City publish a fiscal impact analysis before moving forward on a project that a leading business consulting firm found will impact our General Fund?

I am also very concerned and dismayed that the City has hired a law firm, DowneyBrand, that proudly litigates against environmental groups trying to protect environmental and human health, and the proposed Point Molate developer, SunCal, is paying the legal fees of up to \$650,000: <https://www.downeybrand.com> What does this say about SunCal's project? Our City? What does this say about each of you if you do not stand up against contracting this law firm. It sends the message that you, SunCal and our City staff are well aware of the damage the SunCal plan will do to environmental and human health and the related costs to future generations. Is this what you stand for?

Please consider carefully what the pandemic has taught us about our need to protect environmental and human health, and the power you have to make a difference for Richmond and future generations by voting not to extend SunCal's ERN for their proposed project.

Thank you for your time,

Sabrina Lundy

From: Joe Kelly <joekelly3@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 1:47 PM
To: Tom Butt - external; Ben Choi; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Nat Bates; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; City Clerk Dept; Lina Velasco; Laura Snideman
Cc: Nancy Gruver
Subject: Re: Agenda Item H-8, City Council Meeting May 19, 2020

Dear Mayor Butt and Council Members Bates, Choi, Johnson, Martinez, Myrick and Willis,

The pandemic is teaching us **powerful lessons about interdependence**. It further clarifies our need to protect environmental and human health.

Please heed these lessons and use your power to serve the future of Richmond and our emerging generations. Do not approve SunCal's proposed project plans or continue your current course for Point. Molate developmewnt.

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This park is already in the East Bay Regional Park District's Master Plan, and they have **\$4.5 million** for this purpose and can raise the additional funds.

The City claimed that a Federal Court Judge requires a minimum of 670 housing units are built at Pt Molate. This IS NOT so. And there is no "Court Order," as Mayor Butt and Council member Ben Choi claim.

When the judge learned that you had voted behind closed doors on a settlement that required housing the judge supported moving forward with the litigation against you for committing a Brown Act violation. That case is pending.

If the City loses that case in court, you may have to go back to the drawing board. All the time and money spent now will be wasted.

Bottom line: This backroom zoning silenced the voices and wishes of your constituents.

Isn't it better for Richmond to wait for the outcome of the litigation?

Please review the Hatch Report regarding the negative fiscal impacts of SunCal's plan on Richmond:
<http://ptmolatealliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Point-Molate-Fiscal-Impact-Assessment.pdf>

To no avail so far, concerned citizens have asked to see the City's own financial analysis for months. Shouldn't the City publish a fiscal impact analysis before moving forward on a project that a leading business consulting firm found will negatively impact our General Fund?

I am also very concerned and dismayed that the City the DowneyBrand law firm (<https://www.downeybrand.com>), which proudly litigates against environmental groups trying to protect environmental and human health,

Even worse, SunCal (the proposed Point Molate developer) is paying the legal fees of up to \$650,000. Isn't this a glaring conflict of interest and failure to protect Richmond's long-term future, health, and sustainability?

The council majority clearly sends the message that you, SunCal and our City staff are well aware of the damage the SunCal plan will do to environmental and human health and the related costs to future generations. \

This is not what our family stands for or wants as folks who plan to spend the rest of our lives in Richmond.

We hope that you and your loved ones are staying safe and taking gentle, good care of each other. Thank you for your time, and all the best,

Nancy Gruver and Joe Kelly

85 Lakeshore Ct.

Richmond, CA

Sabrina Lundy

From: nancy stern <sterncintron@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 16, 2020 2:40 PM
To: Tom Butt - external; Ben Choi; Nat Bates; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis; City Clerk Dept
Subject: No to street sweeping signs

Hello,

On March 28th 2003 here in Richmond Annex/Panhandle Annex we voted by more than 66% to oppose the installation "no parking street sweeping" signs on our sidewalks. I am now hearing that you "the City" may be trying to undermine our vote. If your goal of putting up no parking street sweeping sign is to increase revenue by ticketing and fines by code enforcement please don't do it at the expense of a neighborhood that clearly has voiced its' opinion about this.

If the city really has \$30,000 to spend then it should be for safety signage addressing the on going problems with Carlson Blvd. and the well known uncontrolled intersections throughout the Annex.. Signs as those will not produce revenue grabs but certainly will enhance public safety which should be more of a priority for the City.

Thank you in advance.

Nancy Stern
Panama Avenue

Sabrina Lundy

From: naomi williams <msnana4632@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 2:53 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Cc: Tom Butt - external; Nat Bates
Subject: Street sweeping signs please approve

T This program started some 17 years ago it was not for the benefits of Richmond it was the benefit of the safe water program which guarantees clean water etc. the program started in the PULLMAN neighborhood Council area by the city and was headed by Raymond Lambert in the city manager office The Southside was started first because of the state program and continued throughout Richmond because of political reasons I know Richmond annex and Panhandle annex Panhandle annex was given special treatment because of they're voting power then. political reasons. Both neighborhood agreed that 2/3 of the people lived in those neighborhoods would sweep the streets themselves so for that reason the city removed all their signs sweeping signs but for the past 17 years they have not honored their agreements I believe it was not the Street sweeping signs I believe it was just that fact they wanted to have their way For their convenience. Please we say yes we approve of replacing the street sweeping signs in these two neighborhoods and any other that don't have street sweeping signs for health reason.

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May 19, 2020

Thomas K. Butt, Mayor
City of Richmond
450 Civic Center Plaza, 3rd Flr.
Richmond, CA 94804

Agenda Item H-7 Oppose: Project Labor Agreement requirement in Project Services Fund Agreement between City of Richmond and HRP Campus Bay Property, LLC

Dear Mayor Butt:

On behalf of the Associated Builders and Contractors Northern California Chapter (ABC NorCal) and its nearly 500 essential construction and construction related firms representing 21,000 merit shop construction workers, we greatly appreciate your dedication and professionalism in response to the outbreak of the coronavirus (COVID 19). We would like to acknowledge the extensive effort all local governments have exhibited to work collaboratively with our industries to support the local economy while protecting the public safety.

Our members have implemented strict measures to ensure the safety of our workforce and the community during these times. They have significantly enhanced and modified their safety plans to effectively mitigate the risk for workers and their families. Our industry remains committed to the health and welfare of our workforce and the public while continuing to build a better California for all. The work performed by these frontline men and women is not only helping to ease a negative impact on public health but is also helping to create a better quality of life for all of our residents.

The scale of this global crisis is unprecedented, and so is the scope of the local government response. California cities of all sizes are coordinating across jurisdictional lines, enacting emergency measures to slow the spread of the coronavirus pandemic, taking action to protect individuals and small businesses on the economic margins, while spending such sums as necessary to protect public health.

There is no question Cities and towns across the Bay Area will need financial assistance to persevere through the hardship resulting from rising costs and decreasing tax revenue and fees due to COVID-19. A recent [LA Times Article](#) reported California's 482 cities say they will collectively lose \$6.7 billion over the next two years because of the pandemic, prompting layoffs and furloughs for public workers and potential cuts to basic services. As you continue to face unprecedented challenges on the frontlines of responding to the coronavirus outbreak in your community and doing what is necessary to ensure the health and safety of their residents, now is not the time to be requiring a Project Labor Agreement (PLA) for the Richmond Mixed-Use Project that excludes certain essential workers and apprentices. Projects

with PLAs historically cost taxpayers an additional 10 to 20 percent. That savings is even more important in this time of economic distress and could make or break the viability of the project.

Earlier this month, the county reinstated all construction work to resume and all construction workers are considered essential. Why are you now limiting the amount of essential workers who can work in your community?

Project Labor Agreements (PLAs), create barriers for local, minority and women-owned construction employers and their employees who want to build in their community because they contain provisions that do not allow for the complete utilization of their skilled and trained workforces and exclude the men, women, and veterans who have graduated from state approved, unilateral apprenticeship training programs in pursuit of a construction career that provides stability for them, their family and their community.

Let's not push construction professionals away from well-paying career opportunities within their community. Let's continue to keep the work open for those essential workers who want to work, support their families and their community.

Thank you for your consideration of this request to deny approval of the Project Labor Agreement. It is our hope you will reconsider your position and focus your energy on working with our industry on solutions that will remove barriers and increase opportunities for all Richmond taxpayers and residents. Please contact me at nicole@abcnorcal.org or 925-960-8513 with any questions.

Sincerely,



Nicole Goehring
V.P. Govt. and Community Affairs

Cc: Ben Choi, Vice Mayor
Nathaniel Bates, Councilmember
Eduardo Martinez, Councilmember
Demnlus Johnson, Councilmember
Jael Myrick, Councilmember
Melvin Willis, Councilmember

About us:

ABC NorCal represents nearly 500 companies, both large and small, across Northern California. We are the construction professionals in your community, building your community. ABC NorCal is committed to helping people earn, learn and build construction careers in their communities. In addition to providing work opportunities in the industry, we ensure folks are trained, safe and delivering the highest quality product possible.

For over forty years ABC NorCal has done its part in training a skilled workforce in the construction trades, training over 800 state and federally approved apprentices and thousands of journey workers

and craft trainees each year, a vital component to the sustainability of the industry. Our diverse apprentices, journey workers and craft trainees come from all walks of life – some are fresh out of high school, some are starting a second career and some are desiring a fresh start. They emerge from the programs with a good-paying job, health benefits and the skills and training that can take their career in many directions. It is truly a path of endless opportunities.

ABC NorCal, along with its partner programs have proven track records that reduce recidivism rates, improve job readiness skills, and create long-term employment. Our partnership is a vital piece of ensuring a pathway out of poverty for the participants and a critical service to the Northern California construction community. ABC NorCal is a National Center for Construction Training & Education (NCCER) Accredited Training Facility and Assessment center.

With the state facing a Craft Professional Demand of 533,136 through December 2022, we remain committed to be the solution provider for a diverse skilled and trained workforce to build and rebuild California.

Sabrina Lundy

From: Irene Perdomo
Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 1:15 PM
To: Nina Smith
Cc: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Re: Stop the deal with SunCal

Hi Nina,

Thank you for your email. I am forwarding this to the City Clerk's department for recording.

Best,

Irene Perdomo
Executive Assistant to the City Manager
510-621-1264

On May 18, 2020, at 10:09 AM, Nina Smith <ninakaye53@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear City Manager and City Council,

I am a 33 year resident of Richmond and am writing to strongly object to the current plan to develop Point Molate by SunCal. This plan is illegal and not in the best interest of the residents of Richmond. I urge you to:

1. Not give an extension to the original deadlines in the ERN;
2. Stop proceeding altogether until a complete and accurate analysis of the plan's financial impact is made and published;
3. Put the entire Point Molate project on hold until the litigation concerning multiple Brown Act violations is resolved and
4. an adequate and complete new EIR is completed and presented to the public.

Nothing should proceed until the public had a full opportunity to participate in the review and approval process, an opportunity that cannot be provided under current conditions due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sincerely,

Nina Smith
561 Dimm Street
Richmond

Sabrina Lundy

From: Norman LaForce <n.laforce@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, May 17, 2020 4:44 PM
To: Ben Choi; Demnlus Johnson; 'Eduardo Martinez'; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis; Nat Bates; 'Tom Butt'
Cc: City Clerk Dept; City Attorney's Office
Subject: 2020-05-17 Letters re Agenda Item H-7 for May 19, 2020 Richmond City Council Meeting
Attachments: Sierra Club to Richmond Zeneca 2020-05-17.pdf; 2020-05-17 Ltr to City Council Re Agenda Item H-7.pdf

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Sincerely yours,

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Cc: City Clerk Dept; City Attorney's Office
Subject: RE: May 19, 2020 City Council Meeting Comments on Agenda Item H-8
Attachments: Sierra Club to Richmond Point Molate ERN Extension 2020-05-16 Corrected.pdf; 2020-05-16 Ltr to City Council Re Agenda Item H-8 Corrected.pdf

To the City Council and City Clerk,

After I sent my initial letters on behalf of the Sierra Club and SPRAWLDEF yesterday in regard to Agenda Item H-8, I realized that I had inadvertently sent drafts of those letters. My error. I am attaching the final letters which are denoted as "Corrected." These letters should replace the prior draft letter. My apologies for any confusion.

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Norman La Force

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Sabrina Lundy

From: Irene Perdomo
Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 4:21 PM
To: Patricia Jones; City Clerk Dept
Subject: Fwd: Comments for Consent calendar item to extend ERN for SunCAL
Attachments: Pt Molate_Dseir comments PVJ-update may2020.pdf; ATT00001.htm

Hello Patricia,

Thank you for your email. I am forwarding this message to the City Clerk's Office for recording.

Best,

Irene Perdomo
Executive Assistant to the City Manager
510-621-1264

Begin forwarded message:

From: Patricia Jones <pvjones10@gmail.com>
Date: May 18, 2020 at 3:11:28 PM PDT
To: Irene Perdomo <Irene_Perdomo@ci.richmond.ca.us>, Lina Velasco <Lina_Velasco@ci.richmond.ca.us>, Tom Butt - external <tom.butt@intres.com>, Nat Bates <natbates@comcast.net>, Ben Choi <Ben_Choi@ci.richmond.ca.us>, Demnlus Johnson <demnlus_johnson@ci.richmond.ca.us>, Eduardo Martinez <Eduardo_Martinez@ci.richmond.ca.us>, Jael Myrick <Jael_Myrick@ci.richmond.ca.us>, Melvin Willis <melvin_willis@ci.richmond.ca.us>
Subject: Comments for Consent calendar item to extend ERN for SunCAL

Dear Mayor, City Councilmembers and staff:

Once again, I am writing from home during the statewide Shelter-in-Place order to submit comments to the City of Richmond.

I oppose the City Council's proposal to put the extension of the SunCal Exclusive Right to Negotiate its plan to develop Pt. Molate on the Consent Calendar at the Council meeting May 19, 2020.

I also urge the City to (1) perform a complete analysis of financial impact and publish it, (2) put the entire Point Molate project on hold until litigation is resolved, (3) the financial analysis has been published, and risks have been addressed and (4) do not move forward with Point Molate plans until the public can fully participate in the review and approval process.

Below (and attached) is the letter I submitted for the DSEIR which highlight some of my objections to the development of Point Molate as described in the DSEIR.

I look forward to receiving response to my comments.
Thank You.

Patricia Jones
Co-Chair Sierra Club CA State Parks Committee

Sierra Club CA Legislative Committee Chair
Former Executive Director, Citizens for East Shore Parks

Lina Velasco, Community Development Director
City of Richmond Planning Division
450 Civic Center Plaza, 2nd Floor
Richmond, CA 94804
admin@pointmolateseir.com

April 13, 2020

RE: Point Molate Project DSEIR

Dear Ms. Velasco:

I am writing from home during the statewide Shelter-in-Place order to submit comments for the Point Molate Project DSEIR. I am disappointed that the City of Richmond did not choose to postpone the deadline for this project until after the SIP order is rescinded when the public could participate in a full open process. My comments are below:

First, from a lay person's view of this project, it seems obvious this is the wrong project in the wrong place. It is not a self-sustaining location, wedged between the water and the Chevron-Richmond Refinery on a site with only one road in and out detached from transit and services. Besides, the normal day-to-day headache of getting in and out and backing up I-580's approach to the Richmond- San Rafael Bridge, it is a disaster just waiting to happen. How will people evacuate if there is an explosion at the refinery or some other overwhelming situation?

Second, this proposal ignores many key components of Richmond General Plan.

The Richmond General Plan 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 and encourages construction of higher-density, mixed-use projects around existing public transit infrastructure...and other critical services.

- General Plan Policy LU1.1 defining Infill Mixed-Use Development states such areas should promote transit-oriented and pedestrian-friendly development along key commercial corridors, at key intersections (community nodes and gateways). None of these qualifications exist at Pt. Molate. This would be a 'suburban' development, not infill. The closest commercial district is Pt. Richmond on the other side of I-580 and there is no major grocery store in Pt. Richmond. For groceries, one would have to drive 4.2 miles to Food Mart, 8.4 miles to Walmart at Hilltop Mall and 8 miles to Safeway in El Cerrito. We know from years of discussion, that the larger Marina Bay community still has no grocery store so I wouldn't expect there to be a full-size grocery store at Pt. Molate. The closest elementary schools would be across I-580 in Pt. Richmond or 4 miles farther down I-580 to Richmond Elementary School.
- General Plan Policy LU5.2 states that "The City will support development on the Peninsula as a regional recreation destination that is *well connected to the rest of the City and accessible to the greater community.*"

- The SEIR states the “Project Site would be served by public transit or a private shuttle that provides service to the Richmond BART Station.” Specifically mentioned by the DSEIR is that the shuttle would take people to the Richmond BART Station during the 2 hours of morning and evening commute hours, plus there would be guarantee of providing a “ride home.” This shuttle service is to be provided by AC Transit or privately. However, there is no commitment by transportation agencies that such a plan would happen in the foreseeable future. There is no indication of the cost and financial mechanism to support privately establishing and operating such a plan, particularly over the long-term. Such costs added to the price of each proposed residential unit will do nothing except increase the difficulty in selling each unit, or will this cost be paid by all residents of Richmond? Will the City of Richmond subsidize this cost for the percentage of below market rate units that are proposed? Under the “guaranteed ride home program” will the shuttle be available at hours other than commute times? Since use of shuttle services are voluntary, it doesn’t seem likely that Pt. Molate residents will have access to use of the shuttle when they undertake the ordinary daily tasks of transporting children to schools (none of which are located in Pt. Molate), to keep routine medical appointments or to visit beauty salons, attend family events or parties, or go to their jobs, not all of which will be located in Pt. Molate? The DSEIR lacks in depth analysis of key transportation impacts and the resultant impacts on green-house gas emissions.
- Furthermore, as to recreation- where are the sports fields so needed in the crowded Bay Area? Since this is in essence a ‘suburban’ development, where are the sports fields?
- General Plan Policy LLU5.3 states that “Types, intensities and ranges of use and development should be compatible with existing uses and should minimize or eliminate conflicts that adversely impact wetlands, marshlands, creeks, mudflats, public safety, human or environmental health or generate nuisances.” And, a General Plan statement that “Potrero Ridge would continue to buffer the Project’s Site nonindustrial uses from the industrial activities at the Chevron Richmond Refinery to the east.” Residents from Richmond and surrounding cities are well-aware through their experience from recent incidents at the Chevron Refinery that have involved widespread evacuation and/or shelter in place. The DSEIR does not include a realistic evacuation plan.

3) Regarding, protection of habitat, Proposed surveys and other measures are not adequate to protect eelgrass, birds, special plants and insects:

- The SEIR fails to acknowledge the loss of nearly 3 billion birds in North America in the last 50 years <https://www.sciencemag.org/news/2019/09/three-billion-north-american-birds-have-vanished-1970-surveys-show> and address the impacts of the Modified Project. Water birds like ducks and geese have flourished while shorebirds like sandpipers and plovers have declined by 37%. <https://www.businessinsider.com/3-billion-birds-disappeared-across-us-canada-since-1970-2019-9> Common birds are in decline.

- Earlier surveys have shown the existence of endangered Coastal Prairie grass at this location. What will be done to protect it?
- What will be done to protect the monarch butterflies whose populations have plummeted in recent years?
- What about the long-term protection of the bats? The DSEIR offers poorly designed plans to remove bats during the construction process. Bats are a crucial component of many ecosystems because of their appetite for insects. The process described in the DSEIR is to wait until the bats have left their roosts for the night, and then to use netting to keep them from returning. How can you monitor after construction without a survey of bats before the construction?

I look forward to receiving response to my comments.
Thank You.

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Sabrina Lundy

From: Lina Velasco
Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 4:38 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: FW: May 19, 2020 City Council Agenda Consent Calendar Item H-7

From: Paul Kilkenny [<mailto:kilkennygreen@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 10:59 AM
To: Shasa Curl; Lina Velasco; Rachel Sommovilla
Subject: May 19, 2020 City Council Agenda Consent Calendar Item H-7

Hello,

This is a request for consent calendar Item H-7 on the May 19, 2020 City Council Agenda to be held over.

The reasons for holding over:

Consent items do not allow community members to comment on a given consent item before the City Council votes to approve or deny the item

This particular item is in regards to the highly controversial Zeneca/former Stauffer Chemical site, so it should not be decided via a single vote as part of the consent calendar

In addition the COVID19 shelter-in-place order prevents community members from attending City Council meetings in person; the current email and call-in workarounds for the community to submit public comments ahead of the City Council have failed a number of times to allow public comment to be read into the record, or presented to the City Council before votes are cast. These workarounds also do not consistently allow the public to hear/see the comments being submitted to the City Council for any given item or during Open Forum.

In addition the call-in workaround for the public is a poor substitute for allowing public comment at City Council meetings as the sound quality is poor; it also does not allow the public to see and hear the City Council meetings on TV, which provides a better gauge than a conference call of what is happening at the meeting. The Richmond City Council chambers are also very high-tech, so a better solution for all City Council meetings during this pandemic should implemented where the City Council members meet in the City Council Chambers, sitting six feet apart, and the meeting is broadcast on TV by KCRT as before.

Thank you.

Paul Kilkenny

Resident and Member of the Richmond Southeast Shoreline Area Community Advisory Group (RSSA CAG)

Sabrina Lundy

From: Paul Sundstrom <paulsundstrom1@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 12:03 PM
To: Tom Butt - external; Ben Choi; Nat Bates; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis; City Clerk Dept
Subject: Street Sweeping Signs- Richmond Annex

Dear Mayor Butt and Council Members,

I am writing to ask you to block the installation of street sweeping signs in my neighborhood. When I bought my home 45 years ago I had never heard of Richmond Annex. All I knew of were the negative stereotypes associated with Richmond. The neighborhood was charming and pleasant and comparable or better than similar neighborhoods in El Cerrito, Albany and Berkeley. And it was affordable ! Well it's been discovered now and not as affordable but the charm and uniqueness has pretty much remained unchanged. This is a very special district in Richmond. Neighbors here have always been able to work together to preserve the special feel the Annex has. The signs would be a blight on our neighborhood. Not saying we shouldn't have street sweeping but I think we can again rally like in '03 to meet the level of cooperation the city requires. Frankly the install of the signage would be inconsistent with level of public works projects we receive. The Annex is riddled with pot holes, dangerous uncontrolled intersections with no yield or stop signs and the perennially disappointing Carlson Blvd. speedway. If you got 30k to spend how about improved public safety ? Lastly I pledge to you I will take personal responsibility for gaining as much compliance as possible on my block.

Many thanks,

Paul Sundstrom

Sabrina Lundy

From: Fagrell, Peter <PFagrell@hilcoglobal.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 3:00 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Public Comment - 5/19 City Council, Agenda Item H-7

This communication is on behalf of Hilco Redevelopment Partners. We are one of the members of the Joint Venture which is proposing development of the "Campus Bay" project (ie, the former Zeneca site.)

We desire to register our support for the City Council's approval of the Project Services Fund Agreement. In the event the City Council has any questions for us, we will be available during this evening's Council hearing to answer questions.

Thank you.

Pete Fagrell



Senior Vice President | West Coast

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From: Peter B <gardenbody@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 17, 2020 5:15 PM
To: Tom Butt - external; Ben Choi; Nat Bates; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis; City Clerk Dept
Subject: I STRONGLY OPPOSE street sweeping signs

Hello,

My name is Peter Battie. I am the owner of 1437 Mariposa Street in the Richmond Annex. I was alerted that the City of Richmond's Item H3 during the May 19, 2020 city council meeting. I would like to state my absolute opposition to the City installing street sweeping signs throughout my neighborhood. The residents on my block have been doing an excellent job at moving their cars when the street sweepers come around, and in addition, we as a community also do an excellent job of cleaning the gutters in front of our houses. I think the proposed signage is unnecessary, is a waste of the City's money (especially when libraries are being considered for the chopping block!), and is an unsightly addition to our neighborhood.

I implore you to not enact the possible will of city council members to this end. As a homeowner in the Annex, I would like my voice to be heard and my choice to be counted. There are MANY more pressing issues in my neighborhood, chiefly the dangerousness of Carlson Blvd.

Sincerely,
Peter Battie

Sabrina Lundy

From: Philip Rosenthal <philiprosenthal@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 17, 2020 6:57 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: ERN Point Molate

Please ask Council NOT to extend the ERN regarding Point Molate.

Please table the issue until legal issues are resolved and an independent audit of the financial ramifications to taxpayers is explored.

KRGDS,

Philip Rosenthal
25 Nicholl Avenue

Sabrina Lundy

From: Rachel McMullin <ramcmullin@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2020 8:30 PM
To: Tom Butt - external; Ben Choi; Nat Bates; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis; City Clerk Dept
Subject: I oppose street sweeping signs in Richmond

Hello, members of the Richmond City Council,

I am a homeowner in the Richmond Annex, at 2810 San Mateo St, Richmond, CA 94804.

I am writing to voice my opposition to having tens of thousands of dollars worth of street sweeping signs installed in our neighborhood and the panhandle. This matter has already been taken to a vote years ago, and most Richmond residents oppose it. I consider it a waste of money, garnering little gain for residents, though signs would make it possible for the city to collect fines if residents fail to move cars for sweeping days. This seems like a blatant revenue grab on behalf of the city. Spend the \$30,000 to do something else that's useful for the city, rather than setting us up to be penalized so you can charge fines.

Sincerely,
Rachel

Rachel McMullin | UPDATED PHONE AS OF JAN. 2020: 510-323-5457

☛ Please consider the environment as you decide whether or not to print this email

Sabrina Lundy

From: Irene Perdomo
Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 1:16 PM
To: Regina Gilligan
Cc: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Re: you need to wait on Point Molate

Hi Regina,

Thank you for your email. I am forwarding your message to the City Clerk's Office for recording.

Best,

Irene Perdomo
Executive Assistant to the City Manager
510-621-1264

On May 17, 2020, at 8:20 PM, Regina Gilligan <reginagilligan@gmail.com> wrote:

Now is not the time to push ahead. I received the notice of sewer tax increase and immediately wondered is this the beginning of paying for this Point Molate project. It's not where the city needs housing. I went there yesterday. Two families of osprey were tending to their young, butterflies, egrets, herons, eelgrasses. The city of Richmond residents should know about this place, open it up to us before you turn it over to so cal developers. When it is gone, it's gone forever. So many bad deals have been made.

here it is,

1) NOT extend the ERN, 2) perform a complete analysis of financial impact and publish it, 3) put the entire Point Molate project on hold until litigation is resolved, the financial analysis has been published, and risks have been addressed. Finally, tell the City they should not move forward with Point Molate plans until the public can fully participate in the review and approval process.

Regina Gilligan, Richmond resident and voter

Sabrina Lundy

From: Regina Gilligan <reginagilligan@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 9:28 AM
To: Tom Butt - external
Subject: don't approve H-3 and don't approve toxic Zeneca site for housing

Dear Mayor and city council members,
Please the Zeneca site housing is so misguided, it's not cleaned up enough for living. Redirect your energies to finding housing solutions downtown. Create a real downtown. That is what we all need not this. I'm trying for addressing 2 misguided projects please read the following. The last time these signs went up they stuck one in my garden on my property because there isn't a curve strip on my block and I couldn't get rid of it until they all came down. Total waste of money when we need every cent.

I request that you do not support the elimination of the Richmond Voluntary Street Sweeping Program. This program was voted for by the residents of some Richmond neighborhoods.

Residents of the Richmond Annex and Panhandle Annex voted in 2003 to participate in this voluntary program rather than have signs put up in our neighborhoods. It is totally inappropriate for the City to disregard this vote conducted by the City and now, without any consultation with the residents, move forward with implementing these signs at the cost of \$30,000.

This appears to be a money grab so the City can ticket residents under the pretense of environmental concerns. (It's ironic how the Department Head presenting this item is the same staffer who resisted the City's banning of glyphosate (Round-up), a cancer-causing pesticide! Thankfully Annex residents and others pushed back and this ban remains in place.)

We, the residents, should have our democratic process upheld. There are better ways to remind residents to remove cars once a month, including working with Neighborhood Councils and providing reminders from City Hall. The City should be working closely with residents especially in this COVID-19 era. We all know that this horrendous crisis will continue both health-wise and economically for a long time going into the future. Use the money to fix potholes, to remove graffiti, to prevent home and car break-ins, to plant some trees. Or maintain some part-time Library staffers rather than lay them off. These would all be positive things for the community.

The City should be doing everything it possibly can to build relationships with community, and not disregard our democratic process.

The residents may end up suing the City for violation of our Volunteer Program, voted for and established years ago. No serious data of infractions has been presented to the council or the public. A few pictures and some anecdotal reports are not sufficient. Please vote against this bad idea.

Resident name and neighborhood
Regina Gilligan, Richmond Annex

Sabrina Lundy

From: Reverend Rob <robalou@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 4:30 AM
To: Tom Butt - external; Ben Choi; Nat Bates; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis; City Clerk Dept
Subject: Opposition to Street Sweeping Signs

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am joining the many other people who I am sure have written you in opposition to the street sweeping sign plan. As a ten year resident of 5515 Van Fleet Avenue, I can assure you that such a measure is wholly unnecessary. The level of civic pride and community care exhibited by the residents of the Annex is unmatched by any I've previously experienced. I speak for many others who loathe the idea of more unsightly signage obstructing our very fortunate scenic views. As one of the many first responders who live in the neighborhood, I work odd hours that would necessitate waking in the middle of sleep to move a car (to a non-existent spot due to other people having moved their cars). I understand the need for maintenance but I see many people sweeping their own curblines without complaint. My block doesn't even have any trees to drop leaves. Most Annex homes have single car driveways, making street parking necessary for most households. Furthermore, I've gotten very prompt response to my complaints regarding abandoned vehicles so I feel that system is working well to help facilitate sweeping (and I appreciate the service). Please consider these words and the impact your decisions will have for every resident. Thank you in advance for your attention.

-Robert Norvell

Sabrina Lundy

From: Roberta Boucher <robertaboucher@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 8:07 AM
Subject: Richmond Annex Street Sweeping Signs

As a 16 year resident of Richmond Annex, I am opposed to the addition of street sweeping signs in the neighborhood.

We have an excellent honor system in place (for all the years I have owned my home here) and the expense of such a project seems inappropriate at a time when those funds could be put to better use elsewhere.

Sincerely,
Roberta Boucher
[1685 Merced St.](#)
[510-685-1484](#)

Sabrina Lundy

From: Roland Lambert <roland_lambert@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 6:32 PM
To: Tom Butt - external; Ben Choi; Nat Bates; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis; City Clerk Dept
Subject: Fw: NO to hundreds of oversized and unsightly street signs in our Annex Neighborhoods

Dear Richmond City Council members:

Please do not install street sweeping signage in the Richmond Panhandle just to collect revenue from issuing parking tickets! Santa Clara Street does not need street sweeping.

Sincerely,

Roland Lambert
1411 Santa Clara Street
Richmond , CA 94804

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: Gayle McLaughlin for Richmond City Council 2020 <gayleforrichmond@gmail.com>
To: "roland_lambert@yahoo.com" <roland_lambert@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2020, 05:46:04 PM PDT
Subject: NO to hundreds of oversized and unsightly street signs in our Annex Neighborhoods



City Council Agenda Item H-3 Consent Calendar Tuesday May 19, 2020

Dear Annex neighbors:

We must say NO to having 575 street sweeping parking restriction signs planted all over the Richmond Annex and Panhandle

On March 28th, 2003 the Richmond residents of the Richmond Annex and the Richmond Panhandle Annex voted by more than unsightly "no parking street sweeping" signs on the sidewalks of our Annex and Panhandle neighborhoods. Other Richmond n signs.

We organized, we outreached, we voted for NO SIGNS for our neighborhoods.

With our victory, our neighborhoods became part of a **Volunteer Street Sweeping Program** and we, the residents, agreed to **sweeping parking restriction signs were not installed nor parking enforcement performed.**

Fast forward to today and City Council Item H-3 on May 19, 2020 :

Perhaps under pressure for new revenue and under the general social fog of the COVID-19, the City is attempting to undermine unwanted and unnecessary street signs spending thousands (\$30,000) of scarce city dollars.

We the Richmond Annex and Panhandle Annex residents care deeply about our environment. We are proud of our neighborhood and want to continue to be.

Signs are not obligatory. Cities have different options to keep curbed areas clear during street sweeping. According to the M "measures **may** include but are not limited to posting "no stopping," "no parking" signs in Business Districts, near large apartment streets where appropriate; and, distributing newsletters and other public education materials notifying residents and businesses.

Public reminders by the City are a better approach. The residents are already reminding each other. It is encouraging to see our hand-painted portable and removable signs placed on the sidewalks the days before the monthly street sweep.

Increasing that voluntary effort in our neighborhoods is a much better approach than disregarding our democratic voice. Removing close to 600 of these signs and the opening of our neighborhoods to unnecessary ticketing and fines by code enforcement.

The City could use that \$30,000 for other more pressing issues. The picture below gives a sense of how our neighborhood



WHAT TO DO?

1. EMAIL City Council before May 19th

tom.butt@intres.com; ben_choi@ci.richmond.ca.us; natbates@comcast.net; eduardo_martinez@ci.richmond.ca.us; demnlus_johnson@ci.richmond.ca.us; jael_myrick@ci.richmond.ca.us; melvin_w...

2. CALL City Council before May 19th

Leave messages for the city council at: 510-620-6581

3. Submit your testimony on May 19th between 5:00PM - 6:30PM

Send to: cityclerkdept@ci.richmond.ca.us

See agenda [HERE](#) (scroll down and click on H-3 for more info).

Thank you for being a concerned neighbor who values our neighborhood character!

Sincerely,

Gayle McLaughlin

Former Richmond Mayor (2007-2015)

2020 Richmond City Council candidate, District 5

Gayle McLaughlin for Richmond City Council 2020 | PO Box 5284, Richmond, CA 94805

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Sabrina Lundy

From: SnRO'M <mikado@earthlink.net>
Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 10:56 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: public comments - agenda item H-3

As property owners and long time residents of the Richmond Annex, we have supported and participated in the Volunteer Street Sweeping Program.

We agreed by voting years ago to voluntarily comply with the program without the need for the installation of the unsightly poles and signs up and down the blocks of the neighborhood, and without the need for parking enforcement and fines to the local residents. This remains our decision to this day.

We strongly suggest that efforts to increase volunteer efforts be seriously carried out rather than allow the the city to spend money unnecessarily for the installation of unwanted street sweeping signs.

S. and R. O'Meara
1710 Shasta Street
Richmond, CA 94804

Sara L. Tobin
742 Lobos Avenue
Richmond, CA 94801

May 17, 2020

Mayor Tom Butt &
Council Members Nat Bates, Ben Choi, Demnlus Johnson, Eduardo Martinez, Jael Myrick,
Melvin Willis
450 Civic Center Plaza
Richmond, CA 94608

Re: Agenda Item H-8, City Council Meeting May 19, 2020

Dear Mayor Butt and Council Members, Bates, Choi, Johnson, Martinez, Myrick, and Willis:

Please do not extend the ERN for the Point Molate project. The development proposed for Point Molate has always had a high degree of financial risk. In good times, the City might be able to afford to subsidize the cost of services (estimated to be \$4-5 million dollars per year) to an isolated suburb. This estimate is over and above any income from property taxes. However, in these times, with instability in the real estate market, the project becomes even riskier, and might well push Richmond over the edge into bankruptcy. It's time for the City to take a deep breath and put the entire project on hold until a full financial analysis is available and risks have been addressed.

In addition, moving forward at this time, on the basis of a highly flawed SEIR, will invite more litigation. It's time for the City to take a breather instead of continuing to use scarce resources to prop up a development that will be a financial drain.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sara L. Tobin', written in a cursive style.

Sara L. Tobin

May 18, 2020

To: Mayor Tom Butt - tom.butt@intres.com, and Council Members
Nathaniel Bates - natbates@comcast.net,
Ben Choi - ben_choi@ci.richmond.ca.us,
Demnlus Johnson - demnlus_johnson@ci.richmond.ca.us,
Eduardo Martinez - eduardo_martinez@ci.richmond.ca.us,
Jael Myrick - jael_myrick@ci.richmond.ca.us,
Melvin Willis - melvin_willis@ci.richmond.ca.us,
City Manager, Laura Snideman via admin asst - irene_perdomo@ci.richmond.ca.us
Planning Director, Lina Valesco - lina_velasco@ci.richmond.ca.us

From: Shirley Dean – shirley.dean@sbcglobal.net

Re: Item #H-8: Request to Confirm and Ratify Extensions to Exclusive Right to Negotiate Agreement

Dear Mayor Butt and Council Members Bates, Choi, Johnson, Martinez, Myrick and Willis,

Extensions to the ERN have now extended to over a year, April 23, 2019 to April 21, 2020. Documents regarding these extensions indicate they involve the following:
regarding the terms and conditions of the DDA pursuant to which the Developer will purchase and develop the Property for The Mixed-Use Development
(Emphasis added)

While fully recognizing that the City may discuss certain points that do not “show their hand” during a closed session, there have been no real opportunities for the public to come before the City Council to learn about, discuss and make comment about whatever the Mixed-Use Development will look like and what it will include, let alone understand and fully participate in the financial and environmental consequences that will follow.

The public has learned from the recently released Draft SEIR that the Project has been modified from any proposal previously submitted, but which has still has serious and unavoidable environmental and financial consequences. The DSEIR plainly indicated that the Community Plan is superior to that of the Developer’s proposed modified plan. The Community Plan will provide the City with the most magnificent park on the Bay, one that has important spaces for the physical and mental health of people of all ages, including playing fields for Richmond’s children. One that will also provide revenue, jobs, business and important educational opportunities and new civic pride in the careful reuse of the Winehaven Historical District.

Many people have sent in written comments to the DSEIR indicating significant environmental and traffic impacts to the quality of the Bay waters and to the air that we all breath. Yet, the City continues to move along in a so-called planning process before the Historical and Planning Commissions and continuing extensiona of talks with the Developer.

A financial analysis done by certified experts has shown that pursuing the Developer’s project will result in great monetary risk to the City of Richmond. This can’t just be dismissed by a shrug of the shoulders since the City has previously been identified by State Auditors as

being in severe financial difficulty, not to mention the additional \$27 million projected shortfall due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Now is the time that you must hear from residents and their reaction to the full and complete knowledge of the consequences of what you are considering. Please pause and ask yourself, do you really plan to hold off hearing from the public until you have reached a purchase price and development plan for the property regardless of the consequences? Is that the legacy that your name will be associated with when your children and grandchildren wonder how and why Point Molate decisions were made? How much more of staff time do you want to continue to use when layoffs threaten all services?

In the past few weeks, we have all experienced life-changing circumstances. It is time to step up to consider courses of action that result in outcomes that are based on facts and result in an improved future for all. With that in mind, instead of approving yet another flawed extension,

- Pause all planning around Pt. Molate until restrictions have been lifted so that the public can fully participate in the review and approval process and until some basic decisions have been reached by the courts.
- Do an independent complete financial impact of the project and make it available to the public.

Thank you for considering these views
Shirley Dean

Sabrina Lundy

From: Steve Smulian <steve@asgllc.com>
Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 12:06 PM
To: smulfun1@gmail.com
Subject: Proposal to Install Street Sweeping signs in the Richmond Annex...

Members of the City Council:

I understand that the City Council is considering a plan to install Street Sweeping signs in the Richmond Annex neighborhood to remind folks to move their cars on designated street sweeping days, and to ticket the scofflaws if they don't. I'm ambivalent about that for a few reasons.

First, the expense to the City to install the signs is money that might be put to better use for more pressing issues. If the thinking is that parking fines will eventually pay for the cost of installing the signs, in my view the thinking is flawed.

Second, we have more important things to address in this neighborhood, the most important of which is traffic safety related to the growing number of small children and their families in the Annex. As I'm sure you know, not all of the intersections in the Annex are fitted with stop signs. There are a number of intersections with no stop signs in any direction. Over the 22+ years we have lived here, we have witnessed several car accidents and a good number of near misses. It's only a matter of time before a careless or uninformed driver again goes speeding through one of these intersections and ends up taking a life.

Third, the condition of the streets and public sidewalks in the Annex is a safety issue in and of itself. Potholes and uneven pavement abound. The pavement, especially, presents safety and navigation issues for the many active seniors in the neighborhood.

So, instead of peppering the neighborhood with Street Sweeping/No Parking signs, I suggest using at least some of those resources to fix real safety issues for the neighborhood.

Thank you for the consideration,
Steve Smulian

"Ingenium non valet nisi facta valebunt."

Sabrina Lundy

From: S. Terris <soozieterr@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 16, 2020 11:03 AM
To: Tom Butt - external; Ben Choi; Nat Bates; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis; City Clerk Dept
Subject: Installation of Street Sweeping and No Parking Signs for \$30,000 in Richmond Annex

Dear Mayor Butt and City Council members.

First of all, thank you for your service to our city.

I agree with Gayle McLaughlin, former mayor of Richmond, regarding the above plan to install the above-referenced signs. She says that the community has already mobilized to oppose the plan to install no street sweeping and no parking signs in our neighborhoods. To quote her letter "our neighborhoods became part of a Volunteer Street Sweeping Program and we, the residents, agreed to move our vehicles on street sweeping days. Street sweeping parking restriction signs were not installed nor parking enforcement performed."

Further quoting Gayle McLoughlin's letter: "Signs are not obligatory . Cities have different options to keep curbed areas clear during street sweeping. According to the Municipal Maintenance Performance Standards (MUNI-16) "measures may include but are not limited to posting "no stopping," "no parking" signs in Business Districts, near large apartment complexes, etc.; posting street sweeping signs on streets where appropriate; and, distributing newsletters and other public education materials notifying residents and businesses of street sweeping schedules. Public reminders by the City are a better approach. The residents are already reminding each other. It is encouraging to see our neighbor-to-neighbor reminders in the form of small hand-painted portable and removable signs placed on the sidewalks the days before the monthly street sweep. . Increasing that voluntary effort in our neighborhoods is a much better approach than disregarding our democratic vote and our neighborhood character. The placement of close to 600 of these signs and the opening of our neighborhoods to unnecessary ticketing and fines by code enforcement is not a good idea."

\$30,000 is a lot of money. \$30,000 could be, and should be, better spent in other ways, such as repaving streets, putting up stop signs. For example, I advocate for a STOP SIGN to be installed on the East side of Carlson Blvd at its intersection with Sutter Avenue, where I live. There is too much traffic, people who turn left from Carlson (towards Albany) after exiting from Rt. 80 and speed down Sutter Avenue create a problem for me. For the past 13/14 years I have found it hard to back out of my driveway at 6206 Sutter Ave. and drive towards San Pablo Ave. between 8:00 and 8:45 in the mornings because of all the traffic speeding down Sutter Ave. People do not yield. Please spend money where signs are needed! I don't think our block has a need for "no parking signs" as far as I can tell.

I appreciate your taking the time to listen to our concerns.

Sincerely,

Susan C. Terris
6206 Sutter Avenue
Richmond, CA 94804

“One touch of nature makes the whole world kin.”
Shakespeare

Sabrina Lundy

From: agnesbau <agnesbau@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 2:07 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Pool

Hi

I just heard from the manager of the plunge in point richmond that the city is planning on closing all of the pool

I understand that the security is big how to rescue someone without touching the person .
And of course as usual the money issue .

I am ready to pay more to get access to the pool even with a membership fee but I know it will not be enough .

Maybe fundraising will be good

How you can cancel a therapy like that good for the body and good for the mind

How can you said to all of the senior citizens who need to go to the water to feel better .

How can you say no to all of those children who enjoy the pool .

The pool is more than a pool ,it is good for all of us .

Plus I will feel sad for all of the friendly staff who took care of us for so many time

Please do not close the pools

Agnès Baumann

601 commodore drive

Richmond

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

Sabrina Lundy

From: Cheryl Cardenas
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 2:43 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: City Council Agenda - budget

To Mayor Butt and City Council Members;

As we go into another year of Fiscal planning, it appears the budget will be balanced once again by sacrificing the front-line employees and the citizens. The same 2 groups that pay the cost of mismanagement every time it comes to light. This week's agenda is just another example of the same: First, we debate cutting services for citizens, freezing positions, and laying off employees. In the next breath, we debate/vote to create 3 more management positions when the City does not have the money to keep employees to be managed.

Please, be responsible to the citizens who we serve, if cuts need to be made, start at the top when 'trimming the fat.'

Sincerely,

Cheryl Cardenas

Resident

Sabrina Lundy

From: Cordell Hindler <cordellhindler@ymail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 8:38 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Budget Session

hello Sabrina, when i was going thru the strategies on the list, and the first thing that i would keep is the Car allowances because even department heads would use the City Cars for Business,. 2. also i would revisit the Reorg chart to consider adding some new positions for e.g administrative Secretary in Library & Community Services Department

sincerely
Cordell

Sabrina Lundy

From: CSD Rec Staff <devrecreation95@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 2:46 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Public Comment - Agenda Item #I-1

The City says we are in this together but it's clear that we're not. CSD Recreation is taking the brunt of the cut with a 20% hit to staff and programs.

The management proposal for closing the \$27m deficit is union-busting and favors those at the top. Executive, Police, and Fire management budgets and salaries are ***largely untouched*** while rank and file employees at the bottom of the pay scale are immediately considered for layoffs, cuts, and furloughs. We are underpaid and years overdue for a COLA and yet, we are always the first to go. It's aimed at laying off SEIU 1021 and Local 21 members to privatize our public services because it's cheaper. It will not solve our budget issues.

When a budget crisis happens the fat must be trimmed. CSD Recreation is ***not the fat***. Do not cut your most vulnerable employees who do everything they can to enrich and improve the quality of life of all of our Richmond residents. Re-evaluate and listen to staff recommendations so we can all survive this crisis, not just those at the top.

Sabrina Lundy

From: Diana Wear <diana4richmond@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 2:15 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Public Comment: Agenda Item I-1

Dear Mayor Butt and Richmond City Council

Diana Wear
Richmond resident.

I implore you not to eliminate any workers from the Richmond Public Library (RPL) in the upcoming budget.

The RPL is a vital public educational institution that Richmond desperately needs and should be proud to support. Libraries provide information, the internet (especially for those who don't have it, alarming as that is in this day and age); and other critical resources for children: a safe place to study, to be quiet, to learn, and to explore the vast array of knowledge through book learning. These resources are provided to Richmond residents regardless of their economic status, ability to pay, etc.

This is no time to be closing libraries.

Sincerely,

Diana Wear
diana4richmond@gmail.com

Sabrina Lundy

From: Starcat311 <starcat311@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 12:39 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Cc: Tom Butt - external; Ben Choi; Melvin Willis
Subject: public comments agenda item #11

My comments in support of the Richmond library:

The Richmond library played such a formative role for my child before she went to school. We used to come to the storytime with Ms. Sheila (Dickinson) every week at the Bayview Branch. It was a lifeline for me because I felt very isolated and was going crazy with a young kid at home. We tried a few different storytimes and Richmond was by far the BEST.

It has Ms. Sheila, who is a treasure, who makes every child feel special and has an phenomenal knowledge of picture books. She always has a theme and she makes an effort to read books featuring different cultures, parts of the world, and people.

The Bayview storytime also had a wonderful, diverse group of kids who attended every week. There was a preschool nearby who would all walk over and attend together, and you could tell it was an exciting event for them each week. There were all types of people there, which is not the case in the other storytimes we tried at other libraries. We loved it and went for years (we only stopped because of school).

Every time I went in the afternoons, there were always groups of older kids hanging out and it made me so happy that they had a safe, calm place to be.

Please consider the impact closing the Bayview Branch would have on the community. There is nothing else around there, and a lot of families who depend on it. It breaks my heart to think of all those kids missing out on Ms. Sheila's magic.

Sincerely,
Emily Somberg

Sabrina Lundy

From: James Madden <james_madden88@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 1:41 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Agenda Item I-1

Hello,

My name is James Madden, and I am a resident of Richmond (2761 MLK Jr. Avenue). I am writing to strongly oppose the planned closure of two of our public libraries and the layoffs of the employees. The majority of Richmond's residents likely feel the same way. Listen to the people.

Sincerely,
James Madden

Sabrina Lundy

From: Jenise Perez <jenise.perez001@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 1:41 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Agenda Item I-1 Response

To Richmond City Council,

My name is Jenise and I am a Richmond resident who is pursuing a degree in information science (library science).

Do NOT eliminate The Richmond Public Library from the budget.

The Library is the only public educational institution that this City has. Libraries provide information, especially internet, for those who don't have it. They let parents know that their children are safe after school. These resources are provided to the people of Richmond regardless of their ability to pay and help fight against racial inequalities. If you take away the libraries, you will be taking away a lifeline for the residents of Richmond.

Libraries can still offer many vital services to people remotely & safely even if the buildings themselves are closed. Ideas on how a safe opening can occur are being discussed by library staff here as well as throughout the country. Frontline staff must be included in decision making about what tasks can be done and what a safe future opening can look like.

I oppose the layoff of SEIU 1021 members. This will only exacerbate the financial struggle of our community as a whole. Save public services and stand with the working people of Richmond!

Jenise Perez

Sabrina Lundy

From: Lila Sheira <l.sheira@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 1:30 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Richmond City Council Meeting Agenda Item I-1

To Richmond City Council,

My name is Lila Sheira and I am a Richmond resident,.

Please DO NOT eliminate The Richmond Public Library from the budget.

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I strongly oppose the layoff of SEIU 1021 members. This will only exacerbate the financial struggle of our community as a whole. Save public services and stand with the working people of Richmond!

Sincerely,

Lila Sheira
2761 MLK Jr Ave
Richmond CA 94804

Sabrina Lundy

From: Lisa Camasi <ldcamasi@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 2:51 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Public comments – not on the agenda or public comments – agenda item #F1

I am writing from Berkeley to express my support for the City of Richmond Community Services Department - in particular, the Aquatics program and specifically The Richmond Plunge. I pay non-resident fees to the City of Richmond to be able to use the aquatics programs - they are CRITICAL to my health - and the only way I am able to exercise my entire body due to several life altering injuries. In addition to paying those non resident fees - I patronize businesses like restaurants and shops when I am in Richmond to swim. These pools and programs are not just important for the health and well-being of the citizens of Richmond - they are important for the small businesses nearby that are patronized by people coming from other towns to use them.

Please do not decimate the Community Services Department - these are critical programs and should not bear the brunt of any budget crisis - children, seniors and entire families need these resources and support.

Additional Message of general support for the Community Services Department - Community Enrichment (Recreation) In 2004 the City of Richmond laid off OVER 200 people. The theme of this pandemic is that we are all in this together but we are not. When looking at these budget strategies it appears that CSD is taking the brunt with over a 20% hit to staff, programs and special events. CSD has worked extremely hard since 2004 to rebuild and revamp all their programs and services, which have since become award winning. Now the city wants to lay-off our dedicated part-time staff, close down summer camps/ after-school programs, sports, aquatics and special events. What are children, parents, families and the community supposed to do without quality and affordable programs and services? Families are already struggling and now the city council and the City Manager want to take away the only services and programs the community can afford. When a budget crisis happens, the fat must be trimmed. The CSD Recreation is not the fat. The management proposal for solving the \$27 million budget crisis is a union busting proposal. Police, Fire & executive management are largely untouchable. It is really aimed at laying off SEIU 1021 / Local 21 members in the hopes that privatizing public services will be cheaper. We all know that the proposed cuts of the people at the bottom of the pay scale (CSD Recreation staff) is not cutting "the fat"... PLEASE REEVALUATE AND LISTEN TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS! We can survive this crisis.

Sincerely,

Lisa Camasi

City of Richmond Budget Suggestions for 2020 – 2021

The City of Richmond, CA has been running on a very lean “bare bones” budget for several years now. There is very little obvious opportunity to cull costs. Therefore, normally, I would have said that every item listed in last year’s budget was “essential”. With that said, the reality is that we are 27 million dollars in the hole going into our 20-21 budget cycle and we have to find a way to cope with it by adjusting revenue and expenses.

With that said, it is my strong opinion that **direct services to the people need to be preserved and supersede any support services needs for this budget cycle**. Support services being HR, Legal, IT, Finance and CIP. ***More than ever before, the people in our communities need our Community Services to help in transforming how we all are spending our days in health and safety during this crisis.***

The following are examples that could be used to support how this philosophy can be implemented:

1. Very limited (if any) reduction in CSD or Library Services:
 - a. Existing staff will use the “shelter in place” time to create or find viable remote “substitute” programs that can be held online using public free service programs like Skype or Zoom. That way the revenue for needed community service programs including library reading and development will be maintained as well as the needed programs being provided. These services can be built up to help the overworked WCCCUSD staff trying to put classroom studies online for summer and fall educational curriculas.
 - b. These online programs will give parents, online teachers and care givers a break that they are not getting while they are “on duty” all day and night.
 - c. Additional staff could be allocated to escalate *finding and applying for Grants and special relief funding* from state, federal and private funding sources.
2. Freeze all hiring and do not fill any open positions in any department.
 - a. As a result, HR staff support can be reduced or put on half time, accordingly.
3. Since all contact sports and the use of most park equipment are largely prohibited, city liability exposure is greatly reduced.
 - a. As a result, legal support staff services could be reduced, accordingly.
4. Freeze all non-essential contracts for building and non-essential maintenance.
 - a. As a result, legal staff and support of contracts could be reduced, accordingly.
5. Freeze all non-essential capital improvements.
 - a. As a result, some staff could be diverted to essential maintenance tasks
 - b. As a result, non-essential contract support in legal could be eliminated.
6. Reduce IT growth and support by reducing services to existing hardware and network maintenance and emergency services notices. Allow non-essential work meetings and online services to be augmented by public free services being conducted outside of city domain security.
7. Reduce finance services operations for non-essential services.
8. Use volunteers to augment administrative and CSD staff (i.e. RTA volunteer coaches for youth tennis programs).
9. Review “model city” current data on changes being made in other economically similar cities.
10. City executives (e.g. Department Heads) should experience a larger reduction in any pay reductions than their employees are being asked to accommodate.

I very much hope that the union negotiations will demonstrate that all parties are “pitching in” during this temporary crisis. Thinking and acting innovatively, I believe, will prove to be this city’s most valuable ally during the strategizing of our current budget cycle.

Please have these comments read into the record of the May 19th City of Richmond Council meeting minutes.

In sincere personal support,

Maryn Hurlbut, Chair, Recreation and Parks Commission
VP, Sec., Treasurer Richmond Tennis Association



Ms. Laura Snideman
City Manager
450 Civic Center Plaza
Richmond, CA 94804

17 May 2020

Dear Ms. Snideman,

The Executive Board of the Iron Triangle Neighborhood Council is submitting these comments regarding the budget cuts needed to close the \$27 million dollar city budget gap. We trust that the city leadership is making efforts to minimize impacts to residents, but proposals for extended shutdowns of community/recreational centers will be particularly painful for the Iron Triangle Neighborhood.

The Nevin Center serves Central Richmond, which mainly includes the Iron Triangle Neighborhood, and is the focal point for many neighborhood services and gatherings. The neighborhood council in fact meets monthly in the Nevin Center, and we hope it will soon be open to help the community rise up from the impacts of COVID-19.

The Iron Triangle Neighborhood Council would like to request that the community be engaged in helping prioritize the pending budget cuts. Community input will help everyone better anticipate the inevitable cuts to the city services.

Yours sincerely

Oscar Garcia
Interim President
Iron Triangle Neighborhood Council

Sabrina Lundy

From: Roddey Reid <roddeyreid@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 2:45 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Public Comments - Item F1

To the Richmond City Council,

I am writing in support of continuing public funding of the Richmond Plunge.

I am a regular user of the Richmond Plunge for therapeutic deep water walking.

The Richmond Plunge together with the Richmond Swim Center at Kennedy High School are the ONLY UNIQUE PUBLIC VENUES in Contra Costa and Alameda Counties with dedicated deep lanes that readily accommodate the needs of residents like me.

IT IS A QUESTION OF HEALTH, NOT RECREATION FOR US.

As a sufferer of inflammation due to chronic osteoarthritis and of muscular-skeletal pain, deep water walking in lanes that are at least 6 feet deep is a form of therapeutic swimming that allows me to remain mobile enough to do daily stretching and health maintenance routines, and perform daily tasks and errands.

Many other patrons who use the lanes for water therapy have conditions far more debilitating than mine (diabetes, stroke and coronary survivors, multiple sclerosis, etc.) and depend on access to the Richmond Plunge for helping prevent a fatal deterioration of their health conditions.

The last 2 months have been difficult for me and other patrons whose health depends on the public services of the Community Services Department.

We need the Council's support more than ever.

Thank you.

Roddey Reid

Sabrina Lundy

From: king trunx <housingmagnet@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 17, 2020 11:07 AM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Public comments-agenda Quitclaim Deed of a portion of 14th street

To whom it may concern:

My name is James Wiggins and I received the notice hearing in regard to the matter on 14th street. I for one would agree that the change will be great for this community. You have my vote.

Big thanks

James Wiggins
1409 Pennsylvania Avenue
Richmond ca 94801

Sabrina Lundy

From: majgins@yahoo.com
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 1:52 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Public Comments - Agenda "Street Vacation and Executing a Quitclaim Deed of a portion of 14th Street"

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a resident near the proposed vacated street pursuant to Section 8320 et seq. of the California Streets and Highways Code and am in favor of BART taking over a portion of 14th Street as it has been taken over by drifters, drug users, homelessness, and used as a dumping ground. It would be nice to see this area cleaned up with a paved road with speed bumps, stop signs, and streetlights.

Appreciate my comments being taken into consideration.

Sincerely,
Mary Wiggins
1409 Pennsylvania Avenue
Richmond, CA 94801

Sabrina Lundy

From: William Keller <willivolt@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 2:58 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: public comments – agenda item J-2

First, it is inappropriate to attempt to raise our sewage rates via this process that excludes those that will be harmed most. The city council may have deceived itself into believing that it has instituted some kind of public process, but the reality of the situation is that in order to participate in the meetings, one must be able to afford cable TV to get KCRT, or afford home internet in order to stream the meetings. This presents a barrier that excludes those that will be most harmed by the city councils actions from participating. This action should be held over until such time as all may participate in the council meetings again. This may require a delay in the tax increase for a year, but it is the right thing to do.

Secondly, the proposed sewer rate hike is not inline with the requirements of the California Constitution. The California Constitution requires that the rate hike be proportional to cost of the service attributable to a parcel. This hike is not. It treats all residences the same, even though they vary greatly in size, and water usage, and thus have different proportional costs on the sewage system. In order to comply with the Constitution, the fee hike will have take into consideration each parcel cost to the system. Potentially by building square footage, or by water usage. A fixed cost per parcel simply isn't sufficient.

Thank you,
William Keller

Sabrina Lundy

From: Alex Werth <alex@ebho.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 1:55 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Public Comments - Agenda Item #K-1

Dear Mayor Butt and Members of the City Council,

On behalf of East Bay Housing Organizations, I urge you to extend the eviction moratorium as well as grace period for tenants to repay missed rent.

The eviction moratorium is critical to the success of the shelter-in-place order as a means of protecting individual and public health. Without adequate protections against eviction, low-income tenants will be forced to return to work before it's safe to do so, thus jeopardizing our collective effort to slow the spread of the coronavirus. We believe that it's common sense that the eviction moratorium should last the full length of the declared state of emergency—if not an additional 30 days, as is the case across Alameda County.

Moreover, many residents have now lost months of income due to the pandemic. Many will have no jobs to return to even when the county reopens. So it's critical to provide tenants with 180 days per month of arrears, or at least a year, to pay back their missed rent. Without an extension of the grace period, then the “moratorium” will be one in name only, and Richmond will surely see a devastating increase in evictions, homelessness, displacement, and neighborhood distress later this year.

At EBHO, we're acutely aware of the impacts of this crisis on small property owners and affordable housing providers—both of which are vital to preventing further loss of community wealth and affordability in low-to-moderate-income neighborhoods. We invite you to join us in advocating at the state and federal level for rent and mortgage relief that prioritizes renters at risk of homelessness, small property owners, and non-profit affordable housing providers. In the interim, however, we need a true eviction moratorium to ensure that there's time for these far-reaching solutions to develop. Evicting tenants only makes them less likely to pay back rent, not more.

Thank you for leadership in this extraordinary time,

Alex Werth, Policy Associate, EBHO

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Sabrina Lundy

From: Alexina Rojas <arojas@bacr.org>
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2020 11:21 AM
To: Tom Butt - external; Ben Choi; Nat Bates; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis; City Clerk Dept
Subject: Richmond City Council: Please Strengthen Eviction Protections

My name is Alexina Rojas and I am the Director of the West County First 5 Center in Richmond. Thank you for your leadership during this crisis.

I urge the city of Richmond to strengthen the existing eviction moratorium by **prohibiting evictions** for non-payment of rent **OR** adding a grace period of **at least 180 day per month of arrears to pay rent debt.**

Many Richmond parents have lost their jobs, and we all know that it can take months to find a new job. With the current pandemic, it could take even longer. This means that it could take months for families to secure money for rent—possibly longer than the current grace period allows for. What would happen if they get evicted at that time? The wide ranging negative impact on the whole family could last for years beyond the pandemic.

We have to make decisions thinking about the future NOW.

The rent accrued during the state of emergency should not be the basis of an eviction down the road. Richmond families need a **policy tailored to their needs.** We count on Council for **bold leadership** that stands for Richmond children, seniors, and working families. Please pass a stronger grace period now.

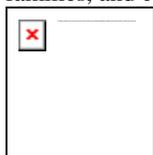
In Community,

Alexina

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Sabrina Lundy

From: Elizabeth Sterns <sterns_elizabeth@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 1:47 PM
To: Tom Butt - external; Ben Choi; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis; City Clerk Dept; Nat Bates; Laura Snideman
Subject: Public Comment for preserving 180 days per month of arrears to repay rent

Dear Mr. Mayor, City Council, City Clerk, and City Manager Ms. Snideman:

Thank you for your leadership during this crisis. I am writing to encourage you to maintain the 180 days of grace period to repay back unpaid rent.

Many of our housing providers in Richmond are elderly. My relatives need their rent to survive. They sustain their existence on rents received. Social security pays very little and their rental income is how they pay for expensive medical bills and nursing care.

You last voted to keep the grace period of unpaid rent to the limit of 180 days. Please do not increase it.

That alone will put my elderly relatives in debt. You simply cannot expect small landlords to support housing with no income coming in.

Under the current policy, tenants already will be owing for back rent, with no interest accrued, for up to 6 months.

As Mr. Bates last stated, accurately may I add, what is to prevent them from skipping out and leaving the landlord with nothing?

We ask for the Council for leadership that supports Richmond of ALL ages and status: Elderly people, retired people, those with children and working families. We voted for you to support ALL of us. Please do NOT extend this emergency moratorium past May 31. Our mom and pop landlords will also be homeless or not able to get the medical care they need.

Thank you.

Elizabeth Stern

Sabrina Lundy

From: Fran Biderman <fbiderman@first5coco.org>
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2020 11:49 AM
To: Tom Butt - external; Ben Choi; Nat Bates; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis; City Clerk Dept
Subject: Strengthen eviction moratorium!

Dear City Council,

I work for First 5 Contra Costa and coordinate the Family Economic Security Partnership, a coalition of over 50 organizations that provide a wide range of service to help families become financially stable. I am writing to thank you for your leadership AND to strongly ask that you strengthen the existing eviction moratorium.

As you are well aware, housing has been one of the most pressing issue facing families in Richmond and throughout the county. The pandemic has only made that crisis worse with thousands of residents out of work and unable to pay rent due to no fault of their own!

I encourage you to prohibit evictions for non-payment of rent, or to add a grace period of at least 180 days per month of unpaid rent. This would give struggling residents time to pay back their rent that is due and not have to worry about whether they will be evicted or not. This is not the time to increase the inter-related housing and homeless crisis, not to mention Covid-19 spread.

Rent accrued during this state of emergency should not be the basis of an eviction later on – residents are just struggling to keep food on the table and help their children adapt in these very stressful times-- they should not have to worry about their housing situation on top of all of that.

I urge you to lead by example, be bold, and show that you care about low-income working Richmond families.

Thank you,
Fran Biderman

Fran Biderman
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No one march, no single action, will change political culture overnight. It is the decision to participate, to step up to a pernicious problem in society that will sow the seeds of change.

Count Me In! The 2020 Census is coming and you count! www.cococensus.org



Sabrina Lundy

From: Hibris Maciel <hmaciel@bacr.org>
Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 3:08 PM
To: Tom Butt - external; Ben Choi; Nat Bates; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis; City Clerk Dept
Subject: Richmond City Council please Strengthen Eviction Protections

My name is Hibris Maciel and I am a resident in Richmond. Thank you for your leadership during this crisis.

*I urge the city of Richmond to strengthen the existing eviction moratorium by **prohibiting evictions** for non-payment of rent **OR** adding a grace period of **at least 180 day per month of arrears to pay rent debt.***

*The rent accrued during the state of emergency should not be the basis of an eviction down the road. Richmond families need a **policy tailored to their needs.** We count on Council for **bold leadership** that stands for Richmond children, seniors, and working families. Please pass a stronger grace period now.*

Thank you!

Sabrina Lundy

From: Deborah Bayer <dbayer49@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 3:54 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Item H-7

To the City Clerk and City Council

Please put the issue of building a high-rise apartment at the toxic Zeneca site on hold. No amount of community benefits (like money for Richmond Promise and Richmond BUILD, or money to rehab a fire station and a community center) will make up for people being poisoned by the arsenic, uranium, pesticides and organic compounds on site. The coronavirus restrictions make it difficult for people to organize and express their will to the City Council. Going forward with such a controversial item at this time reflects a disregard for democratic practices. Our health should not be treated as a commodity for sale.

Thank you,
Deborah Bayer
Richmond

Sabrina Lundy

From: BK Williams Productions <againsthate2015@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 3:33 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Cc: Laura Snideman
Subject: H-8

Re: H-8

CONFIRM and RATIFY the City Council's prior extensions of the City's Exclusive Right to Negotiate Agreement (ERN) with Winehaven Legacy, LLC on February 4, 2020 extending the ERN to May 31, 2020 and on April 21, 2020 extending ERN to September 30, 2020 - City Manager's Office/City Attorney's Office (Laura Snideman 620-6512/Rachel Sommovilla/Carlos Privat 620-6509).

At a time when we have a major budget deficit, a global pandemic, students missing months of school, loss of jobs, loss of incomes, loss of homes and of lives, pursuing the SunCal Pt Molate plan looks like misguided prioritization.

The people of Richmond deserve to not be further burdened with the financial hardships caused by extending the ERN and pursuing this development.

Now is not the time to stick with a bad plan or follow the path of such a plan. Particularly when there is a deficit of public participation, I implore you to reassess your strategy here and consider how much more this project will drain our coffers rather than add value or real revenue.

In Solidarity,

B K Williams
Gender pronouns: She/Her

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

Sabrina Lundy

From: Lina Velasco
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 4:15 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: FW: Point Molate and the ERN with SunCal

From: Dorothy Gilbert [<mailto:mariesnicewerewolf@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 4:07 PM
To: irene_perdomo@ci.richmondca.us; Lina Velasco; Tom Butt - external; Nat Bates; Ben Choi; Demnlus Johnson; Eduardo Martinez; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis
Subject: Point Molate and the ERN with SunCal

Dear Mayor, City Manager, Planning Director, and Members of the City Council:

A number of you know me: I've been a Richmond resident for over twenty years. and served on the Point Molate Community Advisory Committee for six years. I've also spoken at City Council meetings frequently on the subject of Point Molate.

I write to ask you ---urge you in the strongest terms--not to extend the ERN. Once again, voting in support of this measure violated the Brown Act, and extending the ERN will not resolve that conflict. And this plan to develop Point Molate will be disastrous. The point has been made often that adding crucial infrastructure, without which development will be impossible, will be extremely expensive and cost Richmond citizens who can ill afford the burden. The distinguished legal firm Hatch estimates that the SunCal plan could cost the City \$5 million per year. Richmond, like all Bay Area cities struggling with the effects of the pandemic, already faces a deficit of \$27 million. Also, a faulty EIR will, no doubt, bring lawsuits that Richmond cannot afford.

We need a complete analysis of the cost , the financial consequences, of the SunCal Plan; it must be published. The entire Point Molate project must be tabled until litigation has been resolved, the financial analysis has been published and widely made known, and the risks been faced and thoroughly examined and discussed. And the Plan must not proceed until it is widely known to the public, and the public can fully take part in the review and approval process.

As has been pointed out many times before, development accommodating large numbers of residents is impractical and potentially dangerous. Potential buyers of property there will, many of them be aware of the problems and risks and will not want to sign on; that too, will be part of a likely disaster.

Thank you very much for your attention
Sincerely,
Dorothy Gilbert

Re: Agenda Item H-8, City Council Meeting May 19, 2020

Dear Mayor Butt and Council Members Bates, Choi, Johnson, Martinez, Myrick and Willis,

The City Council must vote against extending the ERN with SunCal. In fact, no decisions on Point Molate should be made until after the COVID-19 shelter in place is lifted or alternative means are found for the public to fully participate in the review and approval process for the SunCal project.

If you vote to go forward during the pandemic, then put the Pt Molate Community Plan on the November 2020 ballot, so the voters have a voice.

The backroom settlement agreement intentionally eliminated public discussion of the Community Plan. This Community Plan is based on input from the majority of people who participated in the City's public planning meetings, and one that has been put forward by the **public in general form since 2010**: develop the north end of the property, the historic district, and conserve Pt Molate's rare natural resources by creating a regional park in the south end of the property with sports fields and other recreation and education opportunities for Richmond and the region. This park is already in the East Bay Regional Park District's Master Plan, and they have \$4.5 million for this purpose and can raise the additional funds.

The voices of the majority of the participants in the public planning meetings were censored because the City falsely claimed that a Federal Court Judge requires a minimum of 670 housing units are built at Pt Molate, The Mayor, Council member Ben Choi and others called it a "Court Order." It was not a court order. The housing requirement was included in the settlement by the two parties, not a judge. When the judge learned that you had voted behind closed doors on a settlement that required housing — backroom zoning — **the judge supported moving forward with the litigation against you for committing a Brown Act violation**. That case is pending. If the City loses that case in court, you may have to go back to the drawing board.

Please review the Hatch Report regarding the negative fiscal impacts of SunCal's plan on Richmond: <http://ptmolatealliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Point-Molate-Fiscal-Impact-Assessment.pdf>
We have asked for the City's own financial analysis for months. Shouldn't the City publish a fiscal impact analysis before moving forward on a project that a leading business consulting firm found will impact our General Fund?

I am also very concerned and dismayed that the City has hired a law firm, DowneyBrand, that proudly litigates against environmental groups trying to protect environmental and human health, and the proposed Point Molate developer, SunCal, is paying the legal fees of up to \$650,000: <https://www.downeybrand.com>.

Please consider carefully what the pandemic has taught us about our need to protect environmental and human health, and the power you have to make a difference for Richmond and future generations by voting not to extend SunCal's ERN for their proposed project.

Thank you for your time,
Sincerely,

Jane Perkins
Richmond Resident

Sabrina Lundy

From: Kathleen Wimer <kathleenwimer@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 3:54 PM
To: Tom Butt - external; Ben Choi; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Nat Bates; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; City Clerk Dept; Lina Velasco; Laura Snideman
Subject: Item H-8 CONFIRM and RATIFY the City Council's prior extensions of the City's Exclusive Right to Negotiate Agreement (ERN) with Winehaven Legacy, LLC

Please vote no on this matter.

The City has not yet assured Richmond residents we aren't going to have to subsidize this proposed development related to Pt. Molate for years into the future.

Until the City Manager directs the City Finance Department to work up the direct and indirect costs to the city of this development, the matter should be put on hold.

How does anyone know it's not likely to be an ongoing drag on the city's coffers for years into the future? No one has supplied the numbers.

Meanwhile, we do have numbers on the city's deficit. We can't be underwriting this developer in any way while contemplating reductions in city services and needing to address accessible affordable housing needs and permanent housing for the currently unhoused.

Why even place any kind of priority on use of city staff and time on this kind of project when crying city needs go untended?

Please stop it.

Kathleen Wimer

Sabrina Lundy

From: Lina Velasco
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 3:53 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: FW: Need financial impact analysis for Pt Molate

From: Laura Mangels [<mailto:laura.mangels@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 3:49 PM
To: Laura Mangels
Subject: Need financial impact analysis for Pt Molate

Good day,

While the developers might even build the infrastructure required for Pt Molate, my question is: Who will cover the cost of maintaining it? The residents of Richmond have a right to know the answer to this question before proceeding. It seems that such top-heavy and costly infrastructure required for remote Pt Molate will depend on a relatively small tax base, so we need to see the numbers.

Please publish a full and transparent analysis of the financial impact of the development at Pt Molate before moving forward any further.

Thank you. Sincerely,
Dr. Laura Mangels

Sabrina Lundy

From: Alex Acuña <alexrlacuna@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 3:16 PM
To: City Clerk Dept

To Richmond City Council,

My name is Alex Acuña and I am a fourth generation Richmondite.

Do NOT eliminate The Richmond Public Library from the budget.

The Library is an essential service for the poor and working class residents of our city. Libraries provide information, especially internet, for those who don't have it. They let parents know that their children are safe after school. These resources are provided to the people of Richmond regardless of their ability to pay and help fight against racial inequalities. If you take away the libraries, you will be taking away a lifeline for the residents of Richmond.

Libraries can still offer many vital services to people remotely & safely even if the buildings themselves are closed. Ideas on how a safe opening can occur are being discussed by library staff here as well as throughout the country. Frontline staff must be included in decision making about what tasks can be done and what a safe future opening can look like.

I oppose the layoff of SEIU 1021 members. This will only exacerbate the financial struggle of our community as a whole. In this moment of extreme uncertainty, we must come together and protect the services that give our people pride and purpose, as our city claims. Save public services and stand with the working people of Richmond!

Signed,

Alex Acuña

Sabrina Lundy

From: Amber Ramirez <amber_ramirez_12@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 4:28 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Richmond Libraries

To Richmond City Council,

My name is *Amber Ramirez* and I am a Hercules resident, but cares deeply about access to libraries, resources, and more for all.

Do NOT eliminate The Richmond Public Library from the budget.

The Library is the only public educational institution that this City has. Libraries provide information, especially internet, for those who don't have it. They let parents know that their children are safe after school. These resources are provided to the people of Richmond regardless of their ability to pay and help fight against racial inequalities. If you take away the libraries, you will be taking away a lifeline for the residents of Richmond.

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I oppose the layoff of SEIU 1021 members. This will only exacerbate the financial struggle of our community as a whole. Save public services and stand with the working people of Richmond!

Best,

Amber Ramirez

Sabrina Lundy

From: Annie Sako <anniesako@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 4:53 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Public Comment Request - Agenda F1

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to oppose to the budget cuts to the Recreation Department within the Community Services Department.

The Recreation Department has provided me meaningful experiences throughout my 21 years living in Richmond. Many of my childhood memories were spent enjoying the various programs provided by the Recreation Department, including the Zumba and Aqua Zumba programs.

Please reconsider the decision to move forward with these budget cuts as this would affect fundamental components of my weekly routine. Despite the current situations under the shelter in place order, I would like to resume my normal routine once restrictions are limited. Discontinuity of these programs would hinder my life immensely.

Please keep the programs funded and running.

Respectfully,

Annie Sako
510-390-2339

Sabrina Lundy

From: Beth Poole Kercher <bethpoole@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 3:57 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: City Council Meeting 5/19 - Public Comment

Hi

It has come to my attention that the City is considering closing the city pools to save money. The community needs its pools and resources! My son is 6 and I sign him up for swimming lessons this time of year. With so much shoreline in Richmond, we are truly a lucky community but we need to have the opportunity to teach our kids to swim. Where else will my child get lessons than the Richmond Pool or the Plunge. Please open our pools and resume the swim lesson programs! This community needs them!!

Thank you

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Beth
(510) 390-6264

Sabrina Lundy

From: Callie Raab <callieraab@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 4:03 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: public comments—agenda item F1

To Whom It May Concern,

I am outraged that the City of Richmond is considering a budget proposal that will close its pools through December!

I'm an educator, writer, and illustrator who has just published—two days ago—a collection of fairy tales that teach kids to read. And I have dozens more learning-to-read stories to be published soon—if I survive.

Because I'm also a seventy-three-year-old with fibromyalgia and chronic back pain. For over twenty years now, water aerobics and swimming have been the *only* exercise regimen gentle enough for me to do without injuring myself.

During these years, I've made friends with so many others like me—with injuries, multiple-sclerosis, and other disabilities—for whom water exercise is absolutely *necessary* for our health and ultimately our survival. These are some of the brightest, most gifted people I have ever met.

I don't want believe that, in addition to the stress of living with the threat of corona-virus, those of us who are at greatest risk could be abandoned by our community.

In a society that is becoming ever more callous towards its most vulnerable members, I hope you will do the right thing and afford us the exercise we so desperately need.

Callie Raab

Sabrina Lundy

From: Deborah Bayer <dbayer49@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 4:07 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Item I-1

To the Council and City Clerk

Item I-1

To the City Clerk and Council

I am disappointed the reduction of library services is still on the proposed budget. Many people wrote to the Council last week, opposing any cuts. A well-funded and well-run public library is not a luxury but a necessity for democracy to flourish. Books, art, information is provided for free, with access to all. It's sort of a miracle this concept has survived capitalism, that we can share books instead of buying them individually, that no matter your economic or social status a person can claim the wealth of history and culture as their own. And librarians help us find what we need among this big pile of formidable treasure. It is too often the case that once a cut is made, it is not restored. If Richmond is really a city of "pride and purpose" it will proudly maintain its library as an invaluable community asset.

Deborah Bayer
Richmond

Sabrina Lundy

From: Elizabeth Claman <elizabethclaman@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 4:50 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: agenda item l-1

PLEASE SAVE OUR LIBRARIES!

My name is Elizabeth Claman and I am a Richmond resident who loves our city's libraries! PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE Do NOT eliminate The Richmond Public Library from the budget.

The Library is the only public educational institution for all ages that our City has. Libraries provide information, including Internet access for those who otherwise don't have it. Libraries offer children a safe place to go after school. And these resources are provided to the people of Richmond regardless of their ability to pay. Thus, libraries help fight against racial inequalities.

If you take away our libraries, you will be removing a critical lifeline for many Richmond residents.

During the pandemic, libraries can offer many vital services to people remotely & safely even if the buildings themselves are closed. Ideas on how a safe opening can occur are being discussed by library staff here as well as throughout the country. Front line staff must be included in decision making about what a safe future opening might look like.

I strongly oppose the layoff of SEIU 1021 (library employees) personnel. doing this will only exacerbate the financial struggle of our community as a whole.

Save public services and stand with the working people of Richmond! DO NOT DEFUND/CLOSE DOWN RICHMOND'S LIBRARIES

Elizabeth Claman
347 West Bissell Ave.
Richmond, CA 94801

Sabrina Lundy

From: L W <bettymart_98@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 4:41 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Richmond City Council Agenda, May 19, 2020, .Please consider the following re: Item: I,
1. Annual Operating Budget.....

To the Richmond City Council:

Please do not cut the Library Budget! Libraries are not just places to borrow books anymore they are truly community centers! Even with the pandemic limitations they are a valuable resource for the public. Here are just a couple areas that could still be accessible if there are no layoffs; 1.) handling the public's phone inquiries as to where and how to get help from legal assistance to food pantries, online programing, ex: Children's Story hours, "Zoomed" Book Clubs, "Zoomed" language classes, art classes, etc. There also is a lot of behind the scenes work done in libraries, such as ordering, cataloging, and preparing the book for the shelf... and now with the virus sanitizing materials. If there are layoffs, furloughs or salary reductions make them proportional across the board including executive management. Also, how about returning fire stations to 24 vs. 48 hour shifts to reduce overtime budget.

Thank-you,
Elizabeth Watts
Richmond Resident

Sabrina Lundy

From: Gayle McLaughlin <gayledirect@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 4:27 PM
To: Tom Butt - external; Ben Choi; Nat Bates; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis; City Clerk Dept; Irene Perdomo
Subject: Item I-1

Dear Mayor, City Councilmembers and City Manager:

Do NOT eliminate The Richmond Public Library from the budget. Many of us recall how problematic it was in 2004 when library and recreation centers closed. There are other ways to deal with shortfalls. Talk with SEIU 1021 to find solutions that do not layoff front line staff or cut these important services.

The library is such an important asset for our community. Please don't take us back to 2004 and leave our community without this valuable resource.

Thank you,

Gayle McLaughlin

Richmond resident and former Richmond mayor

Sabrina Lundy

From: judy herrmann <jhappywolf@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 3:09 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: libraries

when i was a child, things were not very happy at home, so to escape the yelling and threatening, i went to our hometown library for peace, quiet and safety.

i did my homework while i was there and was grateful for their open doors to everyone.

i have a photo of our library and i treasure it and the memories of wonderful people who helped me, if i had trouble finding a book or had questions about what something meant in the book i was studying.

please don't take libraries away from us; add another in another neighborhood so all children who need a quiet place to study, have one.

i am became an avid reader as a child.....thanks to my library and its choices of books to read.

being surrounded by the books of a library is a wonderful feeling and closing them is a crime against children and adults.

there always is a way to change your mind and work with the libraries to keep them open.

thank you.

be safe

judy herrmann
3735 north ridge drive
richmond 94806

Sabrina Lundy

From: Rob Lipton <roblipton@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 4:05 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Save CSD, what makes Richmond a great city to live in!

I have been involved helping with and participating in aquatics programs in Richmond. Also, I'm very involved in the community generally, having been a recent poet laureate for the city as well as helping with the rent control initiative. Obviously, I'm very supportive of the many Richmond services CSD provides, particularly the Aquatics programs at our two spectacular pools. It would be very misguided to, whole cloth, go after this budget, we need to ask what it is that people will have to look forward to when the pandemic recedes.

As you know, in 2004 the City of Richmond laid off OVER 200 people. The theme of this pandemic is that we are all in this together but we are not. When looking at these budget strategies it appears that CSD is taking the brunt with over a 20% hit to staff, programs and special events. CSD has worked extremely hard since 2004 to rebuild and revamp all their programs and services, which have since become award winning. Now the city wants to lay-off our dedicated part-time staff, close down summer camps/ after-school programs, sports, aquatics and special events. What are children, parents, families and the community supposed to do without quality and affordable programs and services? Families are already struggling and now the city council and the City Manager want to take away the only services and programs the community can afford. When a budget crisis happens, the fat must be trimmed. The CSD Recreation is not the fat. The management proposal for solving the \$27 million budget crisis is a union busting proposal. Police, Fire & executive management are largely untouchable. It is really aimed at laying off SEIU 1021 / Local 21 members in the hopes that privatizing public services will be cheaper. We all know that the proposed cuts of the people at the bottom of the pay scale (CSD Recreation staff) is not cutting "the fat"... please re-evaluate and listen to staff recommendations. We can survive this crisis.

Thank you!

Rob Lipton
Poet Laureate 2017-2019
Richmond Plunge Masters 2011-2020

Sabrina Lundy

From: Scott Wolland <scott@wolland.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 3:35 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Public comments may 19 2020

Please not cut Recreation Department from budget. It is extremely essential to residents . I have been enjoying various programs for a very long time. I have many friends who live in the nearby cities who enjoy as well. We all need this - please do not cut it from budget.

The pools need to be open so that the community can maintain its physical emotional and spiritual health, especially in light of this pandemic. I understand that special precautions will need to be taken to ensure health and safety for all staff and participants but I am certain that with a small amount of creativity this need can be met.

Also, if the staff is not coming in at least on a part-time basis they will find jobs elsewhere and you'll create a new problem for the city. The new problem will be trying to hire in all new stuff and have no one to really train them with the day-to-day goings-on within the programs.

Scott Wolland
scott@wolland.org
(415) 999-4095 (cell)

Excuse the mess,
Sent from space

Sabrina Lundy

From: Sherri Patterson <sherripatt@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 3:44 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Public comments – Item F1

To the city of Richmond:

I am writing to urgently support keeping the Richmond pools open during this calendar year.

I am disabled and I depend on these services. In the few weeks that the pools have been closed my health has rapidly deteriorated. I know there are many of us who feel the same way.

The Pools are so important to me I would be willing to give a donation to try to help them out.

I realize that your budget is tight but the Richmond Plunge is a jewel in the city of Richmond, and Richmond swim Center is likewise remarkably wonderful Pool. Thank you for serving the children, families, disabled, and all you do.

The pools help keep Richmond healthy community in body and spirit.
Please, please consider opening the pools this year!

Thank you.

Sherri Patterson

Sent from my iPhone

Sabrina Lundy

From: Stacey Walker <staceywalker12292017@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 3:22 PM
To: City Clerk Dept; Tom Butt - external; Nathaniel Bates; Eduardo Martinez; Ben Choi; Melvin Willis; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Tom Butt; yen.do@seiu1021.org
Subject: Public Comment - Agenda Item I-1

Good Afternoon Mayor and City Council Members,

I don't know where to begin in my effort to convey my frustration and disappointment with the City Council and the City's apparent inability to be fiscally responsible on behalf of its citizens.

I feel like I've been thrust back to 2004 when the City was facing a \$34 million dollar deficit. During that deficit, the City eliminated the part-time budget, closed the Bayview and West Side branches, instituted hiring freezes for vacant positions, didn't fill vacancies realized from employees who chose to retire in support of reducing the number of lay-offs and imposed lay-offs of City employees, decimating departments. It was a miserable time. Those of us library employees fortunate enough not to have been laid off suffered what can only be described as survivors guilt and were expected to carry the burden of performing the work of all those employees who retired and were laid off. It took us more than 4 years to bounce back from that devastation.

Fast forward to 2020, here we are in an almost identical deficit situation, only worse because the Library and other departments only have a fraction of the front line staff we had in 2004. In the 8+ years that Katy Curl has been the Library Director, she has consistently reduced library staff to a dangerously low level, choosing to depend heavily on part-time employees. Given the proposed elimination of the part-time budget, the hiring freeze for the vacant Librarian and Library Assistant positions and the possible lay-off of 4 additional full time employees, you are guaranteeing the closure of the Bayview and West Side branches, cessation of Bookmobile and Book Van services as well as a reduction in the operational hours of the Main Library. You are making it near impossible for the library to serve its patrons.

Even more concerning is that you're considering the elimination of library services from the City's budget altogether and exploring the feasibility of having the County provide library services in Richmond for which there will be a cost to the City. The library department should not be considered your sacrificial pot of money. Library services are essential for a healthy, thriving community.

As an employee who's been through so many of these negative budget cycles, I have no doubt that any savings you realize from contracting out library services to the County will be quickly consumed by public safety in just a few short years. The City Council will continue to cut all of its services such as street paving, park maintenance, library, recreation, etc. until you find that your operating budget is completely consumed by the costs of public safety.

In reviewing the City of Richmond's 2019 salaries on the Transparent California website, I was not shocked to see page after page of Police and Fire salaries topping out as high as \$554,443.47. The cost for that one employee in 2019 could have supported 5 full time Library Assistants. Of the 81 City employees who made more than \$350,000 that year, 79 were public safety employees. And, the number of managers the City employs has grown exponentially since the lay-offs in 2004. The number of employees in the City who make over \$200,000 per year is staggering!

Here's my proposal for each of you. Since you're willing to consider contracting out library services with the County for an estimated savings of \$5 million dollars per year, you should also be willing to consider contracting out the City's most expensive services, public safety, which consumes 67% or more of the City's running budget. The Police and Fire departments are vital, however, because they consume so much of the budget, the City Council cannot fully support other public services for its citizens. I can only imagine what the City could do with the savings! Even if you have to contribute up to half of what you currently budget for the City's public safety costs, you could conceivably utilize the

savings to provide additional library and recreation services and fully fund your streets and parks departments which will improve the City's infrastructure. If the Council members commit to fully funding services like the library, recreation, streets, parks, etc., perhaps the citizens wouldn't be so frustrated as to promote and vote for initiatives like Kids First. Passage of the Kids First Initiative clearly demonstrates the Richmond community's desperate desire for these services.

I also would like to propose that you reduce the number of managers in the City. Look for redundancy and don't expect your department heads to identify the redundant positions for you. Seek input from the front line staff as we know what work needs to be done, what support is needed to accomplish the work and which managers are not providing the support.

In response to my letter last week, Mayor Butt asked me to identify which cost savings ideas I would support. In addition to what I've stated above, here is a list of cost savings that I support (which staff have not already been directed to eliminate from budget):

- Fire station brown out
- Salary cuts (1%) across the board, including Council
- Increase employee contributions to CalPERS
- Eliminate car allowance for ALL employees
- Reduce number of City Attorneys or eliminate contracting out legal services wherever possible
- Provide incentives to retire
- Revisit or eliminate recent reorganization to eliminate redundancy of management
- Place all promotions on hold
- Eliminate contract w/ CCC District Attorney's Office

Thank you,
Stacey Walker

Sabrina Lundy

From: Tony Tuttle <mrtttuttle@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 4:34 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Closure of Pt. Richmond Pool

Please don't close our pool for the rest of the year! So many of us use the pool daily especially those of us in Masters Swim and swimming lessons for the kids! The pool is truly a community service that needs to be opened as soon as it is safe to swim ! Please reconsider cuts to our programs!!

Thank you,
Tony Tuttle
Richmond Master Swimmers
Sent from my iPhone

Sabrina Lundy

From: Vivian Pisano <vpisano@lmi.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 3:06 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Comment for City Council Meeting 5/19/2020

I have been a regular patron of the City of Richmond's public swimming pools until the COVID-19-related closures. I have been anxiously anticipating the re-opening of the Plunge and Swim Center; swimming is a lifeline for me, as it is for many others. I have recently learned that the City plans to make deep budget cuts to the Community Services Department, leaving other departments either intact or with cuts that have less of an impact on their operations. The cuts being planned for CSD would devastate the program. Many staff members would lose their jobs, community members would be unable to participate in programs and services that are essential for their health and well-being. Privatization of these services is not the answer. Privatization leads to un-affordable prices and shifts the focus from public good to private gain. Please reconsider these drastic budget reductions and keep our pools and recreational services alive!

Thank you,
Vivian Pisano



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Sabrina Lundy

From: Yumi S <choroyumi@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 4:37 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Public Comment Request - Agenda F1

Hello, I am writing to oppose to the budget cut to the Community Services Dept, which runs the Recreation Department.

I have been a resident of Richmond for over 20 years and enjoyed the programs that it offers, especially the Zumba and Aqua Zumba program. The instructor is phenomenal, he keeps the cost low yet offers quality class with great humor. My friends from nearby cities enjoy as well. It is essential part of many of our daily lives and we have been very disappointed because of the current situation but once things start to lighten up, we would like to continue with what we have been enjoying, if not even more.

Please keep the programs running.

Thank you.

Yumi Sako
510-390-1262

Sabrina Lundy

From: claudia jimenez <jimenez.claudia78@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 4:50 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Public comment on Item K1

Good evening Mayor and Council members,

My name is Claudia Jimenez and I am a resident in Richmond. Thank you for passing a moratorium on rents during the pandemic it is very important to protect our community. However we need our city council to strengthen the existing eviction moratorium by prohibiting evictions for non-payment of rent or adding a grace period at least 180 day per month of arrears to pay rent debt.

Many people have lost their jobs and are struggling to pay their bills. It will be important to protect our residents so they can have more time and not lose their homes during this difficult time.

The rent accrued during the state of emergency should not be the basis for an eviction down the road. Richmond families need a policy that responds to their needs. Your vote will demonstrate that you care about all residents and that you stand for Richmond children, seniors and working families. Please pass a stronger grace period tonight.

Thank you
Claudia Jimenez

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



Sabrina Lundy

From: TARNEL ABBOTT <tarnelabbott@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 7:34 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Public Comment agenda item H 15

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Public Comment Agenda Items:H14,
Richmond City Council Meeting May 19, 2020

My name is Tarnel Abbott, I worked for the City in 2004 when this city had a \$34 million budget deficit. At that time, we spent down our reserves and still this city laid off about 200 people. You need to rein in the spending beginning tonight. You cannot afford to pay any promotion at this time.
Tarnel Abbott, Richmond resident.

Sabrina Lundy

From: TARNEL ABBOTT <tarnelabbott@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 7:34 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Public Comment agenda item H 15

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Tarnel Abbott, Richmond resident.

Sabrina Lundy

From: TARNEL ABBOTT <tarnelabbott@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 7:35 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Public Comment Agenda item 16

Cityclerkdept.ci.richmond.ca.us

Public Comment Agenda Items:H14,
Richmond City Council Meeting May 19, 2020

My name is Tarnel Abbott, I worked for the City in 2004 when this city had a \$34 million budget deficit. At that time, we spent down our reserves and still this city laid off about 200 people. You need to rein in the spending beginning tonight. You cannot afford to fund any new reclassifications. Initiate a hiring freeze and do not give any promotions at this time.

Tarnel Abbott, Richmond resident.

Sabrina Lundy

From: TARNEL ABBOTT <tarnelabbott@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 7:44 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Public Comment H 17

Public Comment Agenda Item:H 17,

In stead of a building inspector for Chevron, how about we insist on Chevron shutting down its dangeous out of date oil refinery operations which are so bad for our health, the air, the environment and instead transition to a new green economy? Surely we deserve real safety and health.

Tarnel Abbott, Richmond resident.

Sabrina Lundy

From: kwilsp1 <kwilsp1@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 6:19 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: No signs

My name is Kristina Wells and I am a resident in the Richmond Annex and I vote no signs . In fact our entire household votes no signs. Respectfully, Kristina Wells

Sent from my MetroPCS 4G LTE Android Device

Sabrina Lundy

From: malcolm cityvisions.com <malcolm@cityvisions.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 5:34 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Signs

Dear Mayer Butt,

Thank you for this update and clarification. It didn't occur to me that tire pollution was adding significantly to polluting the bay and was an important aspect of the street sweeping program. And, I assume, as with most people, environmental pollution is a major subject of concern. To begin with however, and as a relatively minor consideration, visual and aesthetic solution also are challenges to a satisfying and comfortable life.

However, the argument that tire residue is the primary reason for the need to sweep the streets is puzzling given the monumentally more significant source of tire pollution; that of the use of recycled tires for resurfacing highways and freeways: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rubberized_asphalt. This recent technology has provided for quieter, more comfortable travel plus the darker surface makes for reduction in harsh reflective light and safer driving. Given the countless miles of freeway that are part of modern life, the number of miles traveled and the proximity of freeways to the bay, it would be easy to assume that the amount of tire pollution from that source itself would be insurmountable. Still, any, even minor reduction in pollution may be worth it if other considerations are included. In addition, the amount and range of pollutants in the air and the bay, from commercial, industrial, agricultural and natural sources, countless ships and boats that move across the bay regularly also make the problem increasingly complex. Lastly and increasingly important are the number of new multi occupancy residential developments now in process everywhere are a contributing problem; there are two major residential buildings in progress within a quarter mille of the Annex. And the Point Molate development is also a contributing threat.

You're a great mayor and I appreciate your balanced efforts at compromise.

Warm regards,

Malcolm Lubliner

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cl: (510) 501-5222

Sabrina Lundy

From: Monica Olivares <monica.olivares@att.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 6:26 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Cc: Monica Olivares
Subject: Re agenda item H-3

To the council members,

I am saying NO to having 575 street sweeping parking restriction signs planted all over the Richmond Annex and Panhandle Annex Neighborhoods.

I am a lifelong resident and homeowner here in the Annex and have always enjoyed the ambiance of the neighborhood. I do not want to see this blight.

I find it disconcerting that the city council is even considering this issue again when we fought signs with fines in 2003. I remember being in council chambers and speaking to the council rejecting the notion that signs were needed. They were not needed then nor are they needed now.

I think it important that the city spend the money on more positive and constructive reasons, such as fixing streets and trimming landscaping on the Carlson median so that it does not create a sight line barrier.

I want to keep my neighborhood free from the signs. We are perfectly capable of moving our vehicles in order to accomodate the street sweeper. If you are so concerned about sweeping our neighborhood streets, gentle reminders would go a long way toward compliance.

Thank you for your consideration,

Monica Olivares
5500 Columbia Avenue

Sabrina Lundy

From: David Graves <dgraves@shopoff.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 6:36 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: City Council Agenda Item H-7

We are the applicant and would like to be available to answer any questions the Council Members may have. My phone number is: (949) 395-6493

Thank you,

David Graves

Director of Development



Shopoff Realty Investments, L.P.
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Sabrina Lundy

From: Maggie Paul LAZAR <mplazar@berkeley.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 6:31 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Public Comment Agenda Item H 7

Richmond City Council Meeting May 19, 2020

RE: Public Comment Agenda Item H 7 Funding agreement HRP Campus Bay Property, LLC ("HRP") - Zeneca/former Stauffer Chemical site

Madame clerk, I believe the item is being pulled from the consent calendar. Here are my comments:
The Zeneca /former Stauffer chemical site is highly controversial. The city council should take no action on it as long as “ shelter in place “orders are in effect. Through no fault of the City Clerk department, the public is not fully able to participate. The Zeneca site is controversial because it is one of the most toxic sites in the state.

Margaret Lazar,
Member of Richmond South Shoreline Area Community Advisory Group

Sabrina Lundy

From: TARNEL ABBOTT <tarnelabbott@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 5:42 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Public Comment -Agenda Item H 7

Richmond City Council Meeting May 19, 2020

Public Comment Agenda Item H Funding agreement HRP Campus Bay Property, LLC ("HRP") - Zeneca/former Stauffer Chemical site

Madame clerk, I believe the item is being pulled from consent calendar.

The Zeneca /former Stauffer chemical site is highly controversial. The city council should take no action on it as long as "shelter in place" orders are in effect. Through no fault of the City Clerk department, the public is not fully able to participate. The Zeneca site is controversial because it is one of the most toxic sites in the state. Hundreds of chemicals of concern were dumped there and continue to leach into the ground water, Stege Marsh and San Francisco Bay. The damage to the fish is documented. There has been no geotechnical study of what happens when a high density mini-city is built there. The rezoning of the area to include residential was done because the State DTSC /CalEPA told us that if it were zoned residential, the site would be ordered cleaned up to residential standards. Do not be complicit in harming the future inhabitants. We all live downstream.

Tarnel Abbott, Richmond Resident

Sabrina Lundy

From: Dorothy Gilbert <mariesnicewerewolf@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 5:40 PM
To: Eduardo Martinez; City Clerk Dept
Subject: Fwd: Point Molate and the ERN with SunCal

Dear City Clerk: May I ask that you read this letter to the City Council tonight? Thank you very much.
All best regards, Dorothy Gilbert

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Dorothy Gilbert** <mariesnicewerewolf@gmail.com>

Date: Tue, May 19, 2020 at 4:06 PM

Subject: Point Molate and the ERN with SunCal

To: <irene_perdomo@ci.richmondca.us>, <Lina_Velasco@ci.richmond.ca.us>, Tom Butt <tom.butt@intres.com>, Nathaniel Bates <natbates@comcast.net>, Ben Choi <ben_choi@ci.richmond.ca.us>, <demnlus_johnson@ci.richmond.ca.us>, Eduardo Martinez <eduardo_martinez@ci.richmond.ca.us>, jael_myrick@ci.richmond.ca.us <jael_myrick@ci.richmond.ca.us>, Melvin Willis <melvin_willis@ci.richmond.ca.us>

Dear Mayor, City Manager, Planning Director, and Members of the City Council:

A number of you know me: I've been a Richmond resident for over twenty years. and served on the Point Molate Community Advisory Committee for six years. I've also spoken at City Council meetings frequently on the subject of Point Molate.

I write to ask you ---urge you in the strongest terms--not to extend the ERN. Once again, voting in support of this measure violated the Brown Act, and extending the ERN will not resolve that conflict. And this plan to develop Point Molate will be disastrous. The point has been made often that adding crucial infrastructure, without which development will be impossible, will be extremely expensive and cost Richmond citizens who can ill afford the burden. The distinguished legal firm Hatch estimates that the SunCal plan could cost the City \$5 million per year. Richmond, like all Bay Area cities struggling with the effects of the pandemic, already faces a deficit of \$27 million. Also, a faulty EIR will, no doubt, bring lawsuits that Richmond cannot afford.

We need a complete analysis of the cost , the financial consequences, of the SunCal Plan; it must be published. The entire Point Molate project must be tabled until litigation has been resolved, the financial analysis has been published and widely made known, and the risks been faced and thoroughly examined and discussed. And the Plan must not proceed until it is widely known to the public, and the public can fully take part in the review and approval process.

As has been pointed out many times before, development accommodating large numbers of residents is impractical and potentially dangerous. Potential buyers of property there will, many of them be aware of the problems and risks and will not want to sign on; that too, will be part of a likely disaster.

Thank you very much for your attention
Sincerely,
Dorothy Gilbert

Sabrina Lundy

From: Irene Perdomo
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 5:24 PM
To: Dorothy Gilbert
Cc: City Clerk Dept
Subject: RE: Point Molate, the ERN and SunCal

Hi Dorothy,

Thank you for your email. I am forwarding your email to the Clerk's Office for recording.

Best,

Irene Perdomo

Executive Assistant to the City Manager
City Manager's Office
510-621-1264

From: Dorothy Gilbert [<mailto:mariesnicewerewolf@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 4:51 PM
To: Irene Perdomo
Subject: Point Molate, the ERN and SunCal

Dear Irene Perdomo:

I write to urge you NOT to extend the ERN; it will be disastrous. Richmond already, like all Bay area cities, is suffering financially from the pandemic; we are facing a deficit of \$27 million, and the distinguished consulting firm Hatch projects that SunCal's plan could cost the City \$5 million per year. SunCal persists in spending precious time on an faulty EIR that will cause litigation against the City. Furthermore, in February and April the City Council voted in closed session to extend the ERN, violating the Brown Act. Tonight's attempt to put the ERN on the Consent Calendar will not make the violation go away.

The ERN must not be extended; a complete report of the financial impact of this project must be made and published; the project must be put on hold until the litigation is resolved and the financial analysis made public; nothing must go forward until the public is thoroughly informed--risks and all--and can fully take part in the review and approval process.

Thank you very much for your attention.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Gilbert

(Richmond resident almost 22 years; member of the Point Molate Community Advisory Committee for 6 years)

Re: Agenda Item H-8, City Council Meeting May 19, 2020

Dear Mayor Butt and Council Members Bates, Choi, Johnson, Martinez, Myrick and Willis,

The City Council must vote against extending the ERN with SunCal. In fact, no decisions on Point Molate should be made until after the COVID-19 shelter in place is lifted or alternative means are found for the public to fully participate in the review and approval process for the SunCal project. Shouldn't the public have a voice in the future of our public land? After all, Point Molate belongs to the people of Richmond. If you vote to go forward during the pandemic, then put the Pt Molate Community Plan on the November 2020 ballot, so the voters have a voice.

The backroom settlement agreement intentionally eliminated public discussion of the Community Plan. This plan is based on input from the majority of people who participated in the City's public planning meetings, and one that has been put forward by the public in general form since 2010: develop the north end of the property, the historic district, and conserve Pt Molate's rare natural resources by creating a regional park in the south end of the property with sports fields and other recreation and education opportunities for Richmond and the region. This park is already in the East Bay Regional Park District's Master Plan, and they have \$4.5 million for this purpose and can raise the additional funds.

The voices of the majority of the participants in the public planning meetings were censored because the City falsely claimed that a Federal Court Judge requires a minimum of 670 housing units are built at Pt Molate. The Mayor, Council member Ben Choi and others called it a "Court Order." It was not a court order. The housing requirement was included in the settlement by the two parties, not a judge. When the judge learned that you had voted behind closed doors on a settlement that required housing — backroom zoning — the judge supported moving forward with the litigation against you for committing a Brown Act violation. That case is pending. If the City loses that case in court, you may have to go back to the drawing board. All the time and money spent now will be wasted. Isn't it better for Richmond to wait for the outcome of the litigation?

Please review the Hatch Report regarding the negative fiscal impacts of SunCal's plan on Richmond: <http://ptmolatealliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Point-Molate-Fiscal-Impact-Assessment.pdf> We have asked for the City's own financial analysis for months. Shouldn't the City publish a fiscal impact analysis before moving forward on a project that a leading business consulting firm found will impact our General Fund?

I am also very concerned and dismayed that the City has hired a law firm, DowneyBrand, that proudly litigates against environmental groups trying to protect environmental and human health, and the proposed Point Molate developer, SunCal, is paying the legal fees of up to \$650,000: <https://www.downeybrand.com> What does this say about SunCal's project? Our City? What does this say about each of you if you do not stand up against contracting this law firm. It sends the message that you, SunCal and our City staff are well aware of the damage the SunCal plan will do to environmental and human health and the related costs to future generations. Is this what you stand for?

Please consider carefully what the pandemic has taught us about our need to protect environmental and human health, and the power you have to make a difference for Richmond and future generations by voting not to extend SunCal's ERN for their proposed project.

Thank you for your time,

Sincerely,

Jeanne Kortz
Richmond Resident

Sabrina Lundy

From: Jim Hanson <jimhmail@sonic.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 5:34 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: H-8 - Please vote NO on SunCal ERN extension (Council meeting 5/19/2020)

Dear Members of the Council,

Please vote no on another Exclusive Right to Negotiate extension to Suncal to September.

Please put on hold an ERN extension until:

- the litigation surrounding the closed-door settlement agreement is resolved,
- a plan appropriate to the scale of this site is put forward that could benefit Richmond long term, and
- a fiscal impact analysis is vetted independently by our City.

Richmond can do without another long term liability at this time.

Sincerely,

Jim Hanson, Richmond resident

Sabrina Lundy

From: Laura Mangels <laura.mangels@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 5:40 PM
To: City Clerk Dept; cityclerkdept@ci.richmond.ca
Subject: public comments - H8

While Point Molate's developers may build the infrastructure required for Pt Molate, my question is: Who will cover the cost of maintaining it? The residents of Richmond have a right to know the answer to this question before proceeding. It seems that such top-heavy and costly infrastructure required for such a remote location will depend on a relatively small tax base, so we need to see the numbers.

Please publish a full and transparent analysis of the financial impact of the development at Pt Molate before moving forward any further.

Thank you.

Sabrina Lundy

From: Pam Stello <pamstello@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 7:25 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: CORRECTED Agenda Item H-8: Please do NOT extend SunCal's ERN

Dear City Clerk, Please read this CORRECTED letter to the City Council when public comment on Agenda Item H-8 is heard and dismiss my earlier letter.

Apologies for the added work. Thank you very much for your time.

Sincerely, Pam Stello

Dear Members of the Council,

Please to NOT extend SunCal's ERN.

Jim Levine and the Guidiville Band do not want Pt Molate, and especially now with the pandemic and probable recession. In the unlikely event the right to sell entitlements are transferred to Levine, all the same approvals are required.

Further reasons to not proceed with SunCal's plan:

— Litigation against the City for voting on the Pt Molate settlement deal behind closed doors is pending in Federal Court. If the City loses, the settlement deal could be overturned, and SunCal's project proposal;

—If you proceed with the project's flawed Environmental Impact Report, you will be back in court;

—SunCal's plan does not protect Ohlone sacred sites. This will lead to more litigation;

In sum, any revenue from sale of the Pt Molate to SunCal for their proposed project will be lost to litigation costs and to subsidize their project if it were ever built.

Before moving forward please:

- 1) Complete a financial analysis of project options;
- 2) Complete an accurate EIR (to avoid further litigation); and,
- 3) Find an alternative means for the public to engage in the review and approval process.

Finally, the Community Plan would produce a positive revenue flow for the city, needed sports fields and other needed community services, business and other job and wealth building opportunities, protection of Ohlone sacred sites and rare native habitats.

If the settlement deal is not overturned in court first, the requirements of the settlement can be met by developing the north end of the property as part of the Community Plan. Why not find a developer for the Community Plan?

This is only possible if you do not extend SunCal's ERN for their unsound plan.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

—Pam Stello
Richmond resident

Sabrina Lundy

From: TARNEL ABBOTT <tarnelabbott@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 5:50 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Public Comment Agenda Item H 8

Richmond City Council Meeting May 19, 2020
Public Comment Agenda Item H 8 Funding agreement HRP Campus Bay Property, LLC ("HRP") -
Zeneca/former Stauffer Chemical site

Madame clerk, I believe the item is being pulled from consent calendar.

The Zeneca /former Stauffer chemical site is highly controversial. The city council should take no action on it as long as "shelter in place" orders are in effect. Through no fault of the City Clerk department, the public is not fully able to participate in city council meetings. The Zeneca site is controversial because it is one of the most toxic sites in the state. Hundreds of chemicals of concern were dumped there and continue to leach into the ground water, Stege Marsh and San Francisco Bay. The damage to the fish is documented. There has been no geotechnical study of what happens when a high density mini-city is built there. The rezoning of the area to include residential was done because the State DTSC /CalEPA told us that if it were zoned residential, the site would be ordered cleaned up to residential standards. Do not be complicit in harming the future inhabitants. We all live downstream.

Tarnel Abbott, Richmond Resident, Member Richmond South Shoreline Area Community Advisory Group to the DTSC

Sabrina Lundy

From: Al M <alix.mazuet@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 5:50 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Public Comment Agenda Item #J-1, Proposed Vacation for Public Use a Portion of 14th Street

May 19, 2020

Subject: Public Comment Agenda Item #J-1, Proposed Vacation for Public Use a Portion of 14th Street

To Richmond City Council,

As a Belding Woods' resident and property owner, I would like to ask that the City Council postpone the proposed vacation for public use of the portion of 14th Street, near Pennsylvania Ave, and not execute a quitclaim deed, until a clear description of what Bay Area Rapid Transit (SFBARTD) intends to do with this portion of land is made public.

This area has not been properly maintained: overgrown weeds need to be mowed and streets resurfaced. There is also a recurring problem with illegal dumping.

Last year, neighbors and members of the Belding Woods' Neighborhood City Council, along with Councilmember Melvin Willis, did a one-time clean-up. Unfortunately, no plan to permanently resolve maintenance issues has been proposed.

Overgrown weeds, potholes, and illegal dumping have a negative impact on any neighborhood: residents may feel ashamed of where they live, insecure and unsafe in their environment, and illegal dumping devalues nearby properties. But what becomes to this piece of land may worsen the situation: electric and electronic pollution, blight due to overhead lines and underground cables, construction and operation of transmission facilities working day and night, noise and air pollution, increased traffic and parking problems in a residential neighborhood already suffering from congestion, speeding, and lack of parking,

Without knowing what the potential buyer intends to do with this portion of land, the City risks to jeopardize the health and well-being of near-by residents.

I understand that the City has urgent financial needs and we have a severe budget issue. But Belding Woods is a residential neighborhood, not an industrial zone. I don't want my neighborhood to degrade. I want to see it thrive. I want it to be a safe, secure and welcoming community.

Please, let us engage in a constructive dialogue. Together, we can discuss options and evaluate proposals to transform the portion of 14th Street near Pennsylvania Ave, before any purchasing decision is made.

I am confident that Belding Woods' residents, their families and friends will be glad to volunteer their time to help clean up this portion of land and make it a friendly, safe and welcoming place for everyone. As for me, I will be more than happy to help coordinate clean up projects in this area.

Cordially,

Alix Mazuet
Richmond Resident and Property Owner, Belding Woods

Sabrina Lundy

From: Andrea Mullarkey <andrea.mullarkey@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 7:01 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Public Comment - Agenda Item I-1

Good evening Mayor and Councilmembers,

My name is Andrea Mullarkey. I am an SEIU 1021 member, a Richmond resident and a public librarian. I am urging you to please protect the Richmond Public Library.

As a public librarian I know first hand how libraries impact our communities. We provide services that lift up our most vulnerable neighbors, bridge the digital divide, and provide access to informational, educational and personal growth materials regardless of ability to pay, immigration or housing status, or any other factor. Everyone is welcome in our libraries and it is one of the very few places left where that is true.

I understand that these are difficult fiscal times and this reality is felt by patrons just as much as the City. There are two ways to deal with it: cut expenses or raise incomes. Families have few choices to do the latter but the city has a big opportunity. In November, Californians will vote on Schools and Communities First, an initiative projected to bring \$12Billion into school and local budgets statewide. I came to you last June asking you to endorse this measure because only one councilmember had done so - thank you Councilmember Willis! I checked the Schools & Communities First website again this morning, expecting to see more names. Given dire warnings about Richmond's budget I hoped you all would have added your name to this vital revenue-generating measure. I was dismayed to see that the only sitting Richmond city councilmember endorsing Schools and Communities First remains Councilmember Willis. 11 months ago Councilmember Myrick responded from the dais "all you had to do was ask." I asked then and I ask again now: if you are serious about raising revenue for Richmond, for the vital services delivered to our diverse community through an equally diverse workforce, please go to schoolsandcommunitiesfirst.org/endorse and add your name. It takes less than a minute to stand with the community and city workers on this measure.

And until you take that step I would ask whether you are in a position to propose gutting the library budget, laying off workers, and shuttering services to the Bayview and Westside Branch neighborhoods. Show us where you really stand. If it is with workers, neighbors and community members speaking out tonight then I'll expect to see your name on the list of leaders who endorse Schools and Communities First when I check before the next City Council meeting.

Thank you,
Andrea Mullarkey

Sabrina Lundy

From: Edith Pastrano <epastrano@calorganize.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 5:40 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Cc: Tom Butt - external; Ben Choi; Nat Bates; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis
Subject: AGENDA ITEM I-1 BRICEIDA G.

My name is Briceida Guzmán I live on Coalinga ave. in Richmond and I am an ACCE member. I am not okay with any budget cuts to our libraries and vital city services that we depend on for the betterment and safety of our community. Please do whatever you can to avoid taking away from our kids, our seniors, ours safety and find another way, there is always another way and I believe you all can and will do better.

Thank you for doing your best,
Always,

Briceida

Sabrina Lundy

From: Cameron Holly <cameron.e.holly@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 5:31 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Pleading for Library Preservation

To Richmond City Council,

My name is *Cameron Holly*, and I am a Richmond resident and very concerned about the status of our local library.

Do NOT eliminate The Richmond Public Library from the budget. I, personally, rely on this library for access to books, and a safe place to read or study for school. I am not the only one who benefits from this library.

The Library is the only public educational institution that this City has. Libraries provide information, especially internet, for those who don't have it. They let parents know that their children are safe after school. These resources are provided to the people of Richmond regardless of their ability to pay and help fight against racial inequalities. If you take away the libraries, you will be taking away a lifeline for the residents of Richmond.

Libraries can still offer many vital services to people remotely & safely even if the buildings themselves are closed. Ideas on how a safe opening can occur are being discussed by library staff here as well as throughout the country. Frontline staff must be included in decision making about what tasks can be done and what a safe future opening can look like.

I oppose the layoff of SEIU 1021 members. This will only exacerbate the financial struggle of our community as a whole. Save public services and stand with the working people of Richmond!

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Cameron Holly
510-421-1124

Carla Bowman
203 Bishop Avenue
Point Richmond, CA 94801
May 20,2020

Dear City Council Members,

I am writing you to express my opinions about the pools' closure through December, 2020. Such a draconian measure is hardly necessary! The pools are a lifeline to health. Why should such necessary resources for our community be closed when parents have had their children at home for 8+ weeks be compelled to keep them at home once Covid-19 has passed? Why should people with disabilities and the elderly not be allowed to use the pools when they are the only place that does not put stress on their joints? Why should SCD's budget be cut more than those of other departments'?

Please reopen the pools, even at reduced hours if necessary, as soon as Count health officials deem it safe.

Thank you,
Carla Bowman
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Sabrina Lundy

From: catherine o'brien <cathyaobrien@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 8:05 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Public Comment

I am writing to support reopening Richmond pools. This is a health resource for many in our community especially seniors who depend on this resource to maintain strength and mobility. Keeping the pools closed removes a valuable resource to many.

Even at reduced hours are necessary, please keep our pools ope.

Thank you,

Cathy O'Brien

Richmond resident

Sent from my iPad

Sabrina Lundy

From: claudia jimenez <jimenez.claudia78@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 5:44 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Public comment Item L1

Hello City Clerk

My name is Claudia Jimenez a Richmond resident. I would like to make a public comment on L1 item. Please call me to my cell phone [REDACTED]. If for some reason you can not connect with me. Please read the following statement. Thank you

Good evening Mayor and city council members

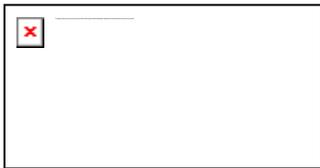
My name is Claudia Jimenez, a Richmond resident. This pandemic has demonstrate to all of us that our services workers are essential. They have been first responders to the needs of residents in this pandemic, from responding to emergencies to cleaning and disinfecting community centers, city hall and other public spaces. Front-line workers who continue to work in this time despite the risks involved. As you prepare to make budget decisions, think about the service workers and their families, as they are working to protect us, you need to protect them and protect their jobs. Richmond residents need them to continue to provide services to every one in this community. This is not the time to look for solutions where there would be a lot of ay offs. At this moment, the city needs to fight to protect its workers as well as the essential services. The City of Richmond must take a careful look at the budget to avoid cutting city services and cutting worker jobs.

Sincerely,

Claudia Jimenez

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



Sabrina Lundy

From: Edith Pastrano <epastrano@calorganize.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 6:28 PM
To: Tom Butt - external; Ben Choi; Nat Bates; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis; City Clerk Dept
Subject: AGENDA ITEM I-1 CRISTINA L.

Thank you for listening to our comments

My name is Cristina Lorenzana, ACCE member and tenant in Richmond I live on Barrett and I am writing to ask that you all do your best to not shut down services that we depend on, libraries, parks and recreation are very important to keep the integrity of our community. How bad does it sound that in Richmond, a low income community is cutting library hours, code enforcement seems already non existing, parks and recreation are going to be underfunded? It makes no sense please find another way that does not further push our community into more disparity.

Thank you

Sabrina Lundy

From: David Bergad <dbergad@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 5:15 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Agenda item F1 May 19,2020

I'm writing in support of The Community Service Department. I understand that budget cuts are necessary but the burden of cutting 20% from The CSD is outlandish.

We must have our programs in tact, especially the aquatic program of which I personally frequent 3 times a week, it has kept me healthy and I beg the council to re-open the pools and keep them open.

Respectfully submitted,

David Bergad
1207 Melville Sq,317
Richmond 94804

510.701.1814

Sabrina Lundy

From: David Stevens <dts8177@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 5:41 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Agenda Item I.1

My name is David Stevens. I am a Richmond resident. I would urge the council to not make the library and librarians a budgetary sacrifice to a virus. I know the city must reduce its spending to make up for the loss of income caused by the COVID 19 pandemic. The reopening of the libraries as health restrictions are eased will provide essential services to those seeking information to help them adjust to the changed social and economic environment. I believe the council and city administrative staff can identify other areas where funding can be reduced without impacting a resource citizens will need to move forward into an uncertain future.

Sabrina Lundy

From: deborahbonet@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 6:37 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Public Comment Agenda Item I 1

Please consider that cuts to services and to the city's payroll will result in lost revenue to the city. Former city employees will not be able to afford to purchase cars, clothes, restaurant meals, college, computers etc. and thus will further impact city .

Sabrina Lundy

From: Deborah Sampson-Johannes <dnatodeborah@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 6:07 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: #F1 Library closing

Dear City Clerk:

I have wondered why Rihhmond's library doesn't join Contra Costa's libraries. Is there a reason?
Deborah Sampson, Richmond resident

Sent from my iPhone

Sabrina Lundy

From: Edith Pastrano <epastrano@calorganize.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 5:37 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Cc: Tom Butt - external; Ben Choi; Nat Bates; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis
Subject: Item I-1 EDITH P. PLEASE READ ALOUD

Greetings to you all members of the council,

My name is Edith Pastrano, I am a Richmond life long resident and community advocate.

I am very concerned with the potential budget cuts that are being considered. In my experience, our parks need to be fully funded, as well as our libraries in order to serve our community. Why is it that everything in the most needed neighborhoods gets taken away? Our community needs accessible, well kept parks and open libraries for students, seniors and the rest of our community. This council bares the burden of fixing the budget to close the deficit. While I understand that you all may be considering certain departments to not be high priority because of COVID-19, I'm not clear on what criteria is being used to determine what funds will get cut, but taking money away from these services will hurt us more than anything.

As we gradually come out of isolation, we need all resources available to the public in order to stabilize our overall experience and well being. If the cuts dig into what little we have, you all will be responsible for the lack of access and safety we all deserve and depend on you to protect. If anything, consider shaving bucket dimes from the most robust budgets for example the police department, you all can probably also take a pay cut, I'm sure then, you will see the dire need people are experiencing today.

Thank you for all of your hard work. We need better leaders to come out of each and every one of you during these unprecedented times.

Blessed be the poor,

Edith

Sabrina Lundy

From: Edith Pastrano <epastrano@calorganize.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 6:10 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Cc: Tom Butt - external; Ben Choi; Nat Bates; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis
Subject: AGENDA ITEM I-1 ELIZABETH C.

Hello members of the council my name is Elizabeth Castro and I am an ACCE member, I live on Bissell Ave, and would like to express my concern for the budget. I have 5 children now with my new born. I want you all to know that my children are avid city of Richmond volunteers as youth. I have faith that you all want the best for my children and other children from our community and there is nothing that would be more devastating to know that our parks and traffic safety could possibly be defunded. My children love to clean up as volunteers and love to step up when the city has events, I know things are different because of COVID 19 but it's no excuse for taking funding away. We need these funds to be there when we need. Please do not decide to deal with balancing the budget by cutting money from our services and putting jobs on the line.

Thank you.

Sabrina Lundy

From: cubanelsa@sbcglobal.net
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 5:43 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Item I-1

Elsa Stevens, Richmond resident and voter:

City fathers:

Richmond believe that the \$27,000,000.00 city deficit can't be solved by laying off librarians. Broke Librarians don't shop in local stores. Laying off First Responders won't help either because dead Richmond residents don't shop.

We believe that *what will help* (like so many cities are doing) is supporting the 375 BILLION DOLLAR **bipartisan** bill in Washington D.C.

MAGICAL THINKING killed 90,000 Americans with the message that "Corona virus is a hoax that will go away on its own."

We, here in Richmond, **cannot afford to magically think** that:

- "We can magically balance the City's books by punishing loyal city workers who have gone without Cost-of-living raises after year."
- "We will magically make American Cities whole again by **IGNORING THE 375 BILLION DOLLAR-FOR-CITIES bipartisan bill** in Washington D.C. because **IGNORING THOSE EFFORTS** is the **POLITICALLY SAFE POSITION TO TAKE!**"

Now, *that's* what I call "**MAGICAL THINKING!**"

Sabrina Lundy

From: Erin I <singer.erin@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 7:12 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Please keep Richmond pools open

To the city of Richmond

The Richmond pools are such a vital and incredible resource for the community and it's health and well-being. At a time when communities of color, low income communities and elders are being hit hardest, we need services like the pools to remain open and a safe place to come and gather and work on our mental and physical health.

Richmond pools are truly a hub for the community with a diverse base of folks using it and an incredible staff of lifeguards and others who make it possible for us to swim safely

PLEASE PLEASE reopen the pools-it makes such a huge impact for the community. It has been hard to not have it during SIP and it would be heartbreaking to lose it-please retain the incredible services that allow Richmond to grow and thrive.

And to the lifeguards and staff of the pools-your energy, effort and presence are greatly missed. I hope we prioritize humanity over profit, and look at what truly creates community health

With a nervous pleading heart
Erin Singer

Sent from my iPhone

Sabrina Lundy

From: Edith Pastrano <epastrano@calorganize.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 5:49 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Cc: Tom Butt - external; Ben Choi; Nat Bates; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis
Subject: AGENDA ITEM I-1 EZEQUIEL C READ OUT LOUD PLEASE

My name is Ezequiel Chum, Richmond Ca. resident

I am an ACCE member. Thank you for your time. I would like for you all to know that I have been more aware about what it means to stand up for what is right and definitely during this time. I ask that this body consider other options to fix our city budget. You can't possibly go to bed at night knowing that you are doing away with vital services that we all need. Probably do some fundraising to keep everything balanced in the budget and not take away from seniors, workers, children and vulnerable people. Do the right thing.

thank you.

Sabrina Lundy

From: Fiona Dunbar <fionagardens@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 9:11 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Public comments agenda Item F1

I urge you to please keep the Richmond swimming pools open and operating as usual, as soon as it is safe to do so. The recreational programs under the Community Services Department are so vital to this community. I have lived in Richmond for nine years and it was not until I began regularly coming to the Swim Center that I began meeting people who became friends in my community. Even now, during the shelter-in-place, I see friends and lifeguards from the pools as I walk around my neighborhood, and we all talk about how much we miss the pool and the community there.

The pools and programs are welcoming and enthusiastically used by a broad spectrum of our community, and they create a crucial place for people to socialize and partake in activities to promote physical and mental health. In our pools, I see the youngest to the oldest members of our communities mingling together because these are a places for affordable, friendly, health-building activities, and where people with disabilities, people of all creeds, colors, and backgrounds, and people of all socioeconomic standing can gather, move their bodies, and have fun.

Find other places to trim your budget - look at the top rather than the bottom. Cutting funding from the Community Services Department will devastate programs of utmost meaning to Richmond residents, leave our programs staff without work, and effectively cut away key places in which we build our community, promote our health, and bring vitality to our city.

Thank you,
Fiona Dunbar

Sabrina Lundy

From: Edith Pastrano <epastrano@calorganize.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 5:41 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Cc: Tom Butt - external; Ben Choi; Nat Bates; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis
Subject: AGENDA ITEM I-1 GABY M.

My name is Gaby Mercado, ACCE member. I live in the apts behind Foods Co,

I wanted to express my comments for the council.

I am against budget cuts to Code enforcement, traffic safety is very important, and our parks need to be preserved now more than ever. My daughter and I would like to still have safe parks to go for walks in this time of COVID19 there is nothing more sad than knowing that our representatives are okay with taking away many services that we need. It's really uncalled for and disgusting, I expect more from you because you make things happen for us and we rely on the decision making that you all take. Please consider doing everything possible to keep jobs for city workers and to keep our services intact.

Thank you for your time.

Sabrina Lundy

From: Jane Courant <janecourant@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 5:41 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Item F-1 and I-1:

Council members, Mayor and City Manager,

Please don't close the pool completely for the rest of the year. While I understand that major cuts are required across the city, depriving seniors, the disabled and others, for whom swimming and water exercise is the only alternative, complete closure of city pools is a disastrous move.

For less compromised seniors with more moderate medical issues (such as myself), swimming is basic to sustaining our physical and mental health and agility. For children and adults of all ages, learning to swim and staying in shape as a strong swimmer in a municipality situated on the water, can be a life-saving skill. If you must cut some pool hours because of our current crisis, I understand, but please do NOT close both pools for longer than is absolutely necessary to protect citizens from the virus.

Thank you.

Jane Courant
Richmond resident
6108 Santa Cruz Avenue 94804
510-219-0051

Sabrina Lundy

From: Jay Uchiumi <guchiumi@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 6:27 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Cc: paulacooper-tipton@ci.richmond.ca.us
Subject: Richmond Swim Center/Richmond Plunge

I am writing in support of keeping the swim facilities open. I was the head football coach and physical education chairman at Laney College. We experienced damage to our aquatic facility during the Loma Prieta earthquake. We had to close the facility and lay off our aquatic staff during this period. As a result, we lost the majority of our students that utilized the pool and the aquatic staff. It took more than two years to gain the numbers back into our aquatic classes and even longer to find qualified lifeguards and staff.

One of the things that the administrators must realize is the swimming or aquatic exercise is not only an activity, but becomes part of an individual's daily routine. The aquatic facility also becomes a "mini community" for the participants. People become comfortable and safe with familiar faces. I am convinced that you are doing a disservice to the community if you close down the pool. I would also like to add that swimming is one of the activities that a lot of can do. They cannot do higher impact exercises such as running, weight lifting, biking, etc

Sincerely,

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Jay Uchiumi
(510) 367-8720 Cell

Sabrina Lundy

From: Pamela Christian
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 11:03 PM
To: Sabrina Lundy
Subject: Fwd: Agenda Item I-1.

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Jovanka Beckles <jovankabeckles@yahoo.com>
Date: May 19, 2020 at 6:57:43 PM PDT
To: Pamela Christian <pamela_christian@ci.richmond.ca.us>
Cc: City Council Dept <CityCouncilDept@ci.richmond.ca.us>
Subject: Agenda Item I-1.

To Richmond City Council,

My name is *Jovanka Beckles* and I am a Richmond resident.

Please do NOT eliminate The Richmond Public Library from the budget.

The Library is the only public educational institution that this City has. Libraries provide information, especially internet, for those who don't have it. They let parents know that their children are safe after school. These resources are provided to the people of Richmond regardless of their ability to pay and help fight against racial inequalities. If you take away the libraries, you will be taking away a lifeline for the residents of Richmond.

Libraries can still offer many vital services to people remotely & safely even if the buildings themselves are closed. Ideas on how a safe opening can occur are being discussed by library staff here as well as throughout the country. Frontline staff must be included in decision making about what tasks can be done and what a safe future opening can look like.

I oppose the layoff of SEIU 1021 members. This will only exacerbate the financial struggle of our community as a whole. Save public services and stand with the working people of Richmond!

Regards,

Jovanka Beckles

Sent from my iPad

Sabrina Lundy

From: Joy Hilden <joy@beduinweaving.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 5:12 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Public Comments=Item F1

To the Richmond City Council,

I am writing in support of the continued funding of the Richmond Plunge and the Richmond Swim Center, which are both crucial to my health and well-being. The closing of the pools

due to the pandemic has been detrimental to both my health and well-being. Other pool patrons are surely suffering this loss. The pools are unique in our region and can not be

replaced. They are spacious, clean and well-run. They serve all age groups and a variety of physical and health needs. They are a strong contribution to the livability and attractiveness

of Richmond and the surrounding area.

I urge you to give the pools all the support you can.

Sincerely,

Joy Hilden

Sabrina Lundy

From: Karen Juster Hecht <karenjusterhecht@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 5:57 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Agenda Item I-1 --- Please Do NOT kill any Richmond Public Libraries!

Hello.

I am horrified to hear that Richmond is considering closing some of its public libraries! It is embarrassing that this proposal has even been suggested. I am attaching a link below in case you care to read a defense of public libraries. In short, I ask you to consider that any civilized community needs to have a vigorous public library. (If the budget is short, maybe consider asking the past city manager to return some of his un-earned compensation or ask for a reduction in the compensation for the top-paid city employees.)

Please do not close any libraries!

Thank you,
Karen Juster Hecht

<https://www.libraryjournal.com/?detailStory=forbes-article-sparks-impassioned-defense-of-libraries>

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Karen Juster Hecht, Counselor at Law (California)

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Robert Louis Stevenson

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Sabrina Lundy

From: Kathleen Clancy <clancyk222@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 7:21 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Zumba

Dear City Council,

We are desperate to plead our case. We need our Zumba with Oscar! Please keep our community connected. We need this now more than ever.

Kathleen Clancy

clancyk222@yahoo.com

510-215-6412

Sabrina Lundy

From: kevin mathieu <kevin.mathieu@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 6:29 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Agenda Item I-1

Dear Richmond City Council,

I believe the the libraries reopen. they are a vital , vital part and resource of our community. As thousands of my fellow residents will require retraining and ability to get through this Depression we ended them more than ever.

Just today I helped distribute 500 boxes of food for the Food Bank at Society of St. Vincent de Paul on Harbor Way. It is significant how many showed up that will need the library and all its resources.

I hope you can find a way to not cut the funding

Kevin Mathieu Richmond resident of Hilltop and contribuor to the Fairemeade hilltop Council Newsltter

Sabrina Lundy

From: Lauri Sing <lauri.sing@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 9:09 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Richmond Pools

Dear Sirs and Mesdames,

I swim every single day with my husband. No matter what else we have going on in our lives the pool is the center of our lives. It's the hub from which everything else flows. It's not only exercise for us but also a vital and important community of others who share the water, our wonderful director, Paula Tipton-Cooper and our great lifeguards who keep us all safe.

I've swum in many other pools, several in Los Angeles where I grew up, and in London and in the Bay Area too, but none compare to the pools in Richmond. The community here is very diverse and very welcoming. During these really dark and troubled times, it's essential for people to keep swimming, and to keep that community.

Since shelter in place began my husband and I have been hiking each day, trying to adapt to life without a pool. It's good exercise but it's also been hard on the body in the way water never is. I think about the older people or people who have conditions that make it impossible to exercise without water and feel especially sad for them. We would all be less healthy human beings, physically, mentally and emotionally if we no longer had access to the incredible resource that these pools provide to the community.

I hope that you will find ways of keeping our special pools open!

Sincerely,
Lauri Sing

Sabrina Lundy

From: Lillian Sing <lianlsing@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 10:31 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Retaining Community Services - Swim Pools

A plead to the City Council, City Manger, and anyone else who decides on budget & programs affecting our swim pools and other community services. Please **REFUSE** to vote on cutting labor costs that affects these community services. The swim pools in particular is the **only** means whereby super seniors can safely exercise. . .especially in water aerobics.

Lillian Sing

Sabrina Lundy

From: Lisa Bloom <lbloom2@mindspring.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 5:58 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Public Comments=Item F1

To the Richmond City Council,

I am writing in support of the Richmond Plunge and the Richmond Swim Center. I have been swimming there twice a week for the last five years. Both are crucial to my health and well-being and the closing of the pools during the COVID 19 crisis has been detrimental to both. The pools are unique in our region and can not be replaced. They serve all age groups and a variety of physical and health needs. They are a strong contribution to the livability of Richmond and the surrounding area. Closing them down would be a tremendous loss to me personally and to the community.

I strongly urge you to give the pools your support since it is seen as an essential public resource to the community.

Sincerely,
Lisa Bloom

Sabrina Lundy

From: Masako Omata <masako.omata@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 5:04 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Public Comment Request Agenda #F1

I've been attending a Zumba class at Richmond City Recreation Complex (at 3230 Macdonald Ave.) for years. I heard City of Richmond plans to cut the funding for it (and there won't be a Zumba class in the foreseeable future). This is very sad news for me because this is one of the few places I can get to exercise and also feel connected to the community. I hope this funding cut plan will be reversed, and the Zumba class will continue.

Thank you,
Masako Omata
Mobil: 510-506-4038



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Sabrina Lundy

From: mr d <13more@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 8:39 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Frequent plunge and kennedy pool participant please keep funding

I would like to put forth my vote to keep plunge and kennedy pools open.

I have heard that you are planning on closing the pools until 2021. There is nothing to replace being in the water, lap swimming or exercising or water walking. It is healing, physically and mentally. Michael Dalla

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Now is not the time to think of what you do not have. Think of what you can do with what there is....**To hell with luck. I'll bring the luck with me.**

- Hemingway

Sabrina Lundy

From: Nadia H. Winters <nadiaah@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 7:55 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Public comments agenda item I1

Dear City Council,

I am writing to beg you to reconsider cutting library resources. I understand that we are in a budget crisis, but libraries provide critical services and should be the last place that cuts are considered right now. During the last recession, the library was more in demand than ever, from providing employment resources to digital resources, to simply providing a safe place. The library supports so many services, from building literacy skills in the critical early years in storytime, to providing important resources to immigrants, to simply fostering a love of reading in all ages. Also, the library is a unique place that helps communities to access internet and bridges the digital divide. This is more important now than ever.

I have been an avid user of the Richmond library system for years, and have brought my young kids to Ms. Sheila's storytime and other library programming. As a result they both love books and learning. My children also attend West County Mandarin School, which as a school based in Richmond would greatly benefit from the bookmobile.

Libraries are the building blocks of an educated citizenry, and our hope for the future. Please do not cut library services for Richmond families.

Thank you.
Nadia Winters

Sabrina Lundy

From: Edith Pastrano <epastrano@calorganize.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 5:43 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Cc: Tom Butt - external; Ben Choi; Nat Bates; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis
Subject: AGENDA Item I-1 PAUL L. Please read aloud

Hello council members, also a member of Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment (ACCE),

My name is Paul Larudee and I live in Richmond and am an ACCE member. I would loke to express that taking away from the population most in need is shamefull and shows the lack of initiative to consider your residents a priority. I ask that you all maintain the funds in the departments of Parks and Rec., Code Enforcement, and traffic safety untouched. There is no other way to show that you care about us. Keep the services that we need. There are other options and that is up to you all to figure out how to fix the budget in a more humane way. Don't risk more loss of jobs to workers in our city and don't risk our services.

Thank you for your time

Sabrina Lundy

From: Pierre Thompson <pierre.thompson@outlook.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 6:45 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: public comments – agenda item F1

PUBLIC COMMENT

I swam regularly at the Richmond Swim Center and Richmond Plunge for a year and a half – until the pandemic forced its temporary closure in March. Like many fellow swimmers, I was disheartened by the news, but accepted it with the understanding that this decision was made in the interest of the common good and public health. Now, I urge the Richmond City Council to use these same criteria – common good and public health – to prioritize funding for CSD programs, including but not limited to the city’s aquatic facilities. I am consistently impressed by the professionalism and friendliness of the CSD Recreation staff who operate the city’s aquatic facilities. They have succeeded at building a strong sense of community around health and wellness activities, and the City of Richmond’s public pools are the envy of the East Bay. Moreover, the overall health benefits (including stronger immune systems) from routine exercise and sense of community contribute to substantially higher quality of life for Richmond residents. What are children, parents, families and the community supposed to do without quality and affordable programs and services? Management’s current proposal would disproportionately impact “frontline” workers at the bottom of the pay scale. Please carefully consider your decision, and listen to the voices from the community. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Pierre Thompson
Richmond Rotary Club, Program Coordinator
Richmond CERT, Volunteer

Sabrina Lundy

From: ruti@wans.net
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 9:27 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: public comments

Please do not close the Richmond Plunge. It is a beacon of light in Richmond, full of history, bringing people together, keeping us healthy- the best of what Richmond has to offer. I have been swimming there my entire adult life, and my children learned to swim there from the time they were babies..... I cannot imagine Richmond without it.

Please please please keep it open.

Ruth Goldenberg
354 Pacific Ave
Point Richmond

Sabrina Lundy

From: Therese Lahaie <therese@thereselahaie.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 8:01 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: F1 Support our Pools & Staff

Dear City Council:

I have been swimming at the Richmond Plunge since 1987 and joined the masters swimming program 10 years ago. The enormous community, mental & physical health provided by pool activities keep Richmond citizens out of hospitals, rehab programs and out of trouble. The programs are professionally managed by trained staff. With the anxiety of our lives with Corona Virus the pools have never been more important these programs are to our patrons. Once it's safe and we are prepared, we should not have to wait until January 2021 to provide the much-needed therapeutic and fitness pool use that many of our patrons require for our basic mental and physical health and mobility. Competition, fitness, training, recreation, and social/community are other important aspects of pool use that we all value greatly.

This decision also affects almost all of the 38 part-time Aquatics staff who would be laid off. These are all dedicated seasoned staff who have gone through extensive and continuing inservice training (AFTER certification and hiring) in order to be prepared on the job and keep our patrons safe. If they are laid off, many will find other jobs and we will have to start from scratch with little to no veteran staff to help new Lifeguards learn the ropes. We encourage you to support no labor cuts.

Please take care of your fellow citizens in these unprecedented times. When my parents talk about growing up in the Depression, what kept people alive and well was belonging to a community and the pools are a vital community for thousands of voters.

Many thanks,

Therese Lahaie
707-337-0437

Sabrina Lundy

From: Edith Pastrano <epastrano@calorganize.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 5:38 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Cc: Tom Butt - external; Ben Choi; Nat Bates; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis
Subject: AGENDA ITEM I-1 VERONICA M. H. READ ALOUD

Hello council members and staff.

My name is Veronica Medina Hernandez, I am an ACCE member I want my comment to be read out loud. I do not agree with this council to create budget cuts for our services. I have kids that look forward these days to going out and taking a walk at the park and we have never been more grateful to take joy in that. I would like to have our libraries functioning so my kids can benefit from. When I heard that other cuts could be made like to the traffic safety and code enforcement I was sad because we need to make sure that our streets and our buildings are being kept up and that are safe. We make sure that everyone in shelter in keeping safe because we have t, how can the city not take care of us and keep us well and safe. We all want teh best for our families so please do anything to maintain our services running smooth.

Thank you so much!

Sabrina Lundy

From: Al M <alix.mazuet@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 5:04 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Richmond City Council Meeting, May 19, Agenda item #J-1

May 19, 2020

Subject: Public Comment Agenda Item #J-1, Proposed Vacation for Public Use a Portion of 14th Street

To Richmond City Council,

As a Belding Woods' resident and property owner, I respectfully ask that the City Council postpone the proposed vacation for public use of the portion of 14th Street, near Pennsylvania Ave, and not execute a quitclaim deed, until a clear description of what Bay Area Rapid Transit (SF BARTD) intends to do with this portion of land is made public.

I would like to remind the City Council that, for the longest time, this area has not been properly maintained: overgrown weeds need to be mowed and streets resurfaced. There is also a recurring problem with illegal dumping. Last year, neighbors and members of the Belding Woods' Neighborhood City Council, along with Councilmember Melvin Willis, did a one-time clean-up. Unfortunately, no plan to permanently resolve maintenance issues has been proposed.

Now, it would seem that the City is trying to let go of taking responsibility for this area by selling it to Bay Area Rapid Transit. I understand that the City has urgent financial needs and we have a severe budget issue. Yet, to resolve maintenance issue in this particular area will not be a big expense.

Overgrown weeds, potholes, and illegal dumping have a negative impact on any neighborhood: residents may feel ashamed of where they live, insecure and unsafe in their environment, and illegal dumping devalues near-by properties. But what becomes to this piece of land may worsen the situation: electric and electronic pollution, blight due to overhead lines and underground cables, construction and operation of transmission facilities working day and night, noise and air pollution, increased traffic and parking problems in a residential neighborhood already suffering from congestion, speeding, and lack of parking,

Without knowing what the potential buyer intends to do with this portion of land, the City risks to jeopardize the health and well-being of near-by residents if it votes in favor of J-1.

Belding Woods is a residential neighborhood, not an industrial zone. I don't want my neighborhood to degrade. I want to see it thrive. I want it to be a safe, secure and welcoming community.

I urge the City of Richmond to postpone the order of vacating for public purposes the 2,749 SF portion of 14th Street near Pennsylvania Ave until SF BARTD clarifies what it intends to do with this purchase and a financial and environmental analysis has been made to evaluate the impact of this purchase on Belding Woods residents and property owners.

Please, let us engage in a constructive dialogue. Together, we can discuss options and evaluate proposals to transform the portion of 14th Street near Pennsylvania Ave, before any purchase decision is made. I am confident that some of the Belding Woods' residents, their families and friends will be glad to volunteer their time to help clean up this portion of land and help make it a friendly, safe and welcoming place for everyone. As for me, I will be more than happy to help coordinate clean up projects in this area.

Cordially,

Alix Mazuet
Richmond Resident and Property Owner, Belding Woods

Sabrina Lundy

From: Jeannette Kortz <jeannekortz@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 6:01 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Veolia rate increases

Dear City Clerk,

I hope you are able to read the following to the city council regarding the Veolia rate increases. Thank you!!!

Good Evening City Council,

Please do the following before voting on a property tax increase for Veolia aka Richmond Sewer:

- Provide us with a detailed summary of what this increase will be used for.
- Consider terminating Veolia's contract since it is now over 20 years when the initial contract was put in place.
- Look for bids from five sewer companies that would be less expensive, and that do not have the questionable history Veolia has had with Richmond, and other cities such including Flint, Michigan.
- Recuse yourself from voting on this item if you take campaign contributions from Veolia and/or their employees.

Keep in mind that our sewer rates have gone up exponentially in the last five years. Mine has gone up to over 40%.

Thank you for your time.

Jeanne Kortz
Richmond Resident

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Sabrina Lundy

From: Leisa Johnson <leisa_johnson@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 5:10 PM
To: Tom Butt - external; Nat Bates; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis; Ben Choi; Mary Phelps; Everett Jenkins; Yader Bermudez
Cc: City Clerk Dept; City Attorney's Office; City Attorney's Office; Leisa Johnson
Subject: Writen Comments for Public Hearing, Item J-2

Dear City Clerk — I am providing these comments directly to the City Council and Staff for their review in advance. However, **I will be calling in to publicly speak on this item.**

Dear Mayor Butt, Vice Mayor Bates, Councilmembers Martinez, Johnson, Myrick, Willis and Choi, Mary Phelps, Everett Jenkins and Yader Bermudez:

I would like to start by saying thank you for listening to the hundreds of taxpayers that voiced their concerns & strong opposition and for extending this hearing for one month.

Taxpayers understand the capital infrastructure investment that is needed. We find ourselves, however, with ever-increasing sewer rate fees that many people simply can't afford to keep paying **and** with no end in sight.

That being said, Taxpayers deserve respect and transparency, and there are still many outstanding questions that I would like the City to address before rubber stamping a 37.5% increase.

1. The City of Richmond entered into a settlement agreement with Baykeeper and West County Toxics Coalition in March 2018, and concurrently entered into a fifth amendment and five-year contract extension with Veolia in April 2018.

In light of all of the issues & litigation that the City of Richmond and Veolia have been mired in for the past 18 years, can you **please clarify for the Public why the City willingly extended the contract for another 5 years to 2027?**

2. Can you please clarify for the Public if the City considered putting the contract out for bid before entering into this extension?

- If not, why?
- If so, why weren't they pursued?

3. When the City of Richmond and Veolia entered into a 20-year contract in 2002, Veolia also entered into a 20-year contract with the City of Indianapolis. **Within eight (8) years, Indianapolis opted to part ways with Veolia and paid them a \$29 million contract termination fee.**

Upon reviewing Richmond's and Veolia's primary contract and all five amendments it is my understanding that there were two termination fee schedules (please see below) established: Schedule 15 (2002 original contract) and Exhibit F (2004 first amendment).

Based on Exhibit F, we are now in contract year 19 and it appears that the City would no longer have to pay an early termination fee.

Is this correct?

4. As Taxpayers, me and many others would like the City to please clarify if you have done a cost/benefit and risk analysis to examine if Taxpayers would be better off by: 1) conducting a new bid assessment, and 2) opting to terminate our contract with Veolia early?

- If not, why?
- If so, what did the analysis show?

5. The Taxpayers deserve to know at least a high level estimate of sewer rates beyond five years. Why can't the City provide this as there appears to be no end in sight?

Thank you for addressing these outstanding questions.

Respectfully,
Leisa Johnson
507 Sea View Dr

**SCHEDULE 15
TERMINATION PAYMENTS FOR EARLY TERMINATION**

TERMINATION PAYMENTS (in 2002 Dollars)				
Termination Cost Category	Contract Years 1 - 5	Contract Years 6 -10	Contract Years 11 - 15	Contract Years 16 - 20
Early Termination	\$ 4,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$1,000,000
Demobilization and Other ⁽¹⁾	\$ 515,606	\$ 515,606	\$ 515,606	\$ 515,606
Net Termination Payments	\$4,515,606	\$3,515,606	\$2,515,606	\$1,515,606

Notes:

(1) "Demobilization and Other" costs should be indicated to include all additional payments to the Company for termination for convenience by the City.

Richmond, CA
94801

EXHIBIT F

EARLY TERMINATION SCHEDULE

The schedule below defines the fee to be paid by the City to the Company in the event the City terminates this Amendment prior to the end of the contract period.

Beginning Year 1 through the end of Year 5	-	\$750,000.00
Beginning Year 6 through the end of Year 10	-	\$550,000.00
Beginning Year 11 through the end of Year 15	-	\$400,000.00
Beginning Year 16 through the end of Year 18	-	\$250,000.00

Sabrina Lundy

From: Ali Uscilka <ali.uscilka@hab45.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 5:32 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Public Comment for eviction moratorium

PLEASE READ ALOUD AT 5/19 COUNCIL MEETING

Good evening,

My name is Ali Uscilka and I'm the director of Healthy & Active Before 5, a local non-profit that focuses on the health and well-being of young children and their families.

We are joining advocates in calling on you to strengthen Richmond's eviction moratorium ordinance. Ultimately, failure to pay rent due to lost wages during this time should not be grounds for eviction at any time. At the very least, a grace period of 180 days per month of missed rent would allow working families to get back on their feet and pay what is owed over time.

As we are all learning together, it is impossible to know if or when things will get back to normal. Most of the families our member organizations serve are struggling to put food on the table and pay for necessary medications. Giving this additional protection now will allow them to plan for the future and continue to meet their families' basic needs.

Thank you for your leadership and support of Richmond families during this crisis.

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My name is Amelia Hernandez, I'm a community member and a single mother.

I'm here to ask you to prohibit evictions for non-payment of rent altogether or to extend your current grace period of at least 180 day per month of arrears to pay rent debt.

I'm a single mother of a 7-year-old and rent a room at a house where I pay \$700 a month. Right now, I'm only working 1 day a week. Although \$700 might not seem like much to some of you, for a single mother like me who's barely working and doesn't qualify for public assistance, it's impossible to pay. My son and I need you to extend the grace period so we can keep our home, 6 months is not enough time for me to come up with what I owe.

Do you think it is okay for my landlord to evict me and my son after those 6 months if I can't pay it back? What will happen to the thousands of renters across the city if we are all evicted?

We are waiting on you to take action as our elected leaders. This is our 5th meeting requesting better protections. Now we are only 16 days ways from this moratorium expiration date. Please extend your moratorium so we don't have to fear our landlords from serving us rent increases starting on June 1st.

Please take a humane stance and protect me and my son and thousands of other residents from living on the streets during this pandemic.

Sabrina Lundy

From: Edith Pastrano <epastrano@calorganize.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 5:41 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Cc: Tom Butt - external; Ben Choi; Nat Bates; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis
Subject: AGENDA ITEM K-1 BRICEIDA G

Hello my name is Briceida, ACCE Member

I'm a resident of Richmond, I live on Coaling Ave. I want to speak on the record to let you all know my request like many others to extend the grace period to pay back our rents to 180 days or much more per month of arrears. Many of my neighbors and I are suffering in this time because we are barely making it by and on top of the threat the landlords are not touching their hearts, and are demanding we pay with our first sweat and tears. I know people that are also struggling with demons for landlords that are forcing tenants to vacate and people are afraid to speak up. That is why it is your job and your duty to protect the most vulnerable, that is what you all have been elected to do. Do not delay because we need reassurance that things will be okay.

Thanks

Sabrina Lundy

From: claudia jimenez <jimenez.claudia78@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 5:55 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Public comment K1

Public comment to be read during the item K1 thank you

Good evening Mayor and Council members,

My name is Claudia Jimenez and I am a resident in Richmond. Thank you for passing a moratorium on rents during the pandemic it is very important to protect our community. However we need our city council to strengthen the existing eviction moratorium by prohibiting evictions for non-payment of rent or adding a grace period at least 180 day per month of arrears to pay rent debt.

Many people have lost their jobs and are struggling to pay their bills. It will be important to protect our residents so they can have more time and not lose their homes during this difficult time.

The rent accrued during the state of emergency should not be the basis for an eviction down the road. Richmond families need a policy that responds to their needs. Your vote will demonstrate that you care about all residents and that you stand for Richmond children, seniors and working families. Please pass a stronger grace period tonight.

Thank you
Claudia Jimenez

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



Sabrina Lundy

From: Edith Pastrano <epastrano@calorganize.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 6:21 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Cc: Tom Butt - external; Ben Choi; Nat Bates; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis
Subject: AGENDA ITEM K-1 Cristina L.

My name is Cristina Lorenzana and I live on Barrett Ave. in Richmond, I am also a tenant and have lost my job due to shelter in place. I live with my daughter who is working a few hours from home while studying for school. I thank you all for fighting to protect us as tenants from getting evicted when many of us have lost our jobs. I think however that we can do better, I have learned that the city of San Pablo has a better grace period than we do and I don't see why we can't do better for ourselves there is nothing impossible that we are asking n this time. If you ask me, I don't think it's possible to pay rent immediately after the shelter in place order is lifted. I still don't know if I will get my job back or if the boss decides to hire someone else. There is no guarantee. So much abuse is happening too because people like me who don't qualify for government assistance are being forced to fight for our lives with no money, no job. Please take care of us, we are doing our best and we need you all to do your part too. Thank you so much for the opportunity..

Sabrina Lundy

From: Alisha Semplar <alishas@rubiconprograms.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 6:21 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Cc: 'dareasechrice15@gmail.com'
Subject: Public Comment for Eviction Moratorium

My name is Darease Brown and I am a resident organization in Richmond. Thank you for your leadership during this crisis. I urge the city of Richmond to strengthen the existing eviction moratorium by **prohibiting evictions** for nonpayment of rent OR by adding a grace period of at **least 180 days per month of to pay rent debt.**

I went to pay my rent and pay my PG&E due to the Coronavirus. By mistake, The clerk at the desk at inadvertently placed all of my funds towards paying a PG&E bill, that I did not advise. It was a gross mistake that has now placed me in a terrible situation as I am not working due to furlough during this pandemic. I'm stuck with no rent and trying to figure it all out because I am currently unemployed, by no fault of mine. My landlord is seeking to evict me after I have been a tenant for many years now and have consistently worked and paid my rent on time!

I have an anxiety and depression problem and it really has taken a toll on me due to my landlord threatening me about me not having my rent. I have no water in my apartment and the request to have my water fixed has been ignored by a landlord that is fixating on me paying rent that I cannot generate income to pay. I have a hole in my ceiling in the bathroom. The last couple of days from me not having no water I had to take my two little kids out to someone else's house in Emeryville to cook my food. I can't clean my house due to no hot water. I am living in substandard conditions simply because I cannot pay "this month's rent" due to a lack of funds! Being a mother of two young children, we can not afford to be outside or riskily joining others during these Shelter-In-Place mandates and during this crisis. I fought very hard to obtain my apartment and home for my children. I am a good mother and I've been seeking replacement employment each day since my furlough. I am a great advocate, working with Rubicon Programs and also contributing to the community via my voluntary work as a Participant Advisory Board member. I am a participant leader in my community here in Richmond and continuing to serve the community even while suffering through my home insecurity. I am continuing to assist my community by assisting the elderly that need food and resources when they have no access while sheltering in place. It will take me up to 3 months to get caught up on my rent. I receive public assistance to assist with my children but with the consistent employment that I had before, the income earned was the greatest contribution to my housing needs. This situation is taking its toll on me by causing undue stress on myself and resulting in my kids stressing unnecessarily as well.

I argue with you guys on rent control to help us with this matter during this crisis. Thank You!

Darease Brown
Participant Advisory Board Member
Program Participant
Community Connections Program

Good evening council members and city staff. My name is Maria Lopez and I'm a member of the West County Regional Group and a landlord.

I'm here to ask you to extend the grace period to pay back owed rent to 180 days per month of arrears or prohibit evictions altogether as families pay back owed rent. I also want to urge you to extend the moratorium on evictions and rent increases since your emergency moratorium is about to expire on May 31st. June is almost here and we're still sheltered in place.

As a landlord, I believe that we all thrive in our community if we support each other. I especially would like for you listen to the community and pass the protections that are being asked from you.

The current 6 months grace period is really not enough. The family that currently rents from me, is out of a job and I understand how hard it is for them to pay for bills at the moment. I understand that money will not magically begin to appear and this is why I am urging you to enact this longer grace period and extend the current moratorium to help families get back on their feet.

If you extend the grace period, you'd be doing your part to stabilize the community. Having a longer grace period to pay back debt would give our families some relief and we'll be able to focus more on the stability of our children and their well-being. They deserve to live in healthy, stress free environments.

Please take action, extend the grace period to bay back owed rent to 180 days per month of arrears and extend the moratorium that is set to expired in a couple of days. Thank you

Sabrina Lundy

From: Edith Pastrano <epastrano@calorganize.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 5:38 PM
To: Tom Butt - external; Ben Choi; Nat Bates; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; jael_myrik@ci.richmond.ca.us; City Clerk Dept
Subject: ITEM K-1 EDITH P. READ ALOUD PLEASE

Hello my name is Edith Pastrano,

Richmond resident and community advocate.

In these trying times during COVID-19 our lives and what we used to know is at a standstill. People who lost their work hours or their jobs entirely, haven't been able to pay their rent when they are prioritizing feeding their families and covering much needed services. Please do everything possible to make it easier for folks to get back on track. Extend the grace period to pay back rent at least 180 days per month of arrears to ensure people have enough time to catch up on due rent without the threat of being evicted. Make it so that people don't have the added stress of being kicked out during a time where we are all already overwhelmed with stress and anxiety. Also understand that a large portion of our community is undocumented and are among some of the hardest hit in this cruel pandemic. Some people aren't getting stimulus checks or government funding, making this very stressful on our community. Please extend the grace period on the moratorium to at least 180 days per month of arrears, thank you.

Blessed be the poor,

Edith

Sabrina Lundy

From: cubanelsa@sbcglobal.net
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 5:36 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Item K-1

Elsa Stevens, Richmond resident/voter:

What are you doing wasting precious time and energy trying to decide how much time POOR WORKING FOLKS WHO LIVE PAYCHECK TO PAYCHECK should take to make up DOUBLE PAYMENTS of rent and mortgages?!!!

Missed rent/mortgage payments are the fault of the orange maniac in the White House. Let HIM make landlords and banks whole via FEMA.

These missed COVID rents and mortgages (in a sane world) should be FORGIVEN. Shop keepers will need months/years to recover and open again. It is the same with workers trying to return to work or gain new employment.

Forget "grace extentions" think FORGIVENESS.

Sabrina Lundy

From: Joaquin Montalvo <menicia@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 5:40 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Cc: Cecilia Perez-Mejia
Subject: Public comments

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

I trust that as our elected leaders, you value supporting and protecting all families.

I'm writing to urge you to increase the grace period to pay owed rent to 180 days per month of arrears—or no less than a year. Neighboring cities have also enacted ordinances where there is no grace period and families are not penalized with eviction as they continue to pay their owed rent.

We need a sufficient grace period to allow us enough time to recover and pay back owed rent as many of us have lost our jobs and will not be able to recover economically overnight. In my case alone, I expect I will owe \$5,700 at the end of the shelter in place.

We ask that you put families first. It's important to know that city council cares enough about us to increase the grace period and protect our city's well-being. Be the leaders Richmond families need you to be. Not enough time to pay back owed rent can result in a catastrophic housing crisis. Please take action by passing a moratorium on rent increases with a 180-day grace period for every month of arrears or prohibit any evictions altogether. We also urge you to extend the moratorium as it is set to sunset May 31st.

_Thank you

Pastor

Enicia Montalvo

Sabrina Lundy

From: Edith Pastrano <epastrano@calorganize.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 5:58 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Cc: Tom Butt - external; Ben Choi; Nat Bates; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis
Subject: AGENDA ITEM K-1 EZEQUIEL C.

My name is,

Ezequiel Chum, ACCE member and resident of Richmond

Today I would like to request that you all vote on the extension of the grace period on the moratorium that was passed some weeks ago, as we are approaching a slow re- opening of jobs and businesses, we need a chance to get back to normal and that means more time. More time to figure things out with our personal lives, our survival necessities and our mental wellness. Think about your families and what you want that is best for them, well that is what we want for ours. If you had a friend telling you that their landlord is kicking them out or that they are expected to pay rent when they lost their job because of no fault circumstances, wouldn't you want to make sure your friend knew they were protected by the moratorium that you all passed? Not everyone is going to be strong enough to fight for themselves. So know that the more you all can do to protect and ensure that people don't end up homeless while we are already overwhelmed with homelessness. Extend The grace period to pay back rent to 180 minimum per month of arrears.

Thank you for you time.

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

Through this letter I would like to request that you grant tenants a longer grace period of **180 days per month of arrears** to pay back rent or altogether remove the time limit to pay back rent. This will assure that no Richmond families will be evicted from their home for lack of payment.

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 financially. How will families be able to afford bills, rent and food in the upcoming months when many in our community are not working? It is necessary that as our elected leaders you take action and enact better protections for all Richmond residents.

My family pays \$1500 a month. By the time the shelter in place order is lifted; we will owe at least 3 months of rent, which is \$4500. We WILL NOT be able to pay it back in the 6 months you have granted us. We need adequate time to re-pay our back rent.

My biggest worry is making sure my 2 sons have a roof over their heads, food, and basic necessities to get through this crisis. I also worry about the rent that I still intend to pay back. But if it comes to choosing between food for my children and rent, I will choose to keep them fed and healthy. I'm sure you would do the same.

I hope you take action by voting on a longer grace period tonight. Thank you!

Good evening, my name is Gabriela Hernandez. I'm a Richmond resident and a single mother.

I am here to ask for your leadership in extending the grace period to **180 days per month of arrears or altogether prohibiting evictions for non-payments.** We are only a couple of days away before this moratorium expires, so our other ask is for you extend the moratorium on evictions and rent increases since we continue to shelter in place.

I am a single mother of two, who works as a housekeeper. I have not been able to work ever since the Shelter in Place order and my biggest fear is losing my home. Like myself, there are many other families in Richmond who are now looking to you to help keep them sheltered during this crisis and after.

It is not my choice to not be able to afford rent, bills and food. Now with the children at home and no one to look after them, it's pretty much impossible to find another job.

Please grant us the grace period we are requesting. We do not have office jobs where we can work from home like many may have. Let me make this clear, we have lost all of our income and we do not qualify for any other form of assistance now. I don't expect you to understand my life but I hope you can find in your heart some empathy in what we are going through. We need **180 days per month of arrears and extend the moratorium that is set to expire in just 16 days.** At the end of the shelter in place, I will owe \$4500, and again, for a single mother like me with low-income--that amount of money is impossible to come up with in 6 months.

I'm counting on you to do what's right and give us more time to pay back rent and provide us with these protections further than May 31st.

Sabrina Lundy

From: Edith Pastrano <epastrano@calorganize.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 5:42 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Cc: Tom Butt - external; Ben Choi; Nat Bates; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis
Subject: AGENDA ITEM K-1 GABY M.

My name is Gaby Mercado, I am an ACCE member and I am a single mother of a beautiful 7 year old girl and I hope that you all hear me and my neighbors out. I have no idea how landlords are treating tenants, thankfully there are protections that you all have passed as a cause of the COVID 19 crisis. I think it's important that you all know that I don't qualify for any government benefits and that I lost my job in a florist stre. After the lock down I have been using my saving as best I can to keep food on the table for my daughter and I and to pay for things that we need to survive. I don't know what I am going to do but I have faith. I ask that you all please extend the grace period on the moratorium that was passed in order to give us more time to pay back he rent we owe which is ridiculous during this time. Please give us a 12 months to pay back like San Pablo is doing. I can't stress how much this will hlep my and my daughter get back on our feet.

Sabrina Lundy

From: Hector Malvido <hectormalvido@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 5:36 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Public Statement 5/19 (Extending Eviction Moratorium)

My name is Hector Malvido and I am a resident in Richmond. We all appreciate your thoughtful leadership during this COVID-19 crisis.

I strongly urge the city of Richmond to strengthen the existing eviction moratorium by prohibiting evictions for non-payment of rent OR adding a grace period of at least 180 day per month of arrears to pay rent debt. It is imperative to the continued health of our families and communities that we provide a strong social safety net that supports them in these uncertain times. The alternative to having these protections for working families and our youth is that we will see people facing eviction, homelessness, and displacement, all of which disproportionately affect communities of color, only helping to further the disparities that exist within our systems.

As a City, we stand by you when you help to protect our most marginalized communities from further adversity. No one should wonder if they will have a place to call home, ESPECIALLY when it serves to provide a place of comfort, safety, nurturing, and community.

Please consider the extension of the Eviction Moratorium!

Warm Regards,

Hector Malvido

Héctor Malvido
Cell: (619) 763-4444
E-mail: hectormalvido@gmail.com

Good evening Mayor, Council members and staff. My name is Heidi Perez and I'm 12 years old.

I'm writing to ask you to give our families more time to pay back missed rent with an extended grace period of 180 days per month of arrears or prohibit evictions for families altogether resulting from this crisis. This is our 6th meeting asking for stronger protections and to be honest, I hope tonight you finally listen to us.

People are having economic difficulties and can't pay their rent, bills and food due to the global Covid-19 Pandemic, I don't know what horrible data you all need to hear in order to take action. We know that those most affected are low-income families with children, like my family.

Our city of Richmond sadly has been truly impacted by this crisis. Many people can't work, and so it is more difficult for them pay their rent and support their family. Most small businesses have closed down to prevent the spread and are losing income too. I closely know and care about many people going through incredibly hard times right now. It is not fair for parents, particularly my parents, to choose between exposing themselves to the virus and making ends meet, or staying home with their kids, when we have been ordered to Shelter in Place.

This is why I am asking you to give our families more time to pay back owed rent. Rent is not the only overdue bill families will have and 6 months is not enough time to pay back debt while staying on top of current bills, rent, food, gas and childcare. Grant families a grace period of 180-days for every month we are ordered to shelter in place.

This extended grace period would benefit thousands of Richmond families, people who love living and serve this city and community. I am asking you to please consider my suggestions.

Thank you

Good evening, my name is Jesús Pérez. I'm a Richmond resident, a father of 3, and a community activist.

I ask you to support all Richmond families who live pay check-to-pay check and because of COVID-19 have lost their jobs. We have been without a job 2 months now and need you as our elected leaders to grant a longer grace period to pay back rent. What we need is **180 days per month of arrears**, or prohibit evictions altogether, like other neighboring cities have done.

I have been out of work since the beginning of March and my job is our only source of income. I can't stress enough how powerless I feel in being the bread winner and not being able to provide for my family. I pay \$2045 a month for rent and after 3 months of shelter in place I will owe \$6135. As a father of 3, the most important thing is to keep my children fed. If we only have 6 months to pay back rent, then I would have to use ALL of my income just for rent. But what about my other bills? We don't qualify for any government financial assistance and need to purchase food. We would end up on the streets with 3 children and an eviction on our record.

We look to you to lead the city. I urge you enact a grace period of 180 days per month of arrears to pay back rent and extend the moratorium for another couple of months. Tonight, you can make a difference. It is extremely important in these moments of crisis for you to show your leadership and represent us—in Richmond.

Thank you.

Sabrina Lundy

From: Jim Becker <jbecker@richmondcf.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 6:31 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Public Comments Agenda Item K1

Good evening mayor and council members. My name is Jim Becker and I am President and CEO of RCF. RCF has been working with local governments, residents, and nonprofit organizations, to develop ordinances that can support residents and small businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic. These model ordinances have included:

- Eviction moratoriums so that residents and small business, who have had job loss or income loss during the shelter in place order related to COVID-19, are not evicted.
- Providing grace periods to residents and small businesses to repay the back rent due.

I want to thank the city for adopting such an ordinance and for considering strengthening the grace period this evening. I also want to encourage the city again to work to with philanthropy to establish funds that can help landlords and tenants make sure that rent is repaid – one possible source of funding could be the “in lieu” developer fees to support the repayment of rent.

Thank you for your leadership on this important issue.

Sabrina Lundy

From: Edith Pastrano <epastrano@calorganize.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 5:39 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Cc: Tom Butt - external; Ben Choi; Nat Bates; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis
Subject: AGENDA ITEM I-1 JOSE M

My name is José Murillo and I live in Richmond an I am a member of ACCE

There are 5 people living in my family. I am very disappointed to know that the city is proposing to make cuts to services that we desperately need. We can't take any more deprivation. I work very hard to make sure that I am doing everything I can to take good care of my children and my wife. To learn that in this time when the city should be taking care of us and looking for our best interest is very disappointing. I don't agree with the budget cuts that the city is proposing. How can you take away traffic safety and other programs that we need? Don't take these public services, find out a different way.

Thank you everybody.

Sabrina Lundy

From: Joselyne Quiroz <joselynequiroz24@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 5:31 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: West Side and Bayview Library Branches

To Richmond City Council,

My name is Joselyne Quiroz and I am a Richmond resident.

Do NOT eliminate The Richmond Public Library from the budget.

The Library is the only public educational institution that this City has. Libraries provide information, especially internet, for those who don't have it. They let parents know that their children are safe after school. These resources are provided to the people of Richmond regardless of their ability to pay and help fight against racial inequalities. If you take away the libraries, you will be taking away a lifeline for the residents of Richmond.

Libraries can still offer many vital services to people remotely & safely even if the buildings themselves are closed. Ideas on how a safe opening can occur are being discussed by library staff here as well as throughout the country. Frontline staff must be included in decision making about what tasks can be done and what a safe future opening can look like.

I oppose the layoff of SEIU 1021 members. This will only exacerbate the financial struggle of our community as a whole. Save public services and stand with the working people of Richmond!

Joselyne Quiroz

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Thank you,

Joselyne Quiroz
Voice and Guitar Teacher
(415)635-8604

Sabrina Lundy

From: Kanwarpal Dhaliwal <kanwarpal@rysecenter.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 6:09 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Cc: Jamileh Ebrahimi; Kimberly Aceves
Subject: Public Comment for Eviction Moratorium

Hello,

My name is Kanwarpal Dhaliwal and I am with the RYSE Center in Richmond. I urge the city of Richmond to strengthen the existing eviction moratorium by **prohibiting evictions** for non-payment of rent **OR** adding a grace period of **at least 180 day per month of arrears to pay rent debt.**

RYSE has provided almost 100 direct disbursements to our members and their families since the Shelter in Place began. Over 85% indicated the funds would be to cover rent and basic utilities. When asked about the need for ongoing supports, rental and housing assistance was listed number 1, followed by food and utilities. RYSE convenes the West Contra Costa COVID Community Care Coalition, comprised of dozens of Richmond organizations and agencies, and over 100 cross-sector agencies altogether. Coalition partners have identified housing and rental assistance as an ongoing area of need and support.

The rent accrued during the state of emergency should not be the basis of an eviction down the road. Richmond families need a **policy tailored to their needs.** We count on Council for **bold leadership** that stands for Richmond children, seniors, and working families. Please pass a stronger grace period now. Let's not let the COVID pandemic escalate our housing epidemic.

Thank you.

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Sabrina Lundy

From: Karel Villalobos <krod.villalobos@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 6:50 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Public comment for agenda #k1

Good evening, my name is Karel Villalobos, a Richmond resident and a mother of 3 children.

I'm writing to request that as public servants to our community, you enact the appropriate protections during this public health crisis. Richmond looks to you to allow a longer grace period of 180 days per month of arrears to pay back owed rent or prohibit families from being evicted for non-payment.

Our community needs further protections than those already enacted. 6 months for low-income families, who don't qualify for public assistance, is not enough.

My husband has been out of work for 2 months now. We are very limited on resources and we will not be able to pay the rent, the bills, food etc. Honestly, the 6 months enacted is a slap on the face to Richmond families as this will only stall evictions, not prevent them. We cannot come up with thousands of dollars to pay off debt on top of paying current rent and bills in just 6 months.

I pay \$1600 in rent. If the Shelter in Place continues another month, I would owe 3 months, which would be a total of \$4,800. There is no way that my family can come up with that much money in 6 months.

For these reasons, we ask that you please take action to support a longer grace period for families to recover from this pandemic and economic crisis.

We ask you increase the grace period of **180 days for each month** that the Shelter in Place is being enforced and extend the moratorium as we are only a few days away from losing these important protections.

Thank you.

Sabrina Lundy

From: Kristi Laughlin <Kristi@workingeastbay.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 5:16 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: public comment for eviction moratorium

Please read aloud

I am Kristi Laughlin with the East Bay Alliance for a Sustainable Economy. As I have shared with this Council in April and May, we have been trying to support tenants and low-wage workers throughout Contra Costa during this pandemic. This particular moment in this crisis is really confusing and potentially very dangerous. So many politicians and elected leaders are talking about the re-opening of our economies and a return to normalcy.

But this discourse ignores the sobering reality that thousands of Richmond tenants are in the midst of a deep financial crisis, and that this is not ending immediately when the shelter-in-place ends. So many business sectors ---like restaurants, and child-care centers, brick & mortar retail shops, and hospitality will be affected for a very long time. This means that many folks will NOT immediately return to work, or that they will face very reduced hours.

This is why it is still critical to have rational and compassionate policies in place that do not make this crisis worse. We very much need your leadership tonight to take action that will mitigate harm for residents and families by making sure that they do not lose their homes and face eviction in the months ahead. Please make the eviction moratorium stronger here in Richmond by giving a longer grace period for those who owe back rent. Families need at least 180 days per month of back-rent that is owed. Let's be real and honest about the lingering impact of this crisis, which will linger longer for those workers who earn less and are in the service sector.

I also ask that you consider a prohibition on evictions based on debt that accumulates during this emergency order.

Your decisions tonight will have a dramatic affect on how many families end up evicted, displaced, or even homeless.

Thank you in advance for not turning your back on those hardest hit. Please give a longer grace period.

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Kristi Laughlin

Senior Campaign Director

East Bay Alliance for a Sustainable Economy

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Preferred pronouns: She/her or They/them

Sabrina Lundy

From: Laura Mangels <laura.mangels@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 5:35 PM
To: City Clerk Dept; cityclerkdept@ci.richmond.ca
Subject: public comments for K-1

Dear council,

In this time of great financial hardship, we depend on our government to see us through. While we need a full cancellation of rent for those who cannot afford to pay, in the meantime, it is critical to extend the grace period for renters who owe rent. Please support K-1, and extend the grace period to one year.

Thank you.

Good evening, my name is Leydi Maldonado. I'm a single mother of two boys, and the Chair of the West County Regional Group, sponsored by First 5 Contra Costa.

Our community has been sheltering in Place for 2 months. My children's schools are closed and I lost my job at a restaurant. I am concerned that I will be evicted with my children, as I will not be able to pay back my owed rent in the 6 months you currently have granted families. I also will need to pay bills, food and other necessities.

I would like to ask you to please grant us a longer grace period to pay back the rent we owe to 180 days per month of arrears OR prohibit evictions altogether for non-payments due to COVID-19. We are only 16 days away from the moratorium reaching its sunset and as we continue to Shelter in Place, we also ask that this moratorium be extended.

I pay \$900 a month in rent and at the end of the shelter in place; I will owe at least \$2700. For a single mother, that is impossible to come up within 6 months without accruing more debt.

I ask you to grant us a longer grace period with a minimum of 180 days **per month** of arrears to catch up. Some families don't have the luxury to make extra money and be able to save for emergencies like this.

We, your community, need you. You are our representatives and we need your leadership. I ask you to put yourself in our place and help us in these difficult moments when we are ALL going through such difficult and stressful times. Thank you.

Good evening council members and staff. My name is Maria Elena Juarez. I'm the secretary of the West County Regional Group and a mother of 2.

We are a few days away from this moratorium on evictions and rent increases expiring but we are here again asking you to strengthen it. In addition to extending the grace period from 6 months to *at least 180 days per months of arrears*, I also urge you to extend the emergency moratorium. In order to prevent rent increases in June, while we are still Sheltered in Place--we ask for this extension.

We need a you to provide a longer grace period to payback owed rent OR prohibit evictions due to lack of payment resulting from COVID-19. 6 months is simply not enough for working families, especially if we need to find a new job after the shelter in place is lifted, which could take months.

Please remember that we not only have to pay back rent but also other bills that we weren't able to pay like gas and electricity, car payments, credit cards etc.

Having food at the table for our children and a roof over their head is vital for our survival. Please help families keep their homes by extending the grace period to 180 days per month of arrears OR prohibit evictions due to lack of payment because of the coronavirus.

I hope we can count on you. Thank you

Sabrina Lundy

From: Teresa Kearns <teresakearns419@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 5:31 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Cc: Rhea E. Laughlin
Subject: Help

Good evening, my name is Maria T. Franco-Kearns and I'm a parent volunteer with the West County Regional Group and part of the Richmond community.

First, thank you for your leadership during this crisis and review of our moratorium.

I'm writing to you to urge you to strengthen the existing eviction ordinance by prohibiting evictions for non-payment of rent OR adding a grace period of at least 180 day per month of arrears to pay rent debt. Also, as we are nearing the moratorium expiration date, we ask you for an extension beyond May 31st.

This crisis has taken away our income, making it hard to comply with even the most minimum bills. Getting current on debts with rent and other bills is nearly impossible.

Today I got scared when I looked at my bank account and realized I was negative \$300. I thought to myself, "this is the beginning of a new debt." We've been using our credit cards to be able to pay for food. This is why we need at least 180 days per month of arrears to pay back rent. It's amazing how fast debt accrues when you have no income. Honestly, when I really think about what our future income could be, 180 days per month doesn't even get close to the time we'll need to save up so much money. This is why what's really needed is a prohibition of evictions as long as it takes us to pay back owed rent. This is what other cities have done. Why can't Richmond do the same?

The rent accrued during the state of emergency should not be the basis of an eviction down the road. Richmond families need a policy tailored to their needs. We count on Council to pass a stronger grace period now.

Thank you

Sent from my iPhone

Sabrina Lundy

From: Mariana Moore <MMoore@richmondcf.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 7:51 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Cc: Rhea Laughlin
Subject: Public comment regarding eviction moratorium

My name is Mariana Moore and I am submitting this comment on behalf of the Ensuring Opportunity Campaign, a Richmond-based initiative that works to end poverty in Richmond and countywide.

I want to thank Council members for your leadership in adopting important tenant protections during this unprecedented health and economic crisis.

I am writing to you now to ask you to further strengthen Richmond's protections for renters, by prohibiting evictions for non-payment of rent, and/or extending the grace period of at least 180 days per month of rent owed.

As someone who was born and raised in Richmond, I've always been aware of the city's painful racial past. I have also appreciated the city's more recent efforts to embrace residents of diverse backgrounds, faiths, and incomes in our city.

Richmond is often a moral beacon and policy standard-setter for other cities in Contra Costa. We call on you to continue that trend by enacting a revised moratorium policy that is strong enough to make a meaningful difference for the thousands of families in our community who are prohibited from working, falling deeper into debt, and facing financial ruin.

On their behalf, please do the right thing and adopt a stronger eviction moratorium policy this evening. Thank you.

Sabrina Lundy

From: Cadmus, Meghan <mcadmus@contracosta.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 5:47 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Public Comment for Eviction Moratorium

Hello,

My name is Meghan Cadmus, Site Coordinator for SparkPoint Contra Costa and resident in Richmond. Thank you for your leadership during this crisis.

I urge the city of Richmond to strengthen the existing eviction moratorium by prohibiting evictions for non-payment of rent AND adding a grace period of at least 180 day **per month** of arrears to pay rent debt.

I work with community members every day on their financial goals. It is an enormous achievement for SparkPoint clients (everyday Richmond residents: people who are active in workforce, continuing their education, supporting families, and just trying to keep their head above water) to save enough money to cover only 3 weeks of emergency savings **when the world is normal**. It is unreasonable to expect anyone to come out of shelter-in-place orders where hours were cut or lost all together, food and utility expenses increased, access to goods and services became more complicated, and stress was at an all-time high, not only to pay rent, but to be caught up on all accrued expenses.

I ask the Council to imagine the stress you would feel if your rent for the next 3 months was 2-3x your monthly rate – Now imagine accruing that without a paycheck to accompany it, and what else it would cost you to make those payments happen. Give our community some grace. The rent accrued during a state of emergency should not be the basis of an eviction down the road. Richmond families need a policy tailored to their needs. We count on Council for bold leadership that stands for Richmond children, seniors, and working families. Please pass a stronger grace period now. Please extend this emergency moratorium beyond May 31st.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Meghan

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Meghan Cadmus

Site Coordinator at Contra Costa College

SparkPoint Contra Costa

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Good evening, my name is Myrna Godinez, I'm a single mother and a parent volunteer with the West County Regional Group sponsored by First 5 Contra Costa.

We all want our Richmond community to be safe and healthy, especially during this time of crisis. I'm writing to you to ask you to increase the grace period to pay back rent from 6 months to **180 days per month of arrears** or to prohibit evictions altogether as families pay back their rent. We are nearing the expiration date of this moratorium and families are still Sheltering in Place with zero income. We also ask you to please extend this current moratorium beyond May 31st.

I'm the sole provider for my son. It was already hard for me to pay the rent and the bills, and could barely make it through the month. Now with COVID-19 it is more difficult, putting me in the position of deciding whether to pay rent or buy food to feed my son. It's a heartbreaking situation. Friends and neighbors are also going through this similar decision.

We are ask you to provide a grace period of **180-days per month of arrears**. We intend to pay our rent, but need more time to be able to save some money once the order is lifted. In my case, I would need to find a new job and get back on track to pay thousands of dollars I'll owe in rent and other bills.

Please take action, be kind, humane and good leaders. Please grant a 180-days per month of arrears grace period to pay back rent and extend the eviction and rent increase moratorium beyond May 31st.

Thank you.

Sabrina Lundy

From: Edith Pastrano <epastrano@calorganize.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 6:13 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Cc: Tom Butt - external; Ben Choi; Nat Bates; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis
Subject: AGENDA ITEM K-1

Lives in a 2 bdrm apt on Bissell in Richmond with my family of 7 I just gave birth on the 19th of March the week before school closures and a few weeks before my baby was supposed to be due. Soon after, postpartum depression kicked in, for which I am now in virtual sessions with my therapist. I'm doing so much better now and keeping my depression under control. The COVID19 pandemic has affected all of us. My baby hasn't gotten her shots yet, I'm scared of exposing our family. My husband's job at a Bakery and Restaurant in Berkeley closed on the 14th of March where he has been an employee for 15 years, he went without work for 2 months in desperation, my husband and I asked our 16 year old daughter to write a letter to the restaurant owner letting her know that we depended on her restaurant business to put food on our table and stressing that she could lose her business if there was no money coming in and offered the idea of opening for delivery. Thankfully she decided to reopen the restaurant but only employed 4 people, 2 drivers and two working the kitchen, one is my husband. 2 months without work has really set us back and we are barely going to make ends meet after depleting our savings. We don't qualify for benefits because of our legal status. So, in conclusion we are going to need time to get back on our feet, please extend the grace period to repay our rent and recover economically from this health disaster.

Thank you

PLEASE READ ALOUD: Item K-1 for Public Comment

Good evening Mayor, Council and staff.

My name is Rhea. I'm with First 5 Contra Costa, sponsors of the West County Regional Group, and advocates for young children and families.

Thank you considering adding a ***longer grace period*** to this ordinance.

Much has changed since April 7th when this ordinance was passed. While some may plan for a return to the workplace, thousands of Richmond families have lost their jobs and face devastating consequences.

You have heard the despair of families across Richmond, consumed by this financial crisis, unable to buy milk for their children, and plagued by thousands of dollars of debt.

Removing the threat of eviction for children and families during this crisis is the utmost humane and responsible leadership act in this moment. It will prevent toxic stress, homelessness, and widespread instability.

As you review this item, please consider following other cities that have banned evictions resulting from COVID-19. If you pass a grace period at all, please consider nothing less than *180 days PER month of arrears*.

Please also consider that this moratorium needs to be extended past the original expiration date of May 31st. We are still deep in this crisis and protections are needed for months to come.

We recognize that these are challenging times and leadership decisions outside the norm are difficult. We call on your leadership in this defining moment, to center your decision on the most vulnerable, underrepresented children and families whose lives will be profoundly shaped by your action tonight.

Thank you.



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The mission of The Latina Center is to improve the quality of life and health of the Latino community by providing leadership and personal development opportunities for all Latinos.

Tuesday, May 19, 2020

To the members of the Richmond City Council,

On behalf of The Latina Center, a non-profit organization in Richmond, whose mission is to improve the quality of life and health of the Latino community by providing leadership and personal development opportunities for all Latinos, we would like to thank you for your leadership during this crisis.

As you are already aware, our Richmond community has been tremendously impacted by COVID-19. This pandemic has exacerbated and limited existing community services while at the same time making more evident the disparities for some of the most vulnerable members of our community. We urge the city of Richmond to strengthen the existing eviction moratorium by **prohibiting evictions** for non-payment of rent **OR** adding a grace period of **at least 180 days per month of arrears to pay rent debt**.

Even through this pandemic our organization has continued to serve the community, with the number one need being rental assistance. We have had over 300 applicants to our rent assistance program. The majority of these clients have no present form of income. Most are monolingual Spanish speaking families with children and elderly family members who rent locally. Many of our clients live paycheck to paycheck, a significant part of their income has gone to pay their rent. Once the quarantine is lifted, it will be extremely difficult for many of these families to pay their rent debt without any protections so that they don't lose their homes as they try to put their lives back together.

Families have continued to face the ongoing pressure of expenses related to keeping their families safe as they continue to live in quarantine, bills which continue to place economic pressure on their lives. Many families will not only have rent debt but additional debt to pay from other basic and emergency necessities including, but not limited to, medical emergencies unrelated to the coronavirus. Families who were barely surviving had no emergency fund to rely on for these unplanned expenses. Without your support, Richmond community members will be threatened with increased housing insecurity or even homelessness.

The rent accrued during the state of emergency should not be the basis of an eviction down the road for any family in our city. Richmond families need a **policy tailored to their needs**. We are counting on the City Council to act with **bold leadership** and stand up for Richmond children, seniors, and working families. Please protect our families and pass a stronger grace period now.

Thank you!

Miriam Wong
Executive Director
The Latina Center

Good evening council members and staff, my name is Tomasa Espinoza. I'm a Richmond resident, a mother of 3, and a community advocate.

Thank you for your leadership in bringing the grace period discussion back; we truly appreciate you listening to your constituents.

Sadly, it has taken us almost 6 meetings to get this item on the agenda and now we are only 16 days away from this moratorium expiring. This meeting is our last resort to plead for protections. I ask you to extend the grace period **to 180 days per month of arrears and to extend your moratorium**. Having a safe home to shelter in place depends on your actions tonight. Many of us currently don't have the money to pay rent and the debt that has accumulated, not only from rent, but from other bills that we have been unable to pay.

My family of 5 lives paycheck-to-paycheck and we don't qualify for any government assistance. My husband has been off work since the beginning of March. We pay \$2045 a month in rent and if they lift the Shelter in Place in June, we will owe 3 months of rent, totaling \$6135. This amount is impossible for us to pay within 6 months when we're living paycheck-to-paycheck. We have 3 children we need to feed. We may not be evicted now but we will be in 6 months when we are unable to come up with that much money.

A longer grace period is necessary! Grant us 180 days per month of arrears or prohibit evictions altogether. We will pay our debt as we can. Thank you, my family is counting on you to do the right thing and continue being the great leaders of Richmond.

Sabrina Lundy

From: Jasuara Castaneda
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 10:15 PM
To: Sabrina Lundy; Ursula Deloa; Pamela Christian
Subject: FW: phone public comment – agenda item #K1

I could not reach Toni, please read aloud.

From: Toni Perez [<mailto:tonihelen2126@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 6:31 PM
To: Jasuara Castaneda
Subject: Re: phone public comment – agenda item #K1

Good evening, my name is Toni Pérez and a 14-year-old high school freshman from Richmond.

I'm writing to ask you to increase the grace period to payback rent *to 180 days per month of arrears* or prohibit evictions due to lack of payment altogether. My family needs and deserves more than 6 months to pay back our debt.

I could be doing my homework, but instead I'm here writing to you, for the 6th time to ask you for what my family needs. My dad hasn't been working for months now and we can't afford rent, food, and other bills.

It is not fair for my parents to be worried about being evicted in 6 months when at the same time as they're worried about putting food on our table and paying other bills to keep me and my siblings safe.

I ask for your support and give families, like mine, the necessary help during this time to make this process easier and less stressful.

Since I was a kid, I've seen my parents volunteer their time to make this city a better place for all of Richmond. We know that when community and elected leaders work together, we make things better for Richmond.

We ask you to keep us in Richmond so we can continue to work together to make this city what we know it can be. I'm counting on you to help us keep a home even after the crisis is over.

On Tue, May 19, 2020 at 5:44 PM Jasuara Castaneda <Jasuara_Castaneda@ci.richmond.ca.us> wrote:

Received.

Thank you,

Sabrina Lundy

From: Edith Pastrano <epastrano@calorganize.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 5:39 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Cc: Tom Butt - external; Ben Choi; Nat Bates; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis
Subject: AGENDA ITEM K-1_ VERONICA M. H. READ ALOUD

My Name is Veronica Medina Hernandez

Member of ACCE in Richmond

I have a family of 6, me my husband and 4 children, we lost a lot of our income due to COVID19 shelter in place and closure of many jobs. Right now the only one working a part time is my husband. We do not qualify for government funding. My husband is working part time making \$300 a week. Our rent is \$1,600 a month mind you we are also behind on our car payment which is \$395 a month, not including other bills. I have been in Richmond for 21 years and am an active ACCE member. I'm calling on the city council to please take a moment to side with me and my family. Please extend the grace period on the much needed moratorium that you all have passed to 180 days or more for each month of arrears, make it strong for me and my neighbors to hold on to so we can catch up on our rent and not risk getting evicted.

Thank you.