

RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, May 26, 2020

The Richmond City Council Evening Open Session was called to order at 5:01 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 the day of the meeting were put into the record and considered before Council action. Comments received via email during the meeting and up until the public comment period on the relevant agenda item closed, were read into the record. Comments were also received via telephone during the public comment period. **Attached herewith all written public comments received.***

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Ben Choi, Demnlus Johnson III, Eduardo Martinez, Jael Myrick, and Mayor Thomas K. Butt.
Absent: Councilmember Melvin Willis and Vice Mayor Nathaniel Bates 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):

San Francisco Baykeeper and West County Toxics Coalition v. City of Richmond

Donald Driver v. City of Richmond et al.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL -
ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (initiation of litigation pursuant to
paragraph (4) of Subdivision (d) of Government Code Section
54956.9):

One Case

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

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

Property: Port of Richmond (Terminal 3)

Agency negotiators: Jim Matzorkis

Negotiating party: Richmond Terminal 3 Partners (Bobby
Winston, Orton Development and Tom Lockard)

Under negotiations: Price and terms of payment

Deborah Bayer, Jim Hanson, Jeanne Kortz, Sara Tobin, and
Pam Stello gave comments via email regarding the real property
negotiation item.

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 6:37 p.m. by Mayor Butt via teleconference.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Choi, Johnson, Martinez,
Myrick, Willis, Vice Mayor Bates, and Mayor Butt. **Absent:**
None.

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

AGENDA REVIEW

Items G-6, G-8, and G-9 were removed from the Consent
Calendar for discussion at the end of the agenda. Items I-8 and I-9
were moved for discussion immediately following approval of the
Consent Calendar.

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 provided the following coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19) update: The Contra Costa County (the county) Board of Supervisors extended their eviction protections order for COVID-19 through July 15, 2020, and Ms. Snideman stated that she was able to extend the City of Richmond's order as well. The county was continuing with its more restrictive shelter-in-place order through at least June 1, 2020. There were 31,646 COVID-19 tests administered in the county, 1,353 positive cases, fifteen hospitalizations, and thirty-seven deaths. The county was offering free and low-cost childcare for essential services workers at www.cocokids.org.

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Noah Brownlow gave comments in support of Fire Chief Adrian Sheppard. Mr. Brownlow acknowledged the voices of other fire department workers. Mr. Brownlow appealed to the Council and city manager to support Mr. Sheppard as the fire chief.

Eleanor Thompson and Maryn Hurlbut gave comments regarding the City of Richmond's budget. Ms. Thompson and Mrs. Hurlbut urged the Council to support direct services provided to the community.

Cordell Hindler suggested that Andy Katz provide a presentation to the Council regarding the need for a hospital in West County. Mr. Hindler expressed his support for item G-1, regarding June as Diversity Celebration Month. Mr. Hindler advised that he received an email from Corey Ott at Salesian High School expressing interest in the Richmond Youth Council.

Diana Wear, Ana Gonzalez, Angela Flores, Blanca Retano, Claudia Jimenez, Cornelio Perez, Elizabeth Castro, Elsa Stevens, Eulalia Galvan, Gabriela Mercado, Hipolito Pistrano, Ina Mason, Juan Lozano, Martha Pastrano, and Paul Larudee thanked the Council for extending the grace period for the moratorium on evictions at its May 19, 2020, meeting.

CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

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

***G-1.** Approved a proclamation declaring June 2020 as Diversity Celebration Month in the City of Richmond.

***G-2.** Approved a proclamation declaring May 2020 as Affordable Housing Month "Affordable Homes for All".

***G-3.** Announced recent resignations from City of Richmond boards, commissions, and committees; and announced vacancies as of May 20, 2020, and asked that interested individuals send applications to the city clerk.

***G-4.** Approved a contract with Legacy Mechanical & Energy Services, Inc. to perform as-needed major mechanical building maintenance services at various City of Richmond facilities including the Civic Center Plaza, Main Library, and the two swim centers in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 over a three-year period, with an option to extend an additional two years at \$50,000 per year.

***G-5.** Approved a two-year contract, plus two one-year extension options, with Bosco Oil Company dba Valley Oil Company to deliver bulk fuel to the City of Richmond's three fuel sites in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 per fiscal year.

G-6. Continued to June 2, 2020, the matter to approve contract Amendment No. 1 with Mark43 in an amount of \$1,500,000. The proposed contract amendment extended the term of the contract for five-years and increased the amended contract amount by \$1,500,000 for a total ten-year contract amount not to exceed \$3,000,000.

***G-7.** Approved a contract with the Self-Awareness and Recovery Program to provide three cohorts of the 12-week self-awareness and recovery training program in support of the RichmondBuild Returning Home grant project. The contract term was from June 2, 2020, through December 31, 2021, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$60,000.

G-8. Continued to June 2, 2020, the matter to authorize the city attorney to draft an amendment to Measures E and K, to be placed on the November 2020 ballot, that will cap the maximum general fund allocation for Measures E and K with an amount equal to the net increase in revenue resulting from Measure H for each fiscal year preceding the fiscal year for the budget being adopted and to provide for an emergency waiver of Section 6 of Measure E.

G-9. Continued to June 2, 2020, the matter to authorize the city attorney to draft an ordinance to be placed on the November 2020 ballot that will repeal the Richmond Fair Rent, Just Cause for Eviction and Homeowner Protection ordinance and replace it with the Richmond Affordable Housing Ordinance.

***G-10.** Approved the minutes of the Regular May 5, 2020, City Council meeting.

BUDGET SESSION

H-1. The matter to approve staff recommendations on budget balancing strategies, and receive a presentation on the City of Richmond's preliminary five-year budget forecast was introduced by Finance Director Belinda Brown. Financial Consultant Russ Branson presented a Powerpoint that highlighted the following: budget issues and COVID-19; preliminary baseline forecast; overview of financial condition; insufficient reserves; building back fund balances; Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-21 budget revenues; how the City of Richmond spends its revenues; COVID-19 budget uncertainty; ongoing pension cost pressure; Kids First (Measures E and K); reliance on oil refinery taxes; unfunded needs; Successor Agency; labor costs; positive changes and budget forecasting; key takeaways; and the path to sustainability. Discussion ensued. The Council requested the status of the Richmond Port Terminal One project. Mrs. Brown,

Revenue Manager Antonio Banuelos, and Budget Administrator Markisha Guillory presented a Powerpoint that highlighted the following: budget goals; revised FY 2020-21 draft general fund budget deficit (\$29.5 million); revenue and expenditures; budget reduction recommendations (\$15 million savings); budget impacts; next steps; and the budget adoption calendar. Discussion ensued. The Council requested staff not to repeal the election matching campaign funds policy and amend the policy to make matching funds available in the future when financially feasible. The following individuals submitted comments via email, eComments, or telephone: Four eComments guest users, Douglas Anthony, Ron Taylor, Joy Totah-Hilden, Susan Wehrle, Agnes Bau, Alecia Martin, Amanda Lucas, Anne Rowe, Barbara Hauser, Barry Burgess, Bonnie Jo Cullison, Callie Raab, Carol Law, Charles Amirkhanian, Caron Lee, Brian Caldwell, Ashley Caldwell, Cathren Murray, Cordell Hindler, David Chen, Diana Gladstein, Diana Stork, Diana Wear, Elizabeth Blanton, Ellen Gregory, Glenna Mote, Helen Harris, Jack Ball, Jayne Thomas, Michael West, John Droutsas, Julia Rogers, Julie Nestingen, Karen Harris, Karin Lusnak, Katherine Jubelirer, Lana Martarella, Laura Price, Leahy Frias, Lewis Watts, Marc-Andre Robert, Margie Cohea, Myra Chachkin, Nalia Francies, Norman Hantzche, Paul Duchesne, Paula Cooper-Tipton, Rachel Birman, Rebecca Riley, Robin Henderson, Roddey Reid, Serge Morel, Shaun Partlow, Sherri Patterson, Sherry Fraser, Susan Wehrle, Tiffany Lach, Valerie Meyers, Dorothy Gilbert, Elizabeth Dortch, G.D. Perrett, Gayle McLaughlin, John Schooner, Lilliana Dodson, Sara Tobin, Yen Do, Ana Gonzalez, Blanca Retano, Briceida Guzman, Casandra Beck, Charlie Alabanza, Christi Hansman, Gabriela Mercado, Hipolito Pastrano, Ian Bimam, Ina Mason, Jane Courant, Joe Summers, Martha Pastrano, Michael Gilkssohn, Mike Parker, Nathaniel Moore, Sheila Dickinson, and Will Shuttuc, Zack Jensen, Naila Francies, Tarnel Abbott, Elsa Stevens, Brianna Costello, Claudia Jimenez, and Laura Thomas. A motion was made by Councilmember Myrick, seconded by Councilmember Johnson, to approve the staff recommended budget reductions totaling \$15,184,000 of savings and confirm that there would not be any General Fund subsidy of the Richmond Rent Program. Further discussion ensued. The motion passed by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Choi, Johnson, Myrick, Vice Mayor Bates, and Mayor Butt. **Noes:** **Abstained:** Councilmembers Martinez and Willis. **Absent:** None.

COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

I-1. 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, was introduced by Interim City Attorney Rachel Sommovilla. Discussion ensued. The following individuals gave comments via email, eComments, or telephone: Carolyn Graves, Diana Wear, Sara Sunstein, Sara Tobin, Gayle McLaughlin, Jim Hanson, Stephen Linsley, and Tarnel Abbott. On motion of Councilmember Myrick, seconded by Councilmember Johnson, accepted the staff recommendation by the following vote: **Ayes:** Choi, Johnson, Myrick, Vice Mayor Bates, and Mayor Butt. **Noes:** Councilmembers Martinez and Willis. **Abstained:** None. **Absent:** None.

I-2. 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 was introduced by Deputy City Manager Economic Development Shasa Curl. Discussion ensued. The following individuals gave comments via email, eComments, or telephone: Carolyn Graves, Stephen Linsley, Tarnel Abbott, David Graves, Gayle McLaughlin, Jeanne Kortz, and Margaret Child. On motion of Councilmember Myrick, seconded by Councilmember Johnson, accepted the staff recommendation by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Choi, Johnson, Myrick, Vice Mayor Bates, and Mayor Butt. **Noes:** Councilmember Willis. **Abstained:** Councilmember Martinez. **Absent:** None.

I-3. 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) was introduced by Community Development Director Lina Velasco. Discussion ensued. C. A. Cardenas submitted a comment via email. On motion of Councilmember Willis, seconded by Councilmember Willis, adopted **Ordinance No. 08-20 N.S.** by the unanimous vote of the City Council.

I-4. 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 was introduced by Interim Police Chief Bisa French. Discussion ensued. A motion was made by Councilmember Willis, seconded by Councilmember Myrick, to continue the item to the first meeting in July 2020, after the adoption of the new fiscal year budget. Further discussion ensued. The item was continued to July 7, 2020, by the unanimous vote of the City Council.

I-5. 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. 064 \$7,684 - \$9,322/month) was introduced by Interim Police Chief Bisa French. Discussion ensued. A motion was made by Councilmember Willis, seconded by Councilmember Myrick, to continue the item to the first meeting in July 2020 after the adoption of the new fiscal year budget. Further discussion ensued. The item was continued to July 7, 2020, by the unanimous vote of the City Council.

I-6. 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 was introduced by Community Development Director Lina Velasco. Discussion ensued. C. A. Cardenas submitted a comment via email. On motion of Councilmember Myrick, seconded by Councilmember Willis, said ordinance received the first reading and was laid over for one week for the second reading; and adopted **Resolution No. 45-20** by the unanimous vote of the City Council.

I-7. The matter to approve the installation of 575 street sweeping parking restriction signs in the Richmond Annex and Panhandle Annex Neighborhoods was introduced by Public Works Director Yader Bermudez. Discussion ensued. The Council requested the documents that tied this matter to environmental guidelines. The following speakers gave comments via email, eComments, or telephone: Caroline Johnson, Grover G, Lee Huo, Sara Sunstein, Tally Craig, Gayle McLaughlin, Kirk Essler, Madalyn Law, Monica Olivares, Stefanie Silvia, Naomi Williams, and Margaret Child.

(At approximately 11:03 p.m., a motion made by Councilmember Willis, seconded by Councilmember Johnson, extended the meeting to complete the discussion for item I-7 by the unanimous vote of the City Council).

Further discussion ensued for item I-7. The Council requested that the industrial areas documented as the highest in pollutants, such as Sims Metal and Levin Terminal, be swept more often and verified. On motion of Councilmember Willis, seconded by Councilmember Martinez, continued the matter for 90 days to allow staff time to work with the residents to develop a reasonable compromise regarding street sweeping signage to reach compliance passed by the unanimous vote of the City Council.

I-8. The matter to receive a presentation from POGO Park on the \$8.5 million Harbour 8 Park Expansion project Working in concert with community residents and on behalf of the City of Richmond, Pogo Park submitted a successful \$8.5 million "Prop 68" grant application to the State of California Parks and Recreation Department for the Harbour-8 Expansion Project was introduced by Public Works Director Yader Bermudez. POGO Park Executive Director Todi Maher presented a Powerpoint that highlighted images of the Harbour 8 Park new brick wall, art, play structures, archway, community plaza, miniature playing field, and many other new park features. The Council acknowledged POGO Park for its work and ability to secure grant funding.

I-9. The matter to receive a presentation on Census 2020, including an update on the Census timeline, Richmond's response rate, and activities planned to increase the response rate of Richmond residents, especially those populations considered hard to count was introduced by Community Development Director Lina Velasco. Contra Costa County Census Outreach Coordinator Matt Lardner, State of California Census Program Manager David Tucker, and Planning Intern Beatrice Guerrero presented a Powerpoint that highlighted the following: adjusted Census 2020 timeline; how to complete the census; Richmond's Response at 62.7% of households; and funding strategy (\$187 million). The presentation was summarized in Spanish. Ms. Velasco advised that additional information was available at www.cococensus.org. Ms. Velasco announced that the cities of Richmond and San Pablo were hosting a Census Caravan on May 30, 2020. Mr. Lardner

advised the community to email census questions or concerns to info@cococensus.org. The Council expressed concerns regarding residents without access to the internet. Ms. Velasco encouraged residents with limited internet access to contact the Planning Division at (510) 620-6706 regarding the census.

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

Councilmember Johnson announced that Ms. Estella Tuggles of the Richmond Iron Triangle and south side community celebrated her 92nd birthday.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:15 p.m., to meet again on Tuesday, June 2, 2020, at 6:30 p.m.

Clerk of the City of Richmond

(SEAL)

Approved:

Mayor

Sabrina Lundy

From: Al M <alix.mazuet@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 8:20 AM
To: City Clerk Dept
Cc: Tom Butt - external; Nat Bates; Ben Choi; Demnlus Johnson; Eduardo Martinez; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis
Subject: Public Comment - Agenda Item G-8

May 26, 2020

Subject: Item G-8

To the City Manager:

I would like to request that you pull out Item G-8 from the City Council Agenda for May 26, 2020.

More than 75 percent of voters cast their ballots in favor of Measures E and K. This clearly shows that Richmond residents, property owners, and taxpayers approve these measures, overwhelmingly. This approval is not surprising, because we desperately need to improve our public schools in Richmond. We cannot continue having disastrous results, such as 40 percent of our high school students whose local district is Kennedy High choosing another high school, or last year's debacle of more than 280 seniors being prevented from graduating in time.

Also, let us not forget the important goals of the "Kids First Initiative": to ensure children's physical, emotional, mental and social health, increase safety, community engagement and support, as well as equitable distribution of resources throughout the entire school system.

Finally, Measures E and K ensure that a portion of General Fund revenue are set aside to fund much needed youth programs and services.

Our children need us, they need all the help we can give. They are depending on us to make sure they receive the education all children deserve, under a competent, caring, professional Richmond School Board. We must not let our children down.

Therefore, I urge you to pull out Item G-8 from May 26 City Council Meeting's Agenda.

Cordially,

Alix Mazuet

Richmond Resident and Property Owner

Sabrina Lundy

From: Al M <alix.mazuet@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 8:25 AM
To: City Clerk Dept
Cc: Tom Butt - external; Nat Bates; Ben Choi; Demnlus Johnson; Eduardo Martinez; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis
Subject: Public Comment: Agenda G-9

May 26, 2020

Subject: Item G-9

To the City Manager:

I would like to request that you pull out Item G-9 from the City Council Agenda for May 26, 2020.

It is hard to believe that our City Council would consider the idea of repealing the Richmond Fair Rent, Just Cause for Eviction and Homeowner Protection Ordinance at a time when so many people in Richmond are facing economic insecurity.

Also, there is not enough data in Item G-9 to show that repealing this Ordinance is necessary because it has become redundant. There is no supportive documentation of how the Richmond Affordable Housing Ordinance would lighten bureaucracy and save staff time.

Yes, the City of Richmond needs to balance its budget. But this should not come at the cost of Richmond residents and their families. Please, don't sacrifice our children, our disabled and senior citizens, or any of our low-income people. We need you to continue protecting our rights and well-being. We need to preserve our rent control and just cause for eviction Ordinance.

I urge you to pull out Item G9 from May 26 City Council Meeting's Agenda.

In addition, because of the shelter in place ordinances and subsequent difficulties to participate in the City Council Meetings, I respectfully ask that the Council limit agenda items to urgent matters that are not controversial, until public speaking can take place in less complicated, less challenging conditions, and we can all participate in a face-to-face dialogue.

Cordially,

Alix Mazuet

Richmond Resident and Home Owner

Sabrina Lundy

From: Alvina Wong 黃曉茵 <alvina@apen4ej.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 1:28 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Public Comment - Item G-8

Hello Mayor and City Council,

My name is Alvina and I am an adult ally from the Asian Pacific Environmental Network. As someone who is committed to this community, I urge you to remove Item G8 from the Consent Calendar and commit to working in partnership with the community on a solution that doesn't impact services to children and youth and increases revenue for the City.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Alvina Wong

Alvina Wong, Campaign & Organizing Director | 黃曉茵, 社區組織總監
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Sabrina Lundy

From: Ann Higgins <higganzo@hotdamn.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 11:52 AM
To: City Clerk Dept
Cc: Eric Aaholm
Subject: Measure H / Kids First

Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Ann Higgins and I am a board member with YES Nature to Neighborhoods. For the past 7 years I have committed to this community by volunteering and raising funds with YES to benefit the youth and families of Richmond.

I am asking that you remove the Kids First proposal to align it with Measure H funding from the consent calendar on 5/26. Placing the item on the consent calendar prevents the public, who widely supported Measures E & K, from speaking on the item.

It is clear that the community needs to participate in making financial cuts to ensure all of our community members can thrive; gutting a measure as broadly supported as Kids First without accurate data or real community engagement is not how a transparent and engaged democracy works.

Leaders of the Kids First Coalition have been requesting to be at the table to identify solutions for the last few years. Please commit yourselves to authentically partnering with community organizations and unions on progressive measures to bring in revenue that won't strip away critical supports from those most impacted by COVID-19, and to ensure that children, youth, families don't bear the biggest burden of this economic downturn.

Thank you,

Ann Higgins
Board member, YES Nature to Neighborhoods

Sabrina Lundy

From: Annie Kohut Frankel <akfrankel@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 24, 2020 8:55 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: public comment – agenda item G-9

I support maintaining the Richmond Fair Rent, Just Cause for Eviction and Homeowner Protection ordinance and strongly oppose placing a measure to repeal it on the ballot in November. I urge a No vote on item G-9.

Thank you,

Anne Frankel

Park Plaza resident

Sabrina Lundy

From: Asya Saechao <asya.saechao@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 1:53 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Public Comments – Agenda Item G8

Hello Mayor and City Council,

My name is Asya Saechao and I am a student at UC Berkeley. I am a Richmond resident. As a young person from this community I urge you to remove Item G8 from the Consent Calendar and the agenda and commit to working in partnership with the community on a solution that doesn't impact services to children and youth and increases revenue for the City.

Thank you,
Asya Saechao

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Asya Koy Saechao (she/her)
UC Berkeley '22
Ethnic Studies, Education



Sabrina Lundy

From: Defend Public Education Now <1carloxt@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 2:17 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: agenda item G-9

Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers,

We urge to defend the working people of Richmond and preserve rent control and just cause for eviction in Richmond and **vote NO on item G-9.**

Richmond's Rent Program, approved by voters in November 2016, provides valuable services to tenants and landlords: protecting tenants from unfair rent increases and evictions; upholding landlords' right to a fair return on their property; and providing informational workshops, one-on-one consultations and conflict mediation to resolve most issues that arise.

Respectfully,

Carlos Taboada
Defend Public Education Now

Sabrina Lundy

From: Cindy Valentine <cvtoyou@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 8:28 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: Rent Control

This un-thought out rent control law needs to be repealed. The excessive bureaucracy to manage it costs way too much with no oversight and it has been counterproductive in that no developers want to build in Richmond, so no new rental properties. State mandate covers all the necessary bases so this local law is redundant. And the city can't afford it.

Please repeal it.

Cindy Valentine
Point Richmond

Sent from my iPhone

Sabrina Lundy

From: Claire McMurtry - YES Nature to Neighborhoods <claire@yesfamilies.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 2:45 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: public comments - agenda item g8

Hello,
Please remove the Kids First agenda item from the May 26 consent calendar. These measures to provide resources for Richmond youth were passed by 76% of voters in 2018 and we have a right to protect these funds!

Claire McMurtry

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Claire S. McMurtry
Development Director
Pronouns: She/Her
[An Update from YES - 4/17/2020](#)



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www.yesfamilies.org

To support our local and global community wellbeing, YES has closed our office until further notice, and cancelled or postponed all programming until further notice.

YES staff are working from home during this office closure, and we welcome you to be in touch. Please see www.yesfamilies.org/staff-board for contact information for all staff. I wish you and yours health and safety during this time.

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Para apoyar el bienestar de nuestra comunidad local y global, YES ha cerrado nuestra oficina y cancelado o pospuesto toda la programación hasta nuevo aviso.

El personal de YES está trabajando desde casa durante este tiempo, y le invitamos a estar en contacto. Consulte www.yesfamilies.org/staff-board para obtener la información de contacto de todo el personal. Les deseamos a usted y a los suyos salud y seguridad durante este tiempo.

Sabrina Lundy

From: Claire McMurtry - YES Nature to Neighborhoods <claire@yesfamilies.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 2:19 PM
To: City Clerk Dept
Subject: public comment – agenda item G-9

Hello I am writing to express my support for maintaining Richmond’s rent control and just cause for eviction program, and my opposition to placing a measure to repeal it on the ballot.

Claire McMurtry

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Claire S. McMurtry
Development Director
Pronouns: She/Her
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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Clea Felien <felien@sonoma.edu>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 24, 2020 4:06 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** public comment – agenda item G-9

Let this email show my support for maintaining Richmond's rent control and just cause for eviction program and my opposition to placing a measure to repeal it on the ballot.

Clea Felien  
Assistant Professor of Painting  
Department of Art & Art History  
Sonoma State University

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Cordell Hindler <cordellhindler@ymail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 21, 2020 8:29 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

hello Sabrina, i have 3 comments for the council's consideration

1. having Andy Katz to come and provide a presentation on the needs for a hospital in West County.
2. as far as G-1 i am in support of June as Diversity Month
3. with G-3, i did get an email from Corey OTT over at Salesian high and they are interested in hearing about the Youth Council, so i will meet with them in August.

Sincerely  
Cordell

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** David Belden <davebelden@earthlink.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 25, 2020 9:43 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** public comment – agenda item G-9

I am horrified that Mayor Butt is talking about repealing our current rent control and just cause for eviction program. I am a homeowner with a rental unit that is an important part of my own income, but my wife and I rent it at below market value because we think it is immoral how rents have escalated in recent years. Renters need to be protected. Housing should be affordable. Our country and especially the Bay Area's failure to make it affordable is the cause of many of our social problems.

Sincerely,  
David Belden  
6205 Panama Avenue. Richmond, CA 94804

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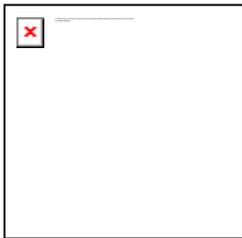
**From:** David Scott <david@rysecenter.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 2:36 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comments – Agenda Item G8

Hello public servants,

My name is David Scott and I am an adult ally who has been serving Richmond youth for the past two years as a RYSE Center staff member. I've had the immense privilege of regularly witnessing young people's resilience and beauty in my capacity as a Trauma Response Specialist. As someone firmly committed to a better future for these brilliant youth I urge you to remove Item G8 from the Consent Calendar. We need you to commit to working in partnership with the community on a solution that doesn't impact services to children and youth and increases revenue for the City.

Measure E&K was a moment where Richmond residents stood up and faithfully participated in democracy, hoping their elected representatives would honor their belief something better was possible. Your actions to cap Kids First will damage that faith, dampen the pride, and wonder as to what purpose precisely Richmond political leadership aspires.

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**David Scott**

Trauma Response Specialist

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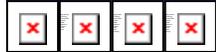
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**From:** Debi Clifford <debicliff@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 25, 2020 12:51 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** public comment - agenda item G-9 - for Tues May 26, 2020

Dear City Clerk,

Please include the following comments into the public record before tomorrow's City Council meeting. A copy has also been emailed to Mayor Butt and all City Council members.

Thank you,

Debi Clifford

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Dear Mayor Butt and City Council members,

I urge you to **vote NO on Item G-9 tomorrow! Please preserve our city's hard-won Rent Control, Just Cause for Eviction and Homeowner Protection Ordinance** that made Richmond a statewide leader in protecting its residents' housing.

A Richmond landlord and taxpayer, I own a duplex and rent out the second unit at a stable, below-market rate in order to guarantee my tenant my own version of rent control. Although I rely on the rent to support my fixed income, I am committed to providing fairly-priced housing. Our city should do the same.

I am especially appalled that you, Mayor Butt, would propose repealing rent control at a time when many of our residents are already terrified that they will be evicted and lose their homes due to the economic fallout from COVID-19. Instead of enacting this insensitive and destructive proposal, we should be innovating new ways to further protect our renters and homeowners at this traumatic time.

Finally, Item G-9 opens the door to the certain misuse of fees collected from landlords, as it fails to specifically stipulate how these funds will be used or their use, evaluated.

I appeal to you, Mayor Butt, and **all Council members** to reject this destructive proposal! Vote no on Item G-9!

Thank you for your continued service to our city at this difficult time.

Sincerely,

Debi Clifford

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**From:** Deborah Swarts <Deborah.Swarts@chaaweb.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 2:38 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comment - Agenda Item G-9

Dear City Clerk,

I am a Richmond resident and work for Community Health for Asian Americans, a local non-profit that offers mental health services to children and families who live in the area. After almost 4 years providing care in Richmond schools, homes, and clinics, I have noticed rising housing instability impacting many of my clients, exacerbating the health of not just individuals but entire families. Without dependable housing, my clients have difficulty building skills and social networks that enable them to heal—let alone maintain basic functioning at school, at home, and in the community. The COVID-19 crisis is intensifying these issues, as it has led to increased family stress, loss of employment, food insecurity, and serious financial strain.

Our community is only as healthy as those who have the fewest resources. Let's keep our social safety nets intact, especially during this time of global pandemic and economic uncertainty. I strongly urge you to preserve rent control and just cause for eviction in Richmond and **vote NO on item G-9**.

Sincerely,

Deborah Swarts, AMFT 102748  
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**From:** Denny Khamphanthong <denny@apen4ej.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 1:15 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comment

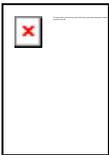
Hello Mayor and City Council,

My name is Denny Khamphanthong and I'm a lifelong Richmond Resident who's attended Verde Elementary, Helms Middle School, and graduated from Richmond High School in 2012. As a Student, Worker, and Organizer in this community I'm urging you to remove item G8 from the consent calendar and the agenda and commit to working in partnership with the community on solutions that doesn't impact services to children and youth and increase revenue for the city. Capping kids first will not provide any immediate revenue relief, so why put this on the ballot now when our community is feeling most vulnerable.

Growing up in Richmond was always a struggle and looking back at my education I can see how lack of resource, funding, and support affected me and my peers as we got older. These services are the only way for some children and youth to get the quality care, attention, education, and mentorship to grow in life. Capping funds on kids first funds will only cause more stress on educators and students who are already struggling with their transition to distance learning due to COVID. This proposed ballot measure will be confusing to voters and will take away from the progressive and real revenue measures unions and community based organizations are focused on to ensure children, youth, families don't bear the biggest burden of the economic downturn.

We know that in these moments everyone needs to participate in making the necessary cuts to ensure all of our community members can thrive. However gutting a measure, without accurate data or authentic community engagement is not how a transparent and engaged democracy works. Leaders of the Kids First Coalition have been requesting to be at the table to identify solutions for the last few years. And many are helping to lead the new revenue measures. Do the right thing and work with community organizations and unions to come up with real revenue solutions that doesn't come at the expense of children and youths' futures.

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**Denny Khamphanthong**

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**Richmond Community Organizer, Asian Pacific Environmental Network**

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**From:** Diana Wear <diana4richmond@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 2:04 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept; Jael Myrick; Ben Choi; Eduardo Martinez; Melvin Willis  
**Subject:** Public Comment-May 19 vote appreciation

Diana Wear

Richmond resident

Dear City Council Members, Myrick, Choi, Martinez, and Willis,

Thank you for your vote on May 19<sup>th</sup> extending the moratorium on rent. Since the Mayor ha proclaimed May 2020 as Affordable Housing Month and Affordable Homes for All this is particularly relevant. These are such difficult times. Your support for the people of our community who by no fault of their own may not be able to keep up with their housing expenses need relief and justice. I hope this is only the first step in finding creative ways to help our people stay in their homes and live in peace during this truly difficult time.

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**From:** Diana Wear <diana4richmond@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 2:25 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept; Tom Butt - external; Eduardo Martinez; Melvin Willis; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates; Ben Choi; Jael Myrick  
**Subject:** Public Comment - Agenda Item G-9

Diana Wear

Richmond resident

Dear Mayor and City Council:

Regarding the proposal to remove the Fair Rent Ordinance and put it on the November ballot, I urge you to **vote no on item G-9**.

You have proclaimed May 2020 **Affordable Housing Month and Affordable Homes for All**. And we are in the midst of an

unemployment crisis and pandemic. This would be laughable if it were not truly reprehensible. Perhaps this is just to highlight

the tremendous need in our community and this proposal is meant as satire.

But in case it isn't, let me provide a brief lesson. *Affordable housing* means rents that people can pay—even when they are

gainfully employed; security so that rents will be controlled and not allowed to skyrocket in the world of “market value”;

and just cause for eviction so that people have an opportunity to stay in their homes and not be rendered homeless due to

landlord whims (or otherwise greedy, uncivil behavior). Richmond's rent control and just cause for eviction measure has

been landmark legislation that put our city on the map for compassion and justice. Why would you undo that?

**Item G-9** seeks to ask voters to repeal the ordinance, and abolish both the Rent Board and the Rent Program.

No way. **Vote no**. And you want to take this action during the month in which you have proclaimed Affordable Housing Month and Affordable Homes for All? *Surely you gest.*

Sincerely,

Diana Wear

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Eric Aaholm <eric@yesfamilies.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 25, 2020 8:48 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public comments - not on the agenda for 5/26

Dear City Council Members,

As a Richmond resident and organizer of the Kids First Initiative that passed in November 2018 with 76% approval from Richmond voters, I urge you to remove the Kids First proposal to align it with Measure H funding from the consent calendar on 5/26. Placing the item on the consent calendar prevents the public, who widely supported Measures E & K, from speaking on the item.

We know that in these moments everyone needs to participate in making the necessary cuts to ensure all of our community members can thrive. However gutting a measure, without accurate data or authentic community engagement is not how a transparent and engaged democracy works.

Capping Kids First *will not* support any immediate revenue relief, so why put this on the ballot now when our community is feeling most vulnerable?

Leaders of the Kids First Coalition have been requesting to be at the table to identify solutions for the last few years. And many are helping to lead the new revenue measures.

Thank you,

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Eric Aaholm, MSW  
Executive Director  
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If you would like to enroll a young person for summer camp, please visit [www.yesfamilies.org/summer-camp](http://www.yesfamilies.org/summer-camp)

YES staff are working from home during this office closure, and we welcome you to be in touch. Please see [www.yesfamilies.org/staff-board](http://www.yesfamilies.org/staff-board)

for contact information for all staff.

We wish you and yours health and safety during this time.

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** George Speckman <gspeckman@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 24, 2020 1:41 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comment – agenda item G-9

Vote NO on Item G-9—Preserve Rent Control and Just Cause Eviction!

I am a citizen of Richmond and my ability to continue to living in Richmond is entirely dependent on Rent Control remaining in place. I teach Middle School Science, and I struggle to raise three children on my modest teacher's income.

In the context of a homelessness crisis in the Bay Area, I think it is unthinkable that we would strip the modest protections for renters that we do have.

Housing is a human right, and rent control is an important method of preserving that right for many of those who are vulnerable. We need to do more for renters, not less!

Thank you,  
*George Speckman*

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**From:** Graham Leggett <grleggett@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 25, 2020 6:21 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comment - Agenda Item G-9

YES on item G-9

It seems to me that rent control has not done much for the city or improving low-cost housing. I think we should let the voters reconsider whether rent control is worth the cost.

Thanks,

Graham Leggett  
Tel: 415-786-8450

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Hector Malvido <hmalvido@richmondcf.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 2:43 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept; City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** REMOVE ITEM G8 from CONSENT CALENDAR

Dear Council members,

Please remove Item G8 on the consent calendar (Kids First) from the consent calendar for this evening's meeting. It is imperative for transparency and trust building with our community that this item needs and deserves full public participation and council deliberation. It is ill advised and undemocratic to attempt an end-run around the will of the public on this important community commitment to funding and supporting the health and well-being of our city's youth and those love and support them.

Please step up in your leadership role, as so many community members have stepped up in theirs.

Thank you.

Hector Malvido  
Policy, Advocacy, and Community Engagement Manager  
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**From:** Jamileh Ebrahimi <jamileh@rysecenter.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 2:57 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comments - Agenda Item G-8

Hello Mayor and City Council,

My name is Jamileh Ebrahimi and I am an adult ally with the RYSE Center and I served as the campaign manager for the Kids First Campaign.

**The goal of Kids First is to ensure that Richmond's children & youth are physically, emotionally, mentally and socially healthy, educated, and live in stable, safe and supported families and communities.** The level of investment, coordination and accountability established by the Kids First Initiative is critical, especially given the current and impending impacts of COVID-19, that are now compounded with the inequities that existed prior to this moment.

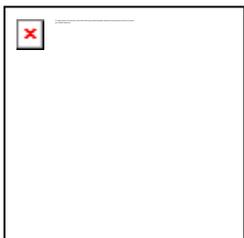
**Your actions to cap Kids First will not support any immediate revenue relief** (*There is no revenue allocation written into Kids First until 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 is only 1%*).

As an organizer who canvassed for Measure E&K and mobilized communities to get this measure on the ballot in 2018, I urge you to remove Item G8 from the Consent Calendar and the agenda and **commit to working in partnership with community on a solution that doesn't impact services to children and youth and increases revenue for the City.**

Thank you,

Jamileh Ebrahimi

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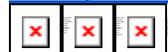
RYSE creates safe spaces grounded in social justice that build youth power for young people to love, learn, educate, heal and transform lives and communities.

### Jamileh Ebrahimi

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**From:** jan diamond <jandiam@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 25, 2020 12:42 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Cc:** Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Ben Choi  
**Subject:** VOTE YES on G-9

It is a travesty to have a rent control board with absolutely no oversight. It is appalling to have a outrageous wage increases for the administrators of the rent control program, with their 36 work week - they are now making more than physicians do! I strongly implore you to allow voters a change to vote for an ordinance that would replace the current dysfunctional model with a better rent control program that could have oversight by Richmond City Council.

Sincerely  
Jan Diamond

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Jan Diamond MD MPH  
(415) 609-5152 (cell)

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**From:** Jasmine Jones <jasmine@edfundwest.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 10:02 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comments – Agenda Item G8

Hello Mayor and City Council,

My name is Jasmine Jones and I am the Executive Director of West Contra Costa Public Education Fund and a lifetime Richmond resident. As someone who is committed to this community and all of my family who live in the various neighborhoods in Richmond, **I urge you to remove Item G8 from the Consent Calendar and commit to working in partnership with the community on a solution that doesn't impact services to children and youth and increases revenue for the City.**

Measure E&K was voted in by residents of the City of Richmond because they saw the value in the City making a commitment to invest in our children, to invest in our future. Many of the cities we look to like Oakland and San Francisco have had city departments dedicated to serving children and youth for years. What does this say about Richmond? Do we not care about our kids? Your actions to cap Kids First will have a profound negative impact on the Richmond community.

I would like to reiterate that **I urge you to remove Item G8 from the Consent Calendar and commit to working in partnership with the community on a solution that doesn't impact services to children and youth and increases revenue for the City.**

Warmly,  
Jasmine

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Jasmine Jones, MPA | Executive Director | [jasmine@edfundwest.org](mailto:jasmine@edfundwest.org)

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*You have to get your degree! Because the one thing people can't take away from you is your education. --Michelle Obama*

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**From:** Jean Hyams <jean@levyvinick.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 9:38 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Please Let the Community Be Heard - Remove Kids First from 5/26 Consent Calendar

Dear City Council Members & Mayor Butt,

I am a Richmond resident, civil rights attorney, and board member of YES Nature to Neighborhoods. I write in my individual capacity to urge you to remove the Kids First proposal to align it with Measure H funding from the consent calendar on 5/26. It is anti-democratic to take such precipitous action without offering the public – who passed the initiative in November 2018 with 76% approval – to speak about the item.

I understand we are dealing with a pandemic. But let's deal with it together – holding true to democratic values. We know that in these moments everyone needs to participate in making the necessary cuts to ensure all of our community members can thrive. However gutting a measure, without accurate data or authentic community engagement is not how a transparent and engaged democracy works.

Capping Kids First *will not* support any immediate revenue relief, so why put this on the ballot now when our community is feeling most vulnerable?

Leaders of the Kids First Coalition have been requesting to be at the table to identify solutions for the last few years. And many are helping to lead the new revenue measures. Find room at the table for their voices, energy and ideas.

With hope for a brighter future for Richmond,

Jean Hyams

[Jean K. Hyams](#)

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**From:** Jeannette Kortz <jeannekortz@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 24, 2020 5:48 PM  
**To:** Ben Choi; Tom Butt - external; Eduardo Martinez; Melvin Willis; Nat Bates; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Vote No on Agenda Item G-9 - Keep Rent Control and Just Cause for Eviction

Dear Mayor and Richmond City Council Members,

I am urging you to preserve rent control and just cause for eviction in Richmond and to vote NO on Agenda Item G-9.

**I can't think of a worse time to support putting on the November ballot a measure for the abolishment of rent control and just cause for eviction in Richmond. Untold numbers of people have lost jobs, and some of those jobs will not be available when the pandemic finally subsides. Families are struggling to pay their rent and to put food on their tables.**

**The Covid-19 pandemic could last well into next year. Although the State plans to re-open, there are medical experts who think it's too soon and we will be seeing an increase in Covid cases. Germany has opened up their economy, and new cases have begun to surge again in that country.**

**I find it cruel and unnecessary at this time, or any time for that matter, to abolish rent control and just cause for eviction.**

**There are at least two of you on the council who own rental property. You should recuse yourselves and not vote on this item. If you do, it is clearly a vote for your own self interest, and not in the interest of the renters in Richmond.**

**Thank you for your time.**

**Sincerely,**

**Jeanne Kortz  
Richmond Resident, and no, I am not a renter but I support rent control.**

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Jenn Rader <jenn@jmhops.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 10:17 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comments – Agenda Item G

Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Jenn Rader. I am an adult ally from the James Morehouse Project, the student wellness center at El Cerrito HS. The majority of young people we serve and partner with are Richmond residents. I am writing to urge you to remove Item G8 from the Consent Calendar and commit to working in partnership with the community on a solution that doesn't impact services to children and youth and increases revenue for the City.

Thanks so much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jenn Rader

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Jenn Rader

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Director; James Morehouse Project, El Cerrito High School

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**During COVID-19 school closure: 510-519-7816 (call/text okay)**

**\*\*In 2010, the Community Project changed our name to honor James Morehouse's 35 years of service to the El Cerrito High School community. Mr. Morehouse loved, mentored and inspired two generations of staff and students (from 1968-2003). The James Morehouse Project, in taking on his name, commits to carrying on his legacy of love, respect and service for generations to come.**

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Jim Hite <umbrella27@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 25, 2020 12:38 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comment Item G-9

Hello. My name is Jim Hite, Richmond resident, 21 years. I urge the city council to vote no on item G-9. Richmond is primarily a city of renters. If a measure goes on the ballot to remove the current rent control law in place, a large number of us renters will go door to door as we have done twice before, speaking to those who rent and vote explaining how this measure will affect their housing circumstances. During the course of this discussion those of you who vote yes on item G-9, your name will come up. We will favorably mention those who voted against G-9. Thank you.

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Joan Peters <hopeabdi@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 2:22 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comment - Agenda item G-9

I SUPPORT maintaining Richmond's rent control and just cause for eviction program and I OPPOSE placing a measure to repeal it on the ballot. This program provides valuable services to BOTH tenants and landlords: protecting **tenants** from unfair rent increases and evictions and upholding **landlords'** right to a fair return on their property. And it costs the city **NOTHING**. DO NOT PUT A MEASURE TO REPEAL IT ON THE BALLOT IN NOVEMBER!

Sincerely,

Joan Peters

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**From:** Kanwarpal Dhaliwal <kanwarpal@rysecenter.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 1:58 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Cc:** Kanwarpal Dhaliwal  
**Subject:** Public Comments – Agenda Item G8

Hello Mayor and City Council,

My name is Kanwarpal Dhaliwal and I am an adult ally from RYSE. I am committed to the well-being of this community and am part of multiple efforts working diligently and relentlessly to serve the priorities and needs of our most structurally vulnerable, including the Richmond Rapid Response Fund, and the West Contra Costa COVID Community Care Coalition.

Measure E&K was created in, with, by, and for community, and with partnership and deliberation around scaffolding and sustainability. Your actions to cap Kids First does not serve the immediate concerns you are raising around revenue relief, and your actions to place on consent calendar caps off and dismisses the work and overwhelming support of the community that brought this to fruition. I urge you to remove Item G8 from the Consent Calendar. And I urge you to commit to working in partnership with the community on a solution that doesn't impact services to children and youth and increases revenue for the City.

I may be reached at 510-579-1922 or [kanwarpal@rysecenter.org](mailto:kanwarpal@rysecenter.org)

### **Kanwarpal Dhaliwal**

Associate Director

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**From:** Kapris James <kapris.james@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 12:23 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** City council meeting tonight: remove Item G8

Hello Mayor and City Council,

My name is Kapris and I am an adult ally and member of the Children and Youth Oversight board and also I am a North Richmond resident. As someone who is committed to this community by being a member on the board as well as a concerned mother I urge you to remove Item G8 from the Consent Calendar and commit to working in partnership with the community on a solution that doesn't impact services to children and youth and increases revenue for the City.

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**From:** Kanwarpal Dhaliwal <kanwarpal@rysecenter.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 1:58 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Cc:** Kanwarpal Dhaliwal  
**Subject:** Public Comments – Agenda Item G8

Hello Mayor and City Council,

My name is Kanwarpal Dhaliwal and I am an adult ally from RYSE. I am committed to the well-being of this community and am part of multiple efforts working diligently and relentlessly to serve the priorities and needs of our most structurally vulnerable, including the Richmond Rapid Response Fund, and the West Contra Costa COVID Community Care Coalition.

Measure E&K was created in, with, by, and for community, and with partnership and deliberation around scaffolding and sustainability. Your actions to cap Kids First does not serve the immediate concerns you are raising around revenue relief, and your actions to place on consent calendar caps off and dismisses the work and overwhelming support of the community that brought this to fruition. I urge you to remove Item G8 from the Consent Calendar. And I urge you to commit to working in partnership with the community on a solution that doesn't impact services to children and youth and increases revenue for the City.

I may be reached at 510-579-1922 or [kanwarpal@rysecenter.org](mailto:kanwarpal@rysecenter.org)

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**From:** Kirstin Quinn Siegel <kirstinq@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 25, 2020 11:33 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** public comment – agenda item G-9

I'm writing in support of maintaining Richmond's rent control and just cause for eviction program and opposition to placing a measure to repeal it on the ballot.  
This is a time when we need to be protecting the most vulnerable to eviction and potential homelessness.

-Kirstin

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**From:** Lana Tilley <lana.tilley@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 8:24 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** public comments - agenda item G-8

Hello Mayor and City Council,

My name is Lana Tilley and I am an adult ally connected with RYSE. As an organizer who canvassed for Measure E&K and mobilized communities to get this measure on the ballot in 2018, I urge you to remove Item G8 from the Consent Calendar and the agenda and **commit to working in partnership with community on a solution that doesn't impact services to children and youth and increases revenue for the City.**

Measures E&K is an effective plan for the future of Richmond, as it will increase safety for children, youth, young adults, their parents/guardians, families and the communities in which they live by preventing problems and enhancing the strengths of children, youth, young adults and their families, especially as pain points and inequities resulting from the COVID -19 pandemic are felt. There is no revenue allocation written into Kids First until 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 is only 1%.

**Your actions to cap Kids First will not support any immediate revenue relief, so why threaten it now when our community is feeling most vulnerable?** Placing the item on the consent calendar prevents the public, who widely supported Measures E & K, from speaking on the item (Measures E passed with 76% support).

Thank you,  
Lana

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**From:** Lehidly Frias <lehidly@rysecenter.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 9:50 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comment--Agenda Item G8

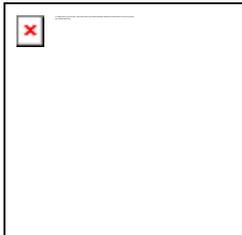
Hello Mayor and City Council,

My name is Lehidly Frias and I am an adult ally from the RYSE Center. As someone who is committed to this community and work in community healing and restorative practices, I urge you to remove Item G8 from the Consent Calendar and commit to working in partnership with the community on a solution that doesn't impact services to children and youth and increases revenue for the City.

Measure E&K is necessary to ensure a decrease in crime and an increase in community healing. Your actions to cap Kids First will endanger our current youth and the youth of tomorrow. The future of Richmond is your responsibility and capping the revenue for programs that support community healing will result in larger future costs as more youth will be funneled into the legal system, looking the human capacity for impact in the community.

Best,

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### Lehidly Frias

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**From:** Lisa Hammon <lhammon@choiceinaging.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 25, 2020 12:43 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Kids First Proposal - May 26th Council Meeting

Dear City Council and Mayor Butt:

I am a YES Nature to Neighborhoods Board Member. Located in Richmond, YES was very involved in the Kids First Initiative that passed in 2018 with 76% approval. Please remove the item to "align Kids First with the Measure H funding" from the consent calendar on May 26th. While we are all concerned about budgets, and are doing our best to balance them in this difficult time, gutting this measure without community engagement is not transparent and is not the right thing to do.

Please remove the item from consent. In addition, adequate time, possibly over several meetings, may be required in order for all concerned citizens, including the youth who will be affected by this potential action, to be able to participate in the process.

Thank you, Lisa Hammon

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Lisa Hammon

Director of Special Projects

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**Please note that I work 20 hours/week and am working remotely during "Shelter in Place." I wish you all good health during this difficult time and encourage you to stay in touch.**

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Dear Richmond City Council:

On behalf of LifeLong Medical Care and our families who live in the City of Richmond and helped to canvass for Measure E&K with Healthy Richmond, RYSE and other dedicated organizers.

We urge you to remove Item G8 from the Consent Calendar and the agenda and commit to working in partnership with community on a solution that doesn't impact services to children and youth and increases revenue for the City.

Measure E&K was specifically passed with a good faith effort to focus directly on the needs and youth in the community. Your actions to cap Kids First will negatively impact services to children and youth.

We request the following actions:

- 1. Remove from the consent calendar/ agenda and allow public comment as the public supported Measure E with 76% support.**
- 2. Authentically partner with community orgs and unions on progressive measures that bring in revenue and do not strip away critical supports from those most impacted by COVID-19.**
- 3. Transparent Data re: Measure H & current spending on children/youth budget and # of youth served.**
- 4. Work with organizations and data in the next two years to make adjustments to Measure E&K, if needed.**

Again, we urge you to remove this item from the consent calendar and allow for community input.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lucinda Bazile". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Lucinda Bazile, MPH  
Deputy Director

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**From:** Malaika Gray <mgray@ymcaeastbay.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 11:14 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** public comment - item G-9

Dear Councilmembers,

My husband and I live in Richmond, and we are outraged by item G-9, which is an attempt to override the people's decision in 2016. If you truly represent the people, please abide by the people's decision and vote NO on item G-9. We need rent control. And this is a cruel thing to do at this moment of crisis, when many members of the Richmond community are unable to pay their rent, and have lost jobs or lost hours at work. Please vote NO on G-9.

Thank you.

Malaika Gray

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**From:** Mariana Moore <MMoore@richmondcf.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 1:53 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Item G8 - Kids First

Dear Council members,

Please remove Item G8 on the consent calendar (Kids First) from the consent calendar for this evening's meeting. This item needs and deserves full public participation and council deliberation. It is ill advised and undemocratic to attempt an end-run around the will of the public on this important community commitment to funding and supporting the health and well-being of our city's youth and those love and support them. Please step up in your leadership role, as so many community members have stepped up in theirs. Thank you.  
Mariana Moore, Senior Director  
Ensuring Opportunity Campaign

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**From:** Marie Walcek <mkwalcek@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 8:37 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** public comment – agenda item G-9

In this time of mass unemployment and in the midst of a global pandemic, now more than ever it is important to maintain and strengthen any and all protections for renters. Here in Richmond, that means, at minimum, maintaining our Rent Control and Just Cause for Eviction program. These minimum protections for renters are crucial to minimize displacement and keep people in their homes. I urge the Mayor and Councilmembers to oppose any efforts to place a measure on the ballot to repeal these critical protections.

Thank you,  
Marie Walcek  
Richmond Resident

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**From:** Megan Chao <meganmch@usc.edu>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 2:54 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comment

Hello Mayor and City Council,

My name is Megan Chao and I'm a Richmond resident who has grown up attending Chavez Elementary, Helms Middle School, and graduated from Leadership Public Schools, Richmond in 2018. As a student and organizer in this community I'm urging you to remove item G8 from the consent calendar and agenda. I urge you instead to commit to working in partnership with the community on progressive measures that bring in revenue and don't strip away critical supports from those most impacted by COVID-19.

As a student in higher education now, I can't help but wonder how much more prepared and motivated my peers and I could've been with proper funding and programs focused on our development into adulthood. Capping Kids First would be detrimental to the progress that organizers have made in order to advocate for Richmond youth's growth and development.

Leaders of the Kids First Coalition have been requesting to be at the table to identify solutions for the last few years. Do the right thing and work with community organizations and unions to come up with real revenue solutions that doesn't come at the expense of children and youths' futures.

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### **Megan Chao**

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**From:** Megan Zapanta <megan@apen4ej.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 10:35 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Cc:** Tom Butt - external; Nat Bates; Ben Choi; Melvin Willis; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Eduardo Martinez  
**Subject:** Public Comments – Agenda Item G8

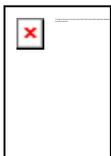
Hello Mayor and City Council,

My name is Megan Zapanta and I am the Richmond Organizing Director of the Asian Pacific Environmental Network (APEN). I am writing to you on behalf of our young people and families who canvassed tirelessly for Measures E&K because funding for youth are priorities for our community. **I am urging you to remove Item G8 from the consent calendar and agenda and commit to working in partnership with the community to find a solution that doesn't impact services for children and youth and increases revenue for the city.**

Our youth and families deserve better. As an organization committed to building the power of young people and fighting for the rights of immigrants and refugees, Measures E&K will provide critical support that our community needs. This is more true than ever right now with the health and economic impacts of COVID-19. We call on you to do right to by our youth and authentically partner with them in finding a solution rather than cutting necessary services.

Thank you for your time,  
Megan Zapanta

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**Megan Zapanta**  
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**From:** michael beer <michaelandrewbeer@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 24, 2020 2:19 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public comment - Agenda Item G-9

Dear Mayor and Council members,

I don't know why anyone would want to pull the rug out from renters during a pandemic.

I want you to keep Richmond's rent control and just cause for eviction statutes. To do any less than protect renters would be criminal, like refusing to throw a life preserver to a drowning man. That's the usual Republican strategy. "That drowning man needs to learn to swim right now."

And, of course, he drowns before he does. So are you Republicans or democrats?

Sincerely,

Michael Beer

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**From:** michael eichenholtz <mytsuris@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 25, 2020 9:24 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Item G-9

The corona virus and the unemployment that has resulted from that pandemic should require the city of Richmond to extend to its citizens just cause evictions and rent control. Anything less is a betrayal of good, humane city government.

Michael Eichenholtz

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** narvold@sunset.net  
**Sent:** Monday, May 25, 2020 5:26 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Nat Bates; Ben Choi; Demnlus Johnson; Eduardo Martinez; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Item G-9 - just cause eviction - PUBLIC COMMENT

Too y'all –

We need to STOP evictions in Richmond – particularly at this time of hardship for so many people.

Just cause eviction is NEEDED as a principle and as a platform and policy for our city.

Please vote NO on Item G9 – and support the needs of people to remain housed except in extreme situations.

Dr. Nancy C. Arvold, PhD, MFT  
Resident of Richmond  
206 Collins Street, Richmond, 94801

Thank you. Let me know the outcome of the vote.

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Nicole Manzana <nicole@apen4ej.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 2:33 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comments – Agenda Item G8

Hello Mayor and City Council,

My name is Nicole Manzana and I am an adult ally from the Asian Pacific Environmental Network and someone that cares deeply about the well being of youth and children across the most vulnerable populations in the Bay Area. I urge you to remove item G8 from the Consent Calendar and commit to working in partnership with the community on a solution that doesn't impact services to children and youth and increases revenue for the City.

Measure E&K passed with an incredible amount of support from the people that you serve and placing the item on the consent calendar truly prevents the public from democratic engagement. Your actions to cap Kids First will not address immediate revenue relief and is untimely especially when the community feels most vulnerable.

Please hear us through and act. Thank you.

Best,  
Nicole

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**From:** PJ Singh <pj@sfbiztech.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 25, 2020 7:03 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Cc:** Tom Butt - external; Nat Bates; Ben Choi; Demnlus Johnson  
**Subject:** Public Comment – Agenda item G-9

Hello Everyone!

I would like to support the mayor's effort to repeal rent control in Richmond—item G-9 on Tuesday's City Council agenda for following reasons:

1. As of January 1, California has statewide rent control.
2. The money to execute Richmond rent control is funded by taxpayers money, especially Richmond property owners. This money can be allocated to support many more needed services that Richmond can offer to better support its Residents.
3. Many landlords have exited and avoided the Richmond market since the rent control has been installed in the City of Richmond.
4. Developers will not be motivated to build apartments in Richmond.
5. People will stay in apartments for decades, thus eliminating housing mobility.
6. Supply drops significantly, driving up rents region-wide.
7. Market and economics should determine the rent as opposed to the rent control board.
8. Having Rent Control does not help increase home values.

Thank you,

PJ

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**From:** Randy Joseph <rfjoseph23@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 11:08 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comments- Agenda Item G8

Hello,

I would like to leave a public comment.

My comment:

Please remove item G8 from the consent calendar/agenda.

Actually partner with community Organizations and unions on measures that bring in revenue.

Do not make youth pay for the incompetence of adults. These are critical funds needs to fund services that youth desperately need. Do not make them pay for adult mistakes. Especially in this new age of Covid-19, striping Richmond Kids First will hurt youth in this community.

I want transparent data on Measure H. What is the current spending and how many youth has this served.

Make adjustments to Measure E & K, while working with the community. Do not get rid of it.

Thank You,

Randy Joseph  
Richmond Resident

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**From:** Richa Dahal <rdahal@ucdavis.edu>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 2:56 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comments

Hello,

My name is Richa Dahal and I am writing to Mayor Butt to list some demands to help improve our community. These are the demands:

- 1.) Do not cap Kids First Richmond - we need this initiative in order to improve our community. Remove this item from the consent calendar/agenda.
- 2.) Authentically partner with community orgs and unions on progressive measures that bring in revenue and do not strip away critical support from those most impacted by COVID19.
- 3.) Have transparent data available, especially regarding: Measure H and current spending on children/youth budget and number of youth served
- 4.) Work with orgs and data in the next two years to make adjustments to Measure E&K (depending on need).

Please listen to the needs of your community!

Richa Dahal

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**From:** Sara Sunstein <sarasun18@humboldtmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 1:33 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** request to remove from consent calendar-G-9

to the Council, Mayor, and staff,  
I request that item G-9 be removed from the consent calendar tonight.

I spoke with Dominique in the Mayor's office and she did not know if the new proposal would eliminate Just Cause Eviction.

I have a landlord from hell who likes to threaten me with eviction—He threatened to evict me with 3-days notice when I put up prayer flags, saying I'd changed the appearance of the building, and that was breaking the lease. When I ask for repairs, or complain about the insufficiency of what he'd done, he suggests I look for somewhere else to live. He proposed a rent hike last fall that was 3x the legal amount, and when I confronted him on it with info from the rent board, he wrote, "so you've found the rent board's site."

I have a neighbor in the duplex who will corroborate my statements.

Just Cause Eviction and rent control are my only protections living here. and I would move in a heartbeat if I could find something affordable, in equal or better condition, in a safe neighborhood. But so far, no success.

We tenants need protection against such landlords. We need a lot more information about eliminating Just Cause before our council consents to such an action, even if it's only for a draft proposal.

Off the consent calendar, please!  
Thank you.

Sara Sunstein  
1664 San Benito

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**From:** Sheryl Lane <slane@bbk-richmond.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 2:49 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public comments – agenda item #G8

Hello Mayor Butt and City Council Members:

My name is Sheryl Lane and I am the executive director at Building Blocks for Kids (BBK).

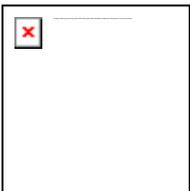
I recognize the myriad of challenges and dire circumstances that the City of Richmond along with residents, businesses, and community organizations are experiencing during this COVID-19 pandemic.

Now more than ever is the time to thoughtfully think about how we map out next steps for our future which are fully inclusive of the voices who are most affected by policy and practice change.

I urge you to remove Item G8 from the Consent Calendar and the agenda and commit to working in partnership with community and to take the time to think about a solution that doesn't impact services to children and youth and increases revenue for the City.

Best Regards,

Sheryl



### **Sheryl Lane**

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**From:** Shilpa Bhongir <shilpa@myconcourse.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 1:49 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comments – Agenda Item G8.

Hello Mayor and City Council,

My name is Shilpa Bhongir and I am an adult ally from Concourse Education. As someone who is committed to this community by supporting working youth to earn their bachelor's degrees, I urge you to remove Item G8 from the Consent Calendar and commit to working in partnership with the community on a solution that doesn't impact services to children and youth and increases revenue for the City.

Thank you,  
Shilpa Bhongir

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**From:** Stephanie Medley <stephanie@rysecenter.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 1:59 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comments – Consent Agenda item #G-8

Hello Mayor and City Council,

My name is Stephanie Medley and I am an adult ally from the RYSE Center and grew up in Richmond. As an organizer who canvassed for Measure E&K and mobilized communities to get this measure on the ballot in 2018, I urge you to remove Item G8 from the Consent Calendar. Placing the item on the consent calendar and agenda prevents the public, who widely supported Measures E & K, from speaking on the item (*Measures E passed with 76% support*).

Additionally, Kids First is critical to our community and capping Kids First *will not* support any immediate revenue relief. There is no revenue allocation written into Kids First until 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 is only 1%. This proposed ballot measure will be confusing to voters and will take away from the progressive and real revenue measures unions and community-based organizations are focused on to ensure children, youth, families don't bear the biggest burden of the economic downturn. Putting this on the ballot now will hurt the community when we are in a very vulnerable state.

In this unprecedented time, we know that everyone needs to participate in making the necessary cuts to ensure all of our community members can thrive. However gutting a measure, without accurate data or authentic community engagement is not how a transparent and engaged democracy works. I urge you to work in partnership with the community and leaders of the Kids First Coalition to ensure that our youth and families have the robust supports that they need and deserve.

**\* Please note, RYSE will be working remotely until further notice, visit our website for a list of virtual programming and resources \***



**Stephanie Thibodeaux Medley, JD**

Director of Education & Justice

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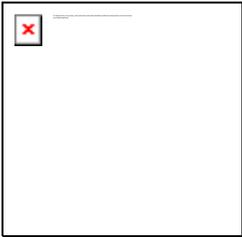
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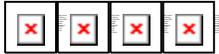
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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Tara Malik <tara@rysecenter.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 2:40 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comments – Agenda Item #G-8

Hello Mayor and City Council,

My name is Tara Malik and I am an adult ally from the RYSE Center. As someone who is committed to this community by developing arts programs in partnership with staff and youth, local organizations, and WCCUSD, I urge you to remove Item G8 from the Consent Calendar. Our collective city-wide programs are a critical support for young people in developing their identity, creativity, and leadership through the arts. Please commit to working in partnership with the community on a solution that doesn't impact services to children and youth and increases revenue for the City.

Measure E&K builds on the legacy of young people who advocated for a city fund that would ensure Richmond's children and youth are physically, emotionally, mentally, and socially healthy, educated, and live in stable, safe and supported families and communities. Your actions to cap Kids First will not support any immediate revenue relief and comes at a time when the Richmond community is feeling most impacted during a pandemic.

**Please:**

**1. Remove from the consent calendar/ agenda.**

- There is no revenue allocation written into Kids First until 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 is only 1%.
- Placing the item on the consent calendar prevents the public, who widely supported Measures E & K, from speaking on the item (*Measures E passed with 76% support*).

**2. Authentically partner with community organizations and unions on progressive measures that bring in revenue and don't strip away critical supports from those most impacted by COVID-19.**

- This proposed ballot measure will be confusing to voters and will take away from the progressive and real revenue measures unions and community based organizations are focused on to ensure children, youth, and their families don't bear the biggest burden of the economic downturn.

**3. Share transparent data re: Measure H & current spending on children/youth budget/# of youth served.**

- The community has been requesting accurate data from the City regarding money spent on children and youth for the past ten years. To date we have only received inaccurate and overstated budgets with no data of youth served attached.

**4. Work with organizations and data in the next two years to make adjustments to Measure E & K if needed.**

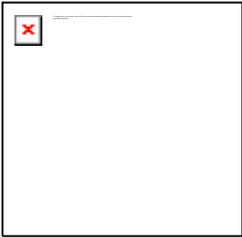
- We know that in these moments everyone needs to participate in making the necessary cuts to ensure all of our community members can thrive. However gutting a measure, without accurate

data or authentic community engagement is not how a transparent and engaged democracy works.

- Leaders of the Kids First Coalition have been requesting to be at the table to identify solutions for the last few years. And many are helping to lead the new revenue measures.

Thank you,  
Tara

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**Tara Malik**  
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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** agnesbau <agnesbau@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 10:32 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Pool and library

Hi

I understand that richmond has to cut down services with a big deficit .  
But why I am paying property taxes then .  
Can the city find a middle to keep a library open at least and 1 pool or reduce hours .?  
No more community centers for seniors?

Who is going to choose to live in Richmond if the city has nothing to offer ?  
Sincerely disappointed  
Agnès

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Alecia Martin <aleciafm@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 2:22 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** public comments - not on the agenda

My name is Alecia Martin and I am a member of IBX Fitness, a group fitness program operating out of the Booker T Anderson community center in Richmond. I am also a former resident of Contra Costa County, and current resident of Alameda County. In addition, I have a Masters in Public Health and work in Maternal Child Adolescent Health at the San Francisco Department of Public Health. My opinions are my own.

I am writing to you about my concern regarding item 10 in the Potential Budget Balancing Strategies to cancel recreation activities through December 2020. As far as I understand, this budget cut would reduce access to all Richmond community centers, including Booker T Anderson.

From a public health perspective, I am supportive of limiting access to buildings and services if being open poses a greater risk to community health during this pandemic, than closing. However, the decision to close community centers purely from a budgetary perspective does not feel like the right approach right now. Richmond community centers bolster community health with opportunities for connection, physical activity, children and youth programming, and provide jobs to local residents. If we don't execute this reopen phase with community health as a priority (rather than just retail/economy), we are just pushing the public health crises down the line and will see chronic disease, mental illness, isolation, and loneliness grow.

Personally, the IBX Fitness program at Booker T Anderson has had a hugely positive impact on my physical and mental wellbeing. It is the first fitness program I have stuck with, and I've been with IBX for almost 3 years! Additionally, the experience of being at BTA is always a positive one. The grounds are beautiful and the BTA part time staff who open and close the building are kind and welcoming. And lastly, the IBX business owner, Ian Birnam, has already developed a plan, ahead of local or CA state guidance on reopening gyms safely, including social distance areas, not sharing equipment, temperature checks at the door, etc. This helps me to feel safer and more enthusiastic about coming out of shelter in place.

Again, if the risk of COVID is keeping the doors closed through Dec 2020, I am supportive. But, if community centers are on the chopping block to save the city money, I strongly feel that is a mistake.

Thank you for your time.  
Alecia Martin, MPH

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Amanda G Lucas <aglucasla@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 2:38 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Community, pool, library closures

I am reaching out to offer my support of our community and recreation centers and push for a way to keep them operating, even if that means coming up with new combined uses and services. We cannot lose the access of these buildings as they are central to the quality of life in our city.

The option to balance a budget without them needs to be rethought and creatively problem solved.

Best,

Amanda Lucas

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Anne Rowe <annebrowe33@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 22, 2020 11:49 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public comments--not on the agenda, 5/26/20 (Item H-1)

To Members of the City Council of Richmond, City Manager, and Mayor:

I am aware of the difficult challenges you face in developing budget balancing strategies for the City, but urge you to come up with a creative funding plan that would ensure the safe re-opening and continuing operation of the Richmond Swim Center and Richmond Plunge, as well as other key recreation programs offered by CSD. Of all the pools available to residents in the East Bay, the two Richmond Pools are at the top of the list for excellence of facilities and competence of staff which is so capably administered and supervised by Paula Cooper-Tipton.

On a personal note, I have depended on the healing waters of both pools for 21 years-- originally to relieve a painful auto-immune disorder and now continues to support good health and spirit in Richmond's wonderful community. I think of the littlest users and their parents/caregivers, the lap swimmers and walkers and youthful athletes, as well as friendly and well-trained lifeguards who watch over them (and need their jobs!). I am missing the water but also the friendly welcome that people like Carmen provide at the "front desk", and I know that there are many others who feel the same.

Please evaluate and make your cost cutting decisions carefully and in accord with staff recommendations for these programs.

Thank you,

Anne Rowe

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Barbara <ptabahbah@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 8:03 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Cc:** RVAmayor@richmondgov.com  
**Subject:** Fwd: Agenda item H-1 for May 26, 2020

I am resending this with the proper date. Thank you. Barbara

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**From:** ptabahbah@aol.com  
**To:** cityclerkdept@ci.richmond.ca.us  
**Cc:** RVAmayor@richmondgov.com  
**Sent:** 5/25/2020 7:27:57 PM Pacific Standard Time  
**Subject:** Agenda item H-1 for June 2, 2020

Hello:

My name is Barbara Hauser. I have been in the field of Physical Therapy, Personal Training and Massage since 1988. My work has encompassed every kind of physical therapy including nursing homes, hospitals, private practice in the Bay Area and for the last 20 years aquatic therapy and fitness in various pools in the East Bay. (I have also performed professionally in orchestras and ensembles in the Bay Area and other parts of the world.)

Last year I started a small business for aquatic fitness called Barbara's Aquatic Fitness. I chose to do this work at the Richmond Swim Center because I live live in the Richmond Annex and wanted to give back to the community and surrounding areas. I have rented a fairly large area of this pool since last August. It provides my clients with easy access, various levels of water and enough steps to do fall prevention training for 5-6 people simultaneously. I specialize in fall prevention and any other diagnosis that will do well in aquatic work.

I am writing because I want to continue my work at this lovely, well kept pool. The manager and lifeguards are very experienced and helpful. Moreover I want to support all the classes and swim sessions at Richmond's pools. They are important for the health and well-being of the entire community.

Benefits of water exercise are:

Relaxation of stiff joints and tight muscles, improvement of range of motion, ease of movement and decrease of pain. Water supports the entire body and provides trunk support to decrease fear of falling. Buoyancy of water can be used in several ways: Water has viscosity which provides very gentle resistance which is frictional resistance 790 times greater than frictional resistance of air. Various water depths provide different functions for the body. Examples: water level near the waste line provides 50% of the individual's weight, water level at the ziphoid process (chest area where CPR is done) is 30% of the body weight and water level at cervical bone C7 (the lowest bone of the 7 in the neck) provides 10% of body weight. As my clients do various exercises in different levels of water they get stronger in each section of their bodies. I use specialized aquatic equipment for development of core strength, jumping, walking, running, stepping, balance and strengthening of all body muscles and tendons. We also use pool noodles for stretching and exercise and they can be used for social distancing. Also the weight and distribution of water create a natural support for the body much like compression hosiery. This reduces swelling.

Water is the time-borne tonic designed to nurture, heal, strengthen and replenish our bodies. Used as an external application, it can not only cleanse the physical body but envelope it as a powerful therapeutic tool. Of course the internal application of water through ingestion invigorates the body at its most basic cellular level. Everything about us relies on water. The processes of the brain are fueled by 85% water content, the lungs have 90% water content for respiration and bone tissues are dependent on water at 22%. In short, no life processes are possible without water.

It is my sincere hope that the County of Contra Costa will allow pools to open soon with social distancing and safety measures in place. Since I started this program I have had several people graduate from the classes and go on to higher levels in water aerobic classes. I have also had many people who have had joint replacements and made great progress in gait, strength and balance. My favorite result was a woman in her 70s who entered this program; she had a stroke in 2016 and was extremely weak when she entered pool. She could not walk without help and supervision as she had very little physical strength. In the short space of 2 one hour sessions in the month of Feb. this year she made great progress; she was able to get in the pool by herself and walk without the assistance of a plastic and foam pool walker. After 4 total visits just before the pandemic, she was twice as strong as when she entered pool the first time. She, her husband and the whole class of 5 plus myself applauded her. I have kept up with her and my other clients while they have been sheltering in place. They are doing some of the pool exercises at home and staying well. However they miss the pool and the classes and are definitely looking forward to returning to aquatic work. When people step into a pool to exercise they always seem to be much happier than when they do exercises on land. Water is uplifting and enlightens and nurtures naturally. In short working in water is pure fun!

Thank you for your attention. I truly hope pools in Richmond can safely open soon.

Barbara Hauser, Aquatic Instructor

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Phone: 510-847-5056

\* Indications for aquatic exercise are wide ranging: acute injuries; pre and post surgery; pain control; limited range of motion; gait and postural training; improvement of body mechanics to avoid re injury; obesity; stroke; cerebral palsy; generalized weakness; balance deficits; orthopedic injuries; trauma; transition from non weight bearing to full weight bearing; arthritis; fibromyalgia; motor coordination; spasticity; joint replacements (after all wounds are healed), prenatal and postnatal problems; osteoporosis; agility; strength training; work conditioning and increased circulation.

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Barry Burgess <burgesssliens@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 1:22 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public comment

I support bankruptcy as an option so that the Plunge and PT. Richmond library and it's activities may continue for those of us who have been dependent upon them.

Barry Burgess

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Bonnie Jo Cullison <bjocullison@sonic.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 2:15 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** public comments

So once again it looks like community services will get the shaft in the budget balancing process. I can't believe that given the current circumstances the unions are unwilling to make concessions. You can bet that when it's their turn for support they won't have mine! And what is so precious about executive salaries and pensions when so many people are struggling to stay afloat at the moment. I think salary concessions all around are in order.

Community services are even more important than ever now that so many people have so much less in the way of resources to enrich their lives. Come on unions! Come on executives! You've got your comfortable nest eggs. Think of those who have less for a change.

Bonnie Jo Cullison  
Richmond resident

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Callie Raab <callieraab@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 23, 2020 10:03 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** funding our pools

To Whom It May Concern,

I am incredulous 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 this way.

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.

Sincerely,

Callie Raab

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** claw <carol@artsplural.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 21, 2020 8:51 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; City Clerk Dept  
**Cc:** Nat Bates; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Ben Choi; Melvin Willis  
**Subject:** URGENT: Save the Richmond Pools

To whomever is involved in making any decisions regarding the Natatorium in Point Richmond and the Richmond Swim Center:

Dear Friends and Elected Officials,

We are all distressed about so many things right now, and we know the city has many financials issues to manage. However, It is more important than ever to maintain the few services that make us human, help us stay healthy and support us psychologically. The Swimming Pools are essential and enable us to live a more satisfying and healthy life. We have lost so much, so please do not take this important resource away too. There must be a way to maintain the pools and open them for limited use to help us manage our health.

It is not only (or even primarily) about recreation for us. My husband and I both use these two pools about three times a week for rehabilitation and exercise. My (Carol's) back is in constant pain without water walking in the deep end and Charles would face a hip replacement without his swimming and exercises. Such an operation for him could be fatal as he has a condition that makes him very susceptible to bacterial infections.

There is no way to duplicate this type of weightless exercise in a gym or at home. And we are not alone in this need but have met countless others who depend on the pools for daily and weekly work-outs. Most of us are older, with multiple health issues and our time in the water is always a positive, uplifting experience and relieves pain. I urge you to find some way to fund and reopen the pools, maybe with a reduced schedule.

**How would this work? We understand the water is not a carrier of COVID19 but the contact with the other people and the locker room use is an issue. We wear flotation belts and would most likely never be a problem for a life guard. We could even skip the locker rooms, shower at home, wear a suit and robe, come swim and go straight home to shower. Whatever it takes...we would co-operate. Access to the toilets would be the only contact. Also you could increase the fees by "donation" for those that could afford a bit more. Please move carefully on this. The Point Richmond Pool is especially such a gem and so large and full of fresh air. It would probably be the safest of the indoor heated pools. As for the children and lap swimmers, they would probably be safest in one of the outdoor pools over the summer. However, for the disabled, the older customers and those in rehab from operations, we really are desperate to get back in that heated indoor pool. Hopefully, we will see some better options by the fall, as things can change.**

Carol Law (and Charles Amirkhanian)

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Ashley Caldwell <ashleycaldwell7@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 24, 2020 11:06 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** "Public comments – agenda item #H1"

To Whom it May Concern:

This email in regards to the possible closure of May Valley After School Program. My daughter is 6 years old and has utilized May Valley since attending Valley View last year. It would be such a hardship for my husband and I if you were to close May Valley. We both commute for work and have little no support system which would make it extremely difficult if we didn't have this particular after school program. My daughter has learned so much there, the staff is very attentive and helpful with my child's well being as well as making sure she has support with homework.

As a parent, who works in law enforcement I find it difficult to trust individuals with my child and I have felt very comfortable because they know my child, know who is authorized to pick her up and I have the comfort of knowing she is safe at all times.

With the stress of being an essential worker as well as my husband during Covid 19, closing May Valley would just bring an added stress to my family leaving us with no childcare for my daughter.

I am begging you to please please please consider keeping May Valley After School Program open.

Thank you,

Brian and Ashley Caldwell

Sent from my iPhone

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Caron Lee <caronlee@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 22, 2020 3:36 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; City Clerk Dept; Nat Bates; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Ben Choi; Melvin Willis  
**Subject:** Public comments - not on the agenda (Item H1)

Dear Mayor Butt and City Council members,

It is saddening for me to read that the City of Richmond is considering closing the pools for the remaining calendar year. As a Richmond Plunge Masters' swimmer and regular patron of the Plunge, swimming is a reprieve and solace for me. It also offers me a community of similarly-minded individuals who love swimming and maintaining physical fitness and team camaraderie. The pool offers both a recreational opportunity and community for many, ranging from the youth and masters' swim teams to the exercise classes, many of which are not possible outside of a pool (e.g., aquatic occupational therapy).

Richmond and many cities across the country are grappling with budget deficits due to revenue loss from COVID-19 restrictions. Are there creative ways to continue to keep the pool accessible to the many youth and adults of all ages who used it before COVID-19 restrictions? Could the City consider maintaining pool access with reduced hours? Is there a way that pool patrons could partner with the City to seek grants from organizations willing to support health and wellness?

Throughout COVID-19, the mantra has been, "We are in this together." How can pool patrons and the City of Richmond together find a way to keep the pool open? We need to work together more than ever due to the pandemic and economic repercussions.

Sincerely,  
Caron Lee

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Neil and Cathren Murray <neilandcathren@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 12:24 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comment for Council Meeting on 5/26. Agenda Item H 1.

To the Richmond City Council

As a senior citizen and resident of Richmond, I want to express my concerns over proposals to cut the Community Services Department budget.

CSD recreational activities provide numerous benefits in physical and mental health, as well as social well-being, for Richmond residents of all ages. The pools, the tennis programs, the gym, and many other CSD activities are an essential part of the Richmond community – and will be even more important as the current pandemic continues. I urge you not to cut these invaluable services.

Thank you for your consideration.

Cathren Murray

106 Nicholl Ave

Richmond, 94801

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Cordell Hindler <cordellhindler@ymail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 21, 2020 8:59 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Budget Session

hello Sabrina, i was looking at the strategies to balance the Budget, and here is my Recommendations:

1. i would Direct Staff not to Eliminate the Festivals from the Budget.
2. also i would Direct Staff to not to institute the Hiring Freeze because we are trying to attract potential employees that would like to work in the city of Richmond.
3. also not to eliminate Car Allowances because when you have a new employee, they need a city car to do Business for the City: for E.g attending a Meeting in EL Cerrito.
4. revisiting the Reorg chart to consider adding a couple of Positions for e.g, Administrative Secretary in Library & community services and Assistant Public works Director in Public Works

Sincerely  
Cordell

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** David Chen <david.chen@davidwchenlaw.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 2:32 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Richmond pool closures

I am writing to express my support for the city of Richmond swimming pools and to urge Richmond city officials to keep them open. They are an important part of the community.

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Diana Gradstein <dgradstein@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 8:21 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Cc:** Danielle Laguna  
**Subject:** PUBLIC COMMENTS-Agenda item H-1

Honorable Richmond City Council:

I am reaching out to plead that you keep after school programs open for working families this fall. I realize you must make very tough decisions due to the budget, however these programs must be a priority to the community. Both my husband and I work full time and we, along with dozens of other families from Valley View rely on May Valley for affordable after school supervision. I've spoken with several other parents and we are all very worried. If May Valley closes we have no other options for our children in the area. The program is supportive, enriching and essential. I (and I'm sure other parents) would be willing to incur a fee hike if need be to keep the program going.

With gratitude,  
Diana Gradstein

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Diana Stork <dianastork@harpdancer.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 12:59 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Keep our pools open - asap!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

To Whom it May concern;

heard you were going to cut swimming pool hours when you reopen. I am a senior citizen who swam daily at the Plunge in Point Richmond to help me with a serious condition of herniated disks in my neck. Swimming has been my lifeline to keep from surgery, which at best, MiGHT work. Keep our pools open!! I am one of hundreds in our area that needs to swim - for life.

~Diana Stork

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Diana Wear <diana4richmond@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 2:07 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Cc:** Mayor Tom Butt; Jael Myrick; Eduardo Martinez; Melvin Willis; Ben Choi; Nat Bates; Demnlus Johnson  
**Subject:** Subject: Public Comment—Agenda Item H-1 Budget Session

Diana Wear

Richmond resident

To Mayor and City Council,

The Richmond Public Library must be spared from budget cuts or closures.

We all know these are critical times and cuts need to be made, but libraries are vital assets for our community. Richmond's libraries are full of important services, books, and essential resources for a wide swath of our community.

Many people cannot get transportation to the Main Library and branch libraries are critical to them.

If you must make cuts, use reserve funds to first save jobs, especially for those who provide direct service to the public. Layoffs, furloughs and salary reductions should be made proportional across the board starting most significantly with executive management. This is only fair and reasonable.

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Elizabeth Blanton <elizabethsblanton@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 2:54 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Agenda Item H-1

I'd like to submit the following comment to the City Council regarding potential cuts to library funding:

Our city's libraries are a critical service to our community that are needed now more than ever. With kids in need of support for online learning, job seekers needing assistance searching for new employment, and the larger population hungry for information about the current state of the pandemic and in need of books, DVDs, and online resources to keep them occupied while sheltering in place, the library and its plethora of resources are essential. As a City employee myself for another jurisdiction, I know tough budget choices must be made in these challenging times. However I implore you to try to maintain this critical service for our community.

Thank you,  
Elizabeth Blanton  
144 Lakeshore Ct.  
Richmond CA 94804

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Ellen Gregory <ellengregorylaw@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 21, 2020 7:39 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept; Nat Bates; ezedmartin@yahoo.com; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Ben Choi; Melvin Willis  
**Subject:** Richmond Swimming pools

Mayor Butt,

I am a lifelong swimmer. I swam competitively through college, including participating in the NCAA Women's Division I championships in 1983.

I have been swimming with the Richmond Plunge Masters program since Fall of 2018 when I moved to the Bay Area from Indiana. I also currently serve as Secretary on the Board of Directors for Richmond Swims.

The Plunge is a spectacular facility, and the Richmond Swims program is a special organization that provides an incredibly valuable community service by offering swim instruction and swim team opportunities for a segment of the population that has historically not had access to quality swimming programs or even swimming pools. Having swum in pools all across the country, I feel I am in a particularly good position to vouch for the fact that the Plunge is a distinctive exceptional gem in the City of Richmond.

I have another personal interest in The Plunge re-opening once the COVID-19 situation settles down. In June, I am relocating from Kensington to a townhouse at Richmond Bay Harbor. If The Plunge closes, I will need to travel outside of Richmond to find a pool with both a masters swimming program and significant public open swimming hours.

I am keenly aware of the budget constraints that all cities will have to deal with once the economy starts opening up again, and I can certainly understand that closing a public swimming pool might seem like a logical expense to be first on the budgetary chopping block. That said, I urge you and the other members of the City Council to consider The Plunge as the community asset that it is and not as an expendable expense.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,  
Ellen

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Thank you.



## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Glenna Mote <glennalynn@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 1:48 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** "Public Comment Agenda Item H 1" Pools

do realize that the environment of indoor pools is a complex matter during this pandemic time. I am putting in my vote for figuring out a way for the pools to open for therapeutic use by those of us who are older and truly NEED hours of weekly time in the deep water of the pools. And really all the other populations, young and otherwise, also need consideration.

I truly want Richmond to develop a plan for reopening the pools. If nothing else I, a Richmond resident, would like to know that the money will be spent (no matter the "deficit") to keep the pools in shape so that when we can reopen fully the pools will be ready. As a senior (70) with a totally replaced right shoulder, a replaced and rehabilitated right knee and recently replaced left knee I appreciate and also need the pools to be completely healthy. I would love to help facilitate this.

Thanks, Glenna Mote 510-323-3789

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Helen Harris <helenharris8891@sonic.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 25, 2020 1:08 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comments

I sent an email asking you to open pools at reduced hours. However, the most important is Fire and a Police depts. Since we have been shutdown, I hear the Emts and Fire trucks daily. Richmond can't afford to lose Policeman and Fireman. Thank you for your cooperation.

Helen Harris  
Sent from my iPad

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Helen Harris <helenharris8891@sonic.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 25, 2020 12:44 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comments

I am writing this email asking you not to close the swim centers completely. As a senior and have had two surgeries in the past 3 years, the swimming pools are a therapy for me and other seniors. Maybe you could have 2 days open per pool. Also, I suggest you ask for volunteers. I worked for the Orange County 14 years, Marin County 14 years and City of Berkeley for 25 years. I would be glad to volunteer for 15 hours per week. I am sure some others would also volunteer.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Helen Harris  
Sent from my

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Jack Ball <jackball@lmi.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 22, 2020 2:35 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** City Pools

Please keep the pools open when we are allowed to use them. I am a lap swimmer but the most important are the swim lessons for the Richmond youth.

Jack Ball

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Jayne Thomas <jaynethomas@mac.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 23, 2020 4:00 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external  
**Cc:** Nat Bates; ezedmartin@yahoo.com; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Ben Choi; Melvin Willis; City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Richmond Pools

Dear Mayor Butt and others:

We are writing in support of maintaining the two fabulous public pools: The Plunge and Kennedy. We understand the financial problems facing the city, but as residents of Richmond, we plead that you not discount the importance of these facilities. There are many users who are swimmers, but many others who need the pools for exercise such as walking, even running, stretching, etc. who are unable to perform these exercises without water. For them, the pools are extra crucial.

We think there are many who use the pools who would like to help but need help beyond their capabilities.

Perhaps the Council could help us:

- 1) Determine the costs of keeping the pools open: what is the minimum in terms of personnel, hours, money etc.
- 2) Design a plan to crowd source funds via the internet.
- 3) Find someone who knows the grant application process.
- 4) Explore any other “outside” ways to raise money.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Stay safe!

Jayne Thomas and Michael Wiest  
6104 Plumas Avenue  
Richmond 94804

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** John Droutsas <jacedroutsas@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 25, 2020 10:51 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Council meeting comment

I urge the city to reopen the municipal pools. The projected savings of \$350,000 in not re-opening the pools should be weighed against the health and other benefits of exercise and communal activity the pools provide. Although difficult to accurately estimate the cost savings such pool activity promotes, it is not a stretch to question whether the city is trying to save \$350,000 only to increase general health, first responder and mental health costs far exceeding the budgetary savings. And the savings is such a small fraction of the the total to reach budget goals that if really is a net negative to the city of Richmond. Safely re-opening the pools is not an impossible task—other cities are showing the means to do it. If increasing the fees to use the pools is a compromise way to re-open them I for one would gladly pay a reasonable increase.

John Droutsas  
449 Golden Gate Ave.  
Richmond, CA 94801

Sent from John's iPhone

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Julie Rogers <jlundyr@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 25, 2020 12:03 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; City Clerk Dept; ezedmartin@yahoo.com; Nat Bates; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Ben Choi; Melvin Willis  
**Subject:** The Richmond pools

Dear Mayor Butt, Ms. Christian, and Councilmembers Bates, Martinez, Johnson, Myrick, Choi, and Willis,

Thank you for all you have been doing to keep Richmond going through the pandemic, on top of all the other challenges that the City faces on an ongoing basis.

I understand that the Richmond Plunge and the Richmond Swim Center might be closed for the rest of 2020. Please do what you can to open them up again, when it is safe to do so. They are a vital resource.

I have swum twice a week for 20 years as part of my mental health and physical health maintenance. After I moved to Marina Bay, where I've now lived for ten years, I started swimming with the Masters Team at the Plunge and, in recent years, have swum at both the Plunge and the Swim Center. Before I started swimming at the Plunge, I swam at outdoor pools and thought I would not enjoy an indoor pool. Richmond has the most beautiful swimming pools that I have swum in. I have counted myself lucky many times to be able to swim in them.

In my work as a clinical psychologist and personally, I know how important exercise is for both mental and physical health. Many of the people I meet at the pools are unable to exercise outside of the water because of injuries or pain. If the pools remain closed, people's health will decline further.

I'm sure you have seen the various guides for reopening pools, but here are some, just in case:  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/parks-rec/aquatic-venues.html>  
<https://www.usms.org/club-resources/covid-19-restart-guide>  
[https://www.usaswimming.org/docs/default-source/coaching-resourcesdocuments/covid-19-team-resources/facility-reopening-plan-guidelines.pdf?sfvrsn=8a533a32\\_2](https://www.usaswimming.org/docs/default-source/coaching-resourcesdocuments/covid-19-team-resources/facility-reopening-plan-guidelines.pdf?sfvrsn=8a533a32_2)

Again, thank you for your service and for leading Richmond through especially challenging times.

Take care and stay safe,  
Julia Rogers  
2105 Jetty Dr  
Richmond, CA 94804

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Julie Nestingen <jnestingen@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 10:14 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Keep our pools open

Esteemed City Clerk,

I ask that the city find some funding to keep the Plunge and Kennedy pools open. These are vital resources for the community. Older residents need access to a pool to maintain their health, their strength (heart and muscles) and mental health. The same can be said for young people, kids, having a community pool can be the difference for a young person to have somewhere to go and meet their friends in a healthy way, versus hanging out on the streets.

The pools have been a lifeline for Richmond for decades, just as we saw the community rally some 20 years ago to keep the Plunge open. Those were some of the most touching testimonies I have heard at the City Council meeting back then, about how the plunge saved their lives-literally. Today, we can't gather in numbers to show how much we need the pool. Trust me, Richmond community and beyond need their pools.

Thank you for working with the city to try to come up with a creative way to fund the continued service of the pools for the people of Richmond.

Sincerely,

Julie Nestingen

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Karen Harris <karen@richmondswims.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 8:30 AM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Rochelle Polk; City Clerk Dept; Nat Bates; ezedmartin@yahoo.com; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Ben Choi; Melvin Willis  
**Subject:** Keep our pools OPEN - proposal from Richmond Swims

Dear Mayor Butt,

I am writing as a representative of Richmond Swims, the non-profit based out of the Plunge. We are VERY CONCERNED about the potential closure of the Plunge due to budget cuts. As you may know, Richmond Swims is probably the single largest patron of the Plunge, renting pool time for our community swim programs including a youth swim team (Sailfish), adult masters program as well as community swim lessons. As a partner with the City of Richmond, we provide programs that complement the city offerings, for example we apply for and receive grants that allow us to provide low-cost or free swim lessons to kids and adults in our community, co-host Community Water Safety day with the Recreation Department as well as provide a feeder program for the aquatics lifeguard staff.

It's been a very difficult time for our community and we'd like to do our part for the recovery of Richmond. Since swimming is one of the best physical and mental exercises for youth and adults, we'd like to work with you to resume our swim programs tailored for diversity and the inclusion of low income families in Richmond. Here is a list of our programs that will be missed:

1. Richmond Sailfish youth swim team - approximately 70 kids registered, over 25% of kids are on scholarship. The majority of kids in our program are non-white with most Latino, Asian or African-American. This is a safe afterschool and summer activity for kids in Richmond.
2. Richmond Plunge Masters - adult masters swim team with over 40 swimmers and many who use our program for healthy exercise in a low impact environment. Some members can only do exercise in the pool due to joint issues or other health conditions. These swimmers are residents and employees of businesses in Richmond.
3. Swim Lessons – Richmond Swims, as a non-profit we apply for grant money every year to conduct free or low-cost swim lessons for our community (both kids and adults). If we are not able to go back to the pool (when safe to open), we may need to RETURN the grant money. For 2020, we have been awarded grants to teach over 50 adults and 30 kids in our programs. Over the years, we have trained over 350 children and adults in our lesson programs – many students who were not able to afford swim lessons. Our lesson program emphasizes water safety along with swimming skills. Swim lessons are so critical to Richmond, a city with 32 miles of shoreline.

Again, our goal is to help our community with a faster physical and mental recovery. To reduce the operational cost to the recreation dept, we'd like to propose continuing to rent the pool to run our activities and we can provide our own lifeguards – to help offset staffing costs. Richmond Swims has a unique position in that we have approximately 10 currently certified lifeguards in our membership (including coaches). We may be able to help with other programs too. We would be happy to meet to discuss how this might work.

Finally, we want to continue to be an active partner with the City of Richmond to help reach as many members of the Richmond community as possible. We look forward to discussing this in greater detail.

Sincerely,

Karen Harris

President, Richmond Swims

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Karin Lusnak <klusnak@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 2:05 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comment Agenda Item H 1

I was so happy when the Richmond Plunge was able to open again years ago. It is a wonderful place to swim and even though I have used the University of CA in Berkeley pools in the past, I still really love the Plunge. In addition to helping me handle some of my physical problems, being able to meet others there has been a lovely opportunity. I have continued to make the advance ticket purchases for the most days for years now and I truly hope that the Plunge will re-open when all is safe. I hope that the council will maintain this Pool.

Sincerely,

Karin Lusnak

Albany, CA 94706

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Kate Britton <callkmb@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 1:45 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comment Agenda Item H 1

Dear City Council,

I depend on the pool to help me deal with long term chronic pain leftover from multiple heart surgeries. The pool is essential to my well being. I greatly miss the city pools. I hope you can successfully strategize a method to open the pools as we go into the next phase of lifting the lockdown.

Katherine Britton

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Katherine Jubelirer <katherine.jubelirer@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 25, 2020 11:34 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comments

To Whom it May Concern:

Please do not cut the budget for the Richmond Pools. They are one of the jewels of this city. They provide crucial support to its residents in terms of physical and mental health, as well as public safety. In these trying times, any support for mental and physical health should be considered a necessary service and should be supported at all costs. When the pools have been deemed safe to reopen, please do not let funding be the reason they remain closed.

Thank you very much,  
Katherine Jubelirer

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Lana Martarella <lanamartarella@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 2:09 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public comments - agenda item #F

I am writing to request protection of the community service department projects for community meetings, the library and recreation, and the MagicK Lantern. Our communities are about more than the protective services. We need places to meet together, to learn and improve our lives on a daily basis. Please keep our community centers open and available.

Lana Martarella  
510-219-1571

Sent from my iPhone

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Laura Price <blossisboss@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 25, 2020 12:24 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; City Clerk Dept; Nat Bates; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Ben Choi; Melvin Willis  
**Subject:** The Plunge

Dear City of Richmond,

I am writing to you to share with you how important the Richmond Plunge is to me and to our community. I am part of the Master's team as well as a regular swimmer.

Swimming is vital to my health. I have had multiple back surgeries and being able to swim has enabled me not only to regain strength but to build friendships.

The Natatorium is a unique and beautiful facility and certainly an asset to the city and our community.

Please keep our pools open! I don't know what I personally would do without the Plunge.

Warm regards,  
Laura Price

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** jan diamond <jandiam@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 9:52 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** budget

It is time to force SEIU, other unions, administrators, police, firefighter's share in our city's pain: we need to preserve community services like libraries, recreation, community center. Please take a reasonable approach and make some salary cuts, let police and firefighters contribute more to their own pensions -- let them strike if that's what it comes down to!

-- and its time for us to take control of the bloated rent control bureaucracy.

thanks  
Jan Diamond

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Lewis Watts <lewwatts@ucsc.edu>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 1:02 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Save our pools

I hope that the pools and the library will be spared the ax with the coming budget cuts. They both are very valuable to the quality of life and the physical and spiritual health in Richmond.

Thank you.

Lewis Watts  
29 Oregon St.  
Pt. Richmond CA 94801

Cell: 510-484-8462

[lewwatts@ucsc.edu](mailto:lewwatts@ucsc.edu)

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Marc-André Robert <marc-andre\_robert@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 8:45 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Cc:** Marc-André Robert; IBX Fitness  
**Subject:** Importance of IBX program in pandemic - public comments – not on the agenda

Good evening, I am Marc-André Robert, member of IBX Fitness which operates out of the Booker T Anderson community center (BTA) in Richmond.

I'm writing because of budget cuts regarding item 10 in the Potential Budget Balancing Strategies. Reduction of hours and/or services of BTA would make IBX impossible to operate.

IBX Fitness is an important and healthy part of my life. It bolsters my physical and mental wellbeing, in addition to providing a positive environment where a community can thrive. Before IBX, I had back pain which went away after being a member of the community. Further, it helps me sleep better and improves my general health condition, and morale which all provide better protection against COVID-19 infections.

Community centers can be used to help fight against the pandemic by continuing offering physical and mental wellbeing programs in a safe setting. Please allow IBX to continue operating and provide much-needed services.

Best,  
Marc-André Robert

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Margie Cohea <mcohea@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 1:35 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comment Agenda Item H 1

Hello,

On behalf of the many disabled persons who use both the Richmond Swim Center & The Plunge please consider keeping the pools open for some time frame. For many disabled, swimming is the only exercise they can do to preserve their health & quality of life. An appointment schedule would be fine to honor social distancing that is needed going forward along with no shower usage.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Margie Cohea

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** heppyket <heppyket@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 22, 2020 12:43 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; City Clerk Dept; Nat Bates; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Ben Choi; Melvin Willis  
**Subject:** please find a way to open the Richmond city pools

Hi,

I'm not a Richmond resident, but I'm a masters swimmer and so a member of the larger East Bay swimming community. I have swum in Richmond at organized swim meets and open-water events. I hope that you can please find a way to fund keeping the Richmond pools open. They are so critical for community health and connection. And, having pools means that there is a place to host kids' teams and adult teams, which reinforces those healthy connections. I won't go on at length about the benefits of pools, I'm sure you've heard this from others already. At pools, people can learn basic swimming for safety, to prevent drowning tragedies. They can come for safe, gentle exercise year-round, suitable for all ages and levels of health. They're a community meeting place, and a big amenity in attracting and retaining residents and contributing to good quality of life in Richmond. I know it will take some effort to find funding, but please know that you have a strong and active swimming community that's ready to back you up and help. Please don't allow the Richmond pools to shut down, it would be tragic and very difficult to reverse.

Sincerely,  
Myra Chachkin  
Oakland

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Naila Francies <naila4462@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 25, 2020 6:05 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comments\_May 26th meeting

Please see below public comment for the open period for the May 26th meeting:

I'm a Richmond resident advocating to re-open both the Richmond Plunge and the Richmond Swim Center. To be clear, I am in no way suggesting action outside of health orders regarding COVID-19 precautions. This public comment addresses the budgetary constraints affecting the future of these two pools.

I'll keep my personal story brief. Swimming is the only exercise that doesn't cause me pain. It's vital to my overall well-being. I've been supporting the Richmond pools for years and would like to continue doing so. Prior to the pandemic, I changed my work hours to incorporate a morning swim here rather than go anywhere else. Swimming at these pools is one of my favorite things about living in Richmond.

For the context of this conversation, I'd like to look at a long-term closure through the lens of health equity. When we look at social determinants of health there are many factors impacting life expectancy; income, education, nutrition, and physical exercise to name a few. In West County, we've already lost a hospital, live in a food desert, and struggle with housing security. The conditions in which people live and work strongly influence health outcomes. Further barriers to accessing physical activity in this city will increase an already strong disparity in health outcomes. It's up to the those who control our city's resources to equate supporting these pools with supporting our health. Health is not just the absence of disease; it's the state of physical, mental, and social well-being. Both swim centers are a safe place to exercise in Richmond that foster strong community connections and social inclusion. Because swimming is accessible to all ages and abilities, it's one of the few multi-generational physical activities available to us.

In every economic downturn the Richmond Plunge is neglected and now 38 life-guards are on the cusp of losing their jobs. Substantial fundraising went into re-opening this pool in 2010 after being closed for 9 years. Not only am I advocating for the safe re-opening of the Richmond Plunge and the Richmond Swim Center, I'm calling on the city to make a commitment to these pools once and for all. I don't want to travel to another part of the bay area to stay healthy. Let's not continue being a statistic where our life expectancy is dictated by our zip code.

This is a call to action. Please invest in us. Give our community a fighting chance to stay healthy.

Thank you.

Naila Francies

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Norman Hantzsche <NHantzsche@questaec.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 25, 2020 1:08 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept; Nat Bates; ezedmartin@yahoo.com; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Ben Choi; Melvin Willis  
**Subject:** RE: Richmond Swimming Pools

Mayor Butt,

I am writing to urge you to give strong consideration to reopening (when safe) and keeping the Richmond Plunge and Swim Center open for community aquatic activities during the difficult financial times ahead.

I am a long-time Richmond resident, local business owner and avid swimmer and supporter of swimming programs in Richmond. I have served on the Board of the non-profit organization **Richmond Swims** for the past 10 years, working along with hundreds of other volunteers to revitalize and maintain affordable swimming opportunities for everyone in Richmond. Our organization has worked in close partnership with the City to restore the swim programs in Richmond to historical levels, in which the City can again take great pride. An extended closure of the City pools into 2021 will be a tremendous setback to the progress made, threatening the existence of our organization and the now-vibrant youth swim programs, which can take years to develop.

In your budget deliberations, please consider the following:

- **Community Benefits.** While there may be a tendency to think of swimming pools as simply a place for exercise, sports and recreation, they provide so much more in the way of social, health, safety and economic benefits to the community that are often overlooked. This is especially true in demographic areas like Richmond, where needs for water safety, learn-to-swim, fitness and recreational swimming programs are often the greatest, and the access to these activities is traditionally limited.
- **Historical Significance.** As it approaches its centennial in a few years, the Plunge is arguably one of the defining features of Richmond. It is the largest indoor swimming facility in the Bay Area, a building of historical architectural significance, with a long history of drawing throngs of people from all over the Bay Area, including: (a) the many who have come for affordable swimming lessons, recreation, and water therapy; (b) a refuge and gathering spot for thousands of Richmond workers during the WW II ship building era; and (c) a venue for many aquatic extravaganzas featuring nationally-renowned athletes and performers.
- **Strong Community Support.** The Plunge, and more recently the Swim Center, have had strong community support over the years, and today it may be at its highest and continuing to grow. In the 1980s and 1990s the non-profit **Richmond Friends of Recreation** worked in partnership with the City

on equipment rehabilitation and upgrades of the Plunge, later establishing the “*Save the Richmond Plunge Trust*”, which spearheaded the fundraising drive for the major restoration of the Plunge that was completed in 2010. In the 10 years since ***Richmond Swims*** was formed our organization has raised over \$150,000 through donations, grants and fundraising events to support low cost and scholarship swimming lessons and coaching for area youth and adults alike. See <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=szdV3HrCqRY>

- **Youth Swim Programs.** The heart of our program is the low cost lessons and youth swim team which provide a valuable after-school activity. In addition to water safety, fitness and swimming skills, the program provides opportunities for kids to learn a multitude of life skills – teamwork, motivation, perseverance, hard work, self-confidence, social interactions – in a fun, safe and welcoming environment. Recently the program has reached the target of graduating several swimmers each year as certified lifeguards and instructors – providing a useful part-time job skill they can take wherever they go, able to be hired by the City to staff the aquatics program, and serving importantly as role models for the younger kids. This is the “Cycle” of youth swim programs we urge you to help preserve in keeping the pools open.

Thank you,

Norman Hantzsche  
726 Ocean Avenue  
Richmond, CA 94801  
(510) 610-6114

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Paul Duchesne <paul@greenagevideo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 1:46 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** SAVE THE PLUNGE

Hi Point Richmond City Council Activists,

Below is a “cut and paste” from an email that I sent to your very responsive, thoughtful and articulate Paula Cooper-Tipton the Recreation Program Coordinator- Aquatics in response to reopening the Plunge: I’ll be watching Channel 48 on Marin Viacom tonight, but I’m not sure what time it is on. If you could respond I would appreciate it.

### SAVE THE PLUNGE.

I was at the Plunge on that ominous day the week of 911 when the city inspector wouldn’t come into the pool because it wasn’t earthquake safe. We had all signed wavers that we weren’t going to sue anybody if the pool collapsed in an earthquake, but real estate interests wanted to rip it and put up condos. Arthur ( I forget his last name ) and his wife were a Chevron couple with more than good credentials and they immediately got together with other like minded individuals in the “neighborhood” and started the SAVE THE PLUNGE campaign. We had SAVE THE PLUNGE jars in businesses all over the Bay Area, which over time, got us publicity on local radio and television stations. A Cracker Jack group of Grant Writing people, professional fundraisers and god know what, worked their butts off. We raised I think a million and a half and then got matching funds and Voila. We stopped the real estates mogels and we rebuilt the Plunge.

The energy is there. I’m sure of it. We can do it again if we have to and it’s looking like we’re going to have to do it. Like Nike says “JUST DO IT”, SAVE THE PLUNGE.

I’m in. I’ll even show up with my SAVE THE PLUNGE sweatshirt.

I live in Fairfax and I’ve been swimming at the Plunge since 1990 when I used to run my health food sandwiches from Fairfax to SF to Berkeley and finish up at the Plunge. More recently, my wife and I have been there every Friday. It’s our weekly date. Plunge at 11, brunch at Sauls at 1, movie at 4. Happy Friday.

I’m getting early onset rigor mortis. If I don’t get back in the swim, I’ll have terminal rigor mortis.  
...peace patience persistence Paul

Paul Duchesne

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Paula Cooper <paulacoopertipton@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 2:54 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public comment- agenda item H1

Good Evening Mr. Mayor and Councilmembers,

I am writing to ask that you NOT consider any budget solutions that require labor cuts. I do not envy the task you have before you; and I believe you plan to do what you think is best, but please consider how harmful it would be to cut staff. How could that possibly be what is best, when these individuals have made careers out of serving the community you represent? Is it in the best interest of Richmond residents to be spending precious community resources on recruiting, hiring, and training new staff to fill positions that are currently staffed and running? Many full-time positions take a year to be properly and effectively trained.

Cutting staff is not the solution. It's just creating another problem that will need to be dealt with, and does not serve our community well. Things can be replaced, purchases can be postponed, but people are the true assets in any great community. And the public servants who serve in the City of Richmond are assets who should not be cast aside to solve this budget crisis.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Paula Cooper-Tipton

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Rachel Birnam <rachel.birnam@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 12:02 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public comments re: cancellation of recreation services – not on the agenda

Hello,

My name is Rachel Birnam and I am a friend of IBX Fitness, a group fitness and personal training program that operates out of the Booker T Anderson community center in Richmond.

I'm emailing over a concern regarding item 10 in the Potential Budget Balancing Strategies for the current and next fiscal years: Cancellation of recreation activities through December 2020. By reducing the hours and/or services of community center programs, IBX Fitness would no longer have a physical location to hold their program. While I am more than happy complying with safety/health orders from the county, the complete loss of our physical location for the rest of the year or longer would prevent me from accessing IBX Fitness, an important and healthy part of my life.

IBX Fitness bolsters my physical and mental wellbeing, in addition to providing a positive environment where a community can thrive. IBX Fitness helps me to reduce my anxiety and increases my ability to maintain a healthy body and lifestyle. I think you would agree that the need for these positive health benefits has never been higher.

I once again ask that you allow the BTA community center, and all community centers, to continue operating so that programs such as IBX Fitness can survive and provide a much needed morale boost. Please keep this thriving community alive in Richmond. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Rachel Birnam

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Rebecca Riley <rr@rebeccariley.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 1:30 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comment item F

Instead of cutting community services I believe it is in the community's best interest to restructure payroll and pension expenses. Even if the city has to file for Bankruptcy Protection this seems to me to be the better choice as I keep hearing (even prior to the pandemic) that the problems with Richmond stem from a labor stranglehold on limited budgets.

Thank you,

Rebecca Riley

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Robbin Henderson <robbin@robbinhenderson.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 2:50 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Cc:** Tom Butt - external; Nat Bates; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Ben Choi; Melvin Willis  
**Subject:** Public Comment H 1.

Dear Richmond City Clerk and Councilmembers

Until the Stay at Home order I and members of my family were regular users of the Richmond Plunge. My daughter introduced me to the plunge when she was pregnant with our granddaughter. I loved the Plunge from the first time I got in the marvelous water— the mural, the dressing rooms, the architecture and especially the staff and other patrons who used the pool regularly. I desperately needed the water exercise to help control arthritis and to help restore mobility to my arthritic hips and knees. When our granddaughter was old enough my husband began taking her to the Plunge for the toddler pre-swim lessons. She was almost ready to swim when the pool closed.

Please, please find a way to maintain the Richmond Plunge and the Richmond Swim Center for our family and all the wonderful people I have come to know who are just as dependent on water exercise for health and rehabilitation.

Sincerely,

Robbin Henderson  
[robbin@robbinhenderson.com](mailto:robbin@robbinhenderson.com)  
[www.robbinhenderson.com](http://www.robbinhenderson.com)

Matilda Rabinowitz  
"Immigrant Girl, Radical Woman:"  
An Early 20th Century Memoir  
Available from Cornell University Press

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Roddey Reid <roddeyreid@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 2:22 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comment Agenda Item H 1

To the 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 swimming lanes that readily accommodate the needs of residents like me.

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

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. Without it, many of I and many like me risk losing what little mobility and physical strength we have.

Thanks to the buoyancy of water that supports the body, it is possible to do stretching, aerobic, and strengthening exercises without harming oneself that is impossible working on a regular hard surface.

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

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**From:** Serge Morel <fryermorel@earthlink.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 1:22 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comment Agenda Item H 1  
**Attachments:** PastedGraphic-6.pdf

Dear Ms Christian, City Clerk of Richmond

My name is Serge Morel, a tax paying Richmond home owner and resident since 1998. I am writing to implore you to continue funding the Plunge and the Richmond Swim Center and to open them as soon as it is safe to do so rather than, as I have just learnt, to possibly keep them closed for up-to a year as a cost saving measure.

I cannot express what an essential service the pools in Richmond are to myself and the community at large. I am a daily swimmer managing a chronic back condition following an incident in my early twenties. By becoming a serious lap swimmer, swimming a mile and half 5 times a week I have stabilized my back through this discipline allowing me to function normally. The one thing that has been giving me hope through this prolonged shelter in place is the thought of returning to the pool for my physical health and renewing the many friendships that I have formed with both patrons and staff. The news that the pools may remain closed for a prolonged period has almost broken my spirit.

In addition my concerns stretch to the senior community and the aquarobics classes attended daily with dedication and determination by a large cadre of seniors. Many have become very close friends and I have witnessed their stories. Their very ability to remain healthy, independent and vital depends on their continued access to the pools. The cost to the city will be far greater if they lose their ability to remain physically and psychologically independent.

Another factor that concerns me is that a closed pool incurs continuing costs as it still has to be maintained while not generating revenue. Also there is the risk that both of our pools that have been upgraded and retrofitted at great cost to the Richmond tax payer could fall into disrepair costing even more in the long run to reopen at a later date. Closure would be a false economy. There must be many possible avenues for raising additional funds from a Gofundme campaign to donations from HMOS such as Kaiser Permanente that benefit from encouraging the use of our facilities in their Wellness Programs.

My request is that you will fund the reopening of the pools as soon as it is safe to do so while looking into the possibilities of raising additional funds to keep them open.

With kindest regards.

Serge Morel

600 30th St Richmond  
CA 94804 USA  
510 367 1517

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** shaun@prcert.org  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 10:52 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public comment agenda item #F

To our Council members and Mayor:

This is a terribly difficult time for everyone, individuals as well as all public and municipal entities facing devastating financial setbacks.

Having been a first responder, I'm not going to rail against "bloated" compensation for fire and police. They lay their lives on the line every day and deserve to be compensated for it. I've also been a corporate executive and know that is a job that rarely keeps normal business hours and has many demands including on families.

However, the "regular" resident of Richmond is also severely stressed. Highly taxed, likely decreased income or total loss of income recently, possibly loss of healthcare, possibly food and/or housing insecurity. Having some kind of public recreational option is tremendously important and possibly even critical to the mental and physical health of our adult, youth and child population.

Closing the pools, community centers and other community services would be terribly detrimental to all of us who cannot afford other means of gathering, playing, entertaining ourselves.

Of course it takes money to run them as it does with all other services. You all are in an unenviable position of trying to make necessary cuts and balance the financial responsibilities and needs of our city. I'm just urging that you try to find a way to think outside the box, see if compromises and cuts can be made in other areas, too, to allow at least some part of community services to continue.

Is there a way to develop a cadre of responsible adult volunteers who can help open/staff community centers or other venues? Or some other creative workaround?

I realize there are complications dealing with unions. Like all of us, they are trying to take care of their own. But these community resources are so precious to the residents even in good times. Now that times are so bad, I hope all the negotiators will keep the needs of everyone in mind.

Respectfully,

Shaun Partlow  
Richmond Resident  
Richmond CERT volunteer

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Sherri Patterson <sherripatt@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 1:13 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comment Agenda Item H 1

Sherri Patterson:

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. And I'm not alone.

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.

Please, please consider keeping the pools open!

Thank you.

Sherri Patterson

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** sherry fraser <sherryyoga@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 25, 2020 9:27 PM  
**To:** Nat Bates; Demnlus Johnson; ezedmartin@yahoo.com; Jael Myrick; Ben Choi; Melvin Willis; Tom Butt - external; City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Possible Pool Closures

Dear Tom Butt and others,

I am dismayed to hear about the possible closure of the two city pools. I have used both pools extensively. Before moving to Point Richmond from Berkeley, I marveled at the pools, especially the plunge. Berkeley couldn't compare. When I went to the Plunge, I was so charmed by the area, I chose to move here. I love, love, love the fact that the pools are indoors, so I can keep my pale ghostly body pale and ghostly. I started using both pools 8 years ago when a hip injury made it impossible for me to do any other activity. I continued to go to the pool, even taking a refresher swimming course. At present, I have a shoulder injury which precludes me from swimming. I don't know if it ever get better, but I'm hopeful. In the meantime, I'm able to water jog and do light shoulder exercises. Water exercise is a healing activity with the pressure of the water allowing movement not otherwise possible.

Through my years of pool use, I've gotten to know many people who use it as their only source of activity. Besides the helpfulness of strength building, you must know physical activity helps immensely with depression, in both being able to successfully move and accomplish something, and move well enough for a bit of an endorphin boost--not to mention the social factor for some who might not have much opportunity for the little bit of contact they get in the pool and locker room. And then there are the disabled, who have absolutely no other choice. Some who appear to be fine, are not able to walk without the buoyancy of the water. I honestly think it would criminal to take the pools away from seniors, disabled, swimmers, kids and parents who have been deprived for over 2 months of any other form of activity.

I ask that the city find some other source of funding, whether that be private, or some sort of creative plan established with the help of users and advocates.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

Sherry Fraser

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Susan Wehrle <mudmudrabbit@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 2:34 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comment Agenda Item H 1

Dear Mayor Tom Butt and Richmond City Council:

Our Richmond swimming pools are important! Swimming is a survival skill. With more than 32 miles of Bay shoreline, our kids need to learn to swim, we all do. I'm a senior for whom the pools provide relief from the constant pain of severe arthritis. Joint pain, back pain, and recovering from surgeries, a pool helps a lot. When it is safe to open, we need our pools for our physical and mental good health. I think we could come up with creative solutions to provide some funding for the swimming pools. We must keep the pools viable. Please work with us to make the pools available when it is appropriate. I oppose the proposed closure as a budget measure. Many of us depend upon the pools for our continued survival.

Thank you,

Susan Wehrle

Richmond, Ca 94805

Susan Wehrle  
[mudmudrabbit@gmail.com](mailto:mudmudrabbit@gmail.com)

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Tiffany Lach <tiffanylach@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 8:00 AM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; City Clerk Dept; Nat Bates; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Ben Choi; Melvin Willis  
**Subject:** creative ways to keep pools funded

Dear fellow community members and representatives,

I dearly hope we can come up with a creative solution to keep the pools open for the whole community. Perhaps organizations committed to health and wellness (and disease prevention) would be a source of long-term funding.

~TIFFANY LACH  
8 SUNSET LN RICHMOND CA

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Valerie Meyers <valmeyers41@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 21, 2020 6:25 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** public comments (Budget Session Item H-1)

I am writing to urge the City Council and the City Manager, as they draw up a budget, to consider the vital service provided by our pools. I have been using the pools for years and I know it has added immeasurably to my health and flexibility as I age. Many patrons of all ages also need the pool to help them recover from surgery and get exercise when normal dry land exercise is too hard for them. The Richmond pools are the jewels of the city: they are sparkling clean, beautiful, and staffed by caring and thoughtful people. I can't tell you how much we miss them, and how grateful we would be to have them re-open as soon as it is safe to do so. Thankyou, Richmond! With best wishes, Valerie Meyers

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Carolyn Graves <Carolyn.Graves@kp.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 2:48 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept; Shasa Curl; Lina Velasco; laura\_e\_snideman@ci.richmond.ca.us; Irene Perdomo  
**Cc:** Tom Butt - external; Eduardo Martinez; Melvin Willis; Nat Bates; Ben Choi; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; cagsecretary@rssacag.com  
**Subject:** ACTION: City Council May 26 meeting agenda - Please remove items I-1 and I-2 from the agenda (items in regards to Point Molate and the Zeneca/Stauffer Chemical site)

Hello.

My name is Carolyn Graves.

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resident of Richmond for 30+ years

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**From:** Diana Wear <diana4richmond@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 2:13 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept; Tom Butt - external; Jael Myrick; Ben Choi; Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; Nat Bates  
**Subject:** Subject: Public Comment—Agenda Item I-1

Diana Wear

Richmond resident

To Mayor and City Council:

I urge the City Council to **vote no on Item I-1**. With the current state of City debt and other concerns it makes no sense to allocate time, energy, or focus on Point Molate. This needs full public debate and comment and the citizenry of Richmond deserve to know any and all expenses that will be foisted onto our community from the planned developments at Point Molate. This is not the time for such extravagance and waste on the backs of a city that has many more urgent issues.

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Sara Sunstein <sarasun18@humboldtmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 1:01 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** public comment, agenda item I-1

To the council,

My comment on extending ERN for Pt Molate development is the same as last week—thank you for taking it off last week’s consent calendar, by the way.

DO NOT EXTEND THE ERN. Their proposal for huge housing development is DOA. Citizens don’t want it. Infrastructure and environment don’t want it. Finances don’t want it—unless you who govern like permanent budgets in the red by millions of dollars, with profits going to private companies.

Please pay attention to our comments. Do not extend the ERN, go back to the drawing board on how to support the incredible ecology we’ve purchased with this land and develop it sustainably. Housing needs to be infill in areas already with infrastructure that don’t damage fragile ecostructure.

Sara Sunstein  
16164 San Benito

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 <sup>I-1</sup> H-8, City Council Meeting May <sup>26</sup> 18, 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,



Sara L. Tobin

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** okdf <checar@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 2:47 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** AGENDA ITEMS I -3 TO I-6 & BUDGET

Good Afternoon Mayor and City Council members,

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C. A. Cardenas

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Caroline & Eric <careric11@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 25, 2020 6:50 AM  
**To:** Melvin Willis; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Eduardo Martinez; Nat Bates; Ben Choi; Tom Butt - external; City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** street sweeping signs in the Annex neighborhood

Good morning to my City Council,

Thanks for serving our community. I ask that you listen to your constituents voices and vote NO to adding street sweeping signs within the Richmond Annex neighborhood. We do not want the signs, nor do we need them.

I've been a Richmond resident for 8 years. Upon moving in to the charming Annex neighborhood, my neighbors told me which days we had street sweeping. Simple as that. Now I know to move my car. I suspect if there are people not moving their cars, they simply might not know there's street sweeping. It typically comes quite early through our neighborhood. All we need is a flyer to new residents or those forgetting to move their cars. We are a strong and capable community. We have already voted against street sweeping signs in our neighborhood.

Please apply city funds in more important and constructive ways. Carlson Avenue could really use attention and funds to make this speedway safer for everyone. Carlson median is overgrown and dangerously blocking views of turning cars. We do not have stop or yield signage at many intersections in our neighborhood, or speed bumps to slow people speeding through our neighborhood on their way to the highway. There are countless other ways to spend these funds to actually help our neighborhood and community in ways we continue to ask for help. We do not want street sweeping signs.

Please vote NO to street sweeping signage in the Richmond Annex neighborhood.

Thank you,  
Caroline Johnson

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Grover G <rollovergrover@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 25, 2020 12:57 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Comments for agenda Item I-7, May 26th 2020

These comments are in regards to item I-7 "street sweeping signs"

Hello,

This is an issue my neighbors have overwhelmingly told me that they are opposed to, the majority want to continue with the agreement that was made with the city years ago. I have seen this framed as an "equity" issue, and this is NOT THE CASE. Years ago people from some neighborhoods pushed the city to put in street sweeping signs in their neighborhoods. Our neighborhood opted out of this process, it was a choice by each neighborhood!

I have seen NO EVIDENCE that drains from our neighborhood are contributing more to environmentally damaging runoff than other neighborhoods. I have documented a greater amount of environmentally impacting trash and hazardous liquids in bay drains in neighborhoods with street sweeping signs than within ours.

This is not an appropriate use of city funds. Considering the economic hardship the city is currently facing, I feel our assets are better directed to other projects and supporting our families through these troublesome times.

These signs are their own form of blight and detracts from the aesthetics of our neighborhood and lower property values.

Grover  
President of the Panhandle Annex Neighborhood Council

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Lee Huo <senpen88@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 22, 2020 10:43 AM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Ben Choi; Nat Bates; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis; City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Re: No to Street Sweeping Signs and Visual Pollution in the Richmond Annex

Mayor Butt and Councilmembers:

I've lived at the Annex for 10 years, and I didn't even know that street sweeping was an issue much less the schedule for street sweeping. Since this issue has been raised, I've learned more about its history and purpose, and I'd like to add the following to my earlier comments for your consideration at the Council meeting on May 26th.

From personal experience, I think it's less of an issue of people not following the honor system to move the cars for street sweeping than people didn't even know that they were part of an honor system. I live in an area with a significant number of renters, and a lot of people in my neighborhood are relatively new to the Annex whether they're a renter or homeowner. I can guarantee that if I asked them, most would not even know about the street sweeping, its schedule, or this honor system of moving cars.

When I learned about this issue, I wanted to move my car for the recent street sweeping but couldn't even find any information on the City's website for which side of the street was scheduled for sweeping on what day. This link below is the only information that I found on the City's website. All it said was 4th Thursday and Friday for sweeping in the Richmond Annex. It didn't provide any information on the times for sweeping or which side of the street would be swept on which day. I had to find out from other people.

<https://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/DocumentCenter/View/5486/Sweeping-Routes-ANSI-E11?bidId=>

In addition, where I live, street parking is already completely full. I have no idea where people would park if the amount of street parking is cut in half for street sweeping. I'm all for street sweeping and the environmental benefits of street sweeping, but the City really needs to do two things before going to enforcement.

1) Before deciding that enforcement is the only solution, I believe that the City needs to put more effort into providing better information and targeted education for the many new residents of the Annex and people who just didn't know that they needed to move their cars. Some options may be more information that is easily found on the City's websites, regular electronic notifications through Nextdoor, an initial mailing campaign to inform people about the schedule and need for street sweeping, providing the information on welcome packages to new Richmond residents, etc.

2) Figure out where people will be able to park during street sweeping. The cars aren't just going to disappear. This could create many other issues such as illegal parking, complaints from neighborhoods that are suddenly getting an influx of parked cars, etc. There needs to be an analysis of the impacts to neighborhood parking.

I hope that you will consider these issues and consider alternatives before moving to enforcement. There doesn't seem to be a need for a rapid decision on an issue that requires thoughtful and deliberate consideration.

Thank you for your time and service to the Richmond community.

Lee Huo  
5500 Van Fleet Avenue  
Richmond Annex

On Sat, May 16, 2020 at 8:34 PM Lee Huo <[senpen88@gmail.com](mailto:senpen88@gmail.com)> wrote:  
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

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**From:** Sara Sunstein <sarasun18@humboldtmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 1:07 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** public comment, agenda item I-7

to the City Council,

Street sweeping signs at the cost of \$30,000,000? for an event that happens for 3 hours monthly? NO. absolutely not. There are much better and inexpensive ways to alert the local residents and their visitors to keep their side of the street clear for those 3 hours—such as notification once to everyone, and thereafter, to new owners and renters. and making it absolutely clear and easy to find on the city’s website. and Nixie alerts. Spend that \$30,000,000 on repairs to the streets, tree planting, or other necessary and betterment public works projects.

Thank you for listening/reading and using our finances in the most efficient way and for the highest good.

Sara Sunstein  
1664 San Benito

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Tally Craig <tallycraig4aca@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 24, 2020 3:13 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Council Meeting 5/26: I-7 - support

I support the following proposal:

I-7. 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).

Voluntary compliance has been useless in my Richmond Annex neighborhood, so the street sweepers are wasting their time. Mr. Bermudez's ideas about taking care of the city have impressed me as being well thought out and sensible.

Tally Craig  
5614 Huntington Avenue  
Richmond 94804

# Council Meeting - 5/26/2020

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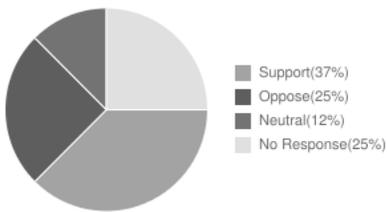
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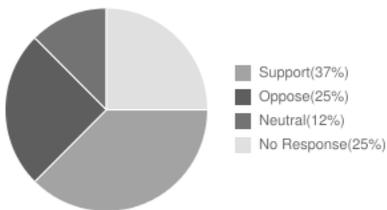
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| F. OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 2        | 2       | 0      | 0       |
| H-1. APPROVE staff recommendations on budget balancing strategies, and RECEIVE a presentation on the City's preliminary five-year budget forecast - City Manager's Office/Finance Department (Laura Snideman/Belinda Brown 620-6740). | 5        | 0       | 2      | 1       |

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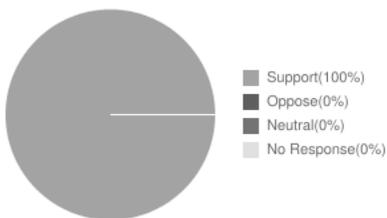
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### Agenda Item: eComments for B. PUBLIC COMMENT BEFORE CLOSED SESSION

### Overall Sentiment



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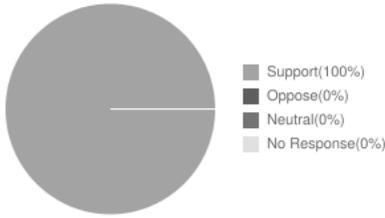
Location:

Submitted At: 9:28pm 05-26-20

continuing financial support for the Community Services Department and Libraries

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

## Overall Sentiment



### Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 6:29pm 05-26-20

My name is Douglas Anthony and I am concerned about the proposed cuts to the Community Services Department. I read the City is considering cutting hours or eliminating the use of the Plunge, tennis courts, Point Richmond Community Center, and our public libraries.

The Plunge is used by many residents of Richmond. I attend community center events, the Magick Lantern, neighborhood council meetings. Please consider other alternatives to keep these essential services intact.

### Guest User

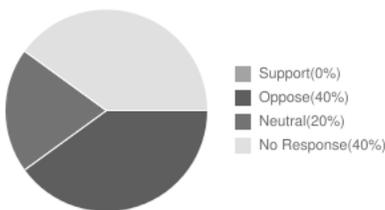
Location:

Submitted At: 4:28am 05-26-20

My name is Ron Taylor. I've been using the Plunge since it reopened in 2010. I've heard that Richmond is trying to find ways to cover a \$27 million deficit, and that there may be big cuts to the Comm. Services Dept. I sincerely hope that a way can be found to at least fund one of the Richmond pools, even if that means fewer hours available, to continue teaching children and adults to swim and be safe around water. Please, try to find a way to share the funding cuts equitably. Thank you.

Agenda Item: eComments for H-1. APPROVE staff recommendations on budget balancing strategies, and RECEIVE a presentation on the City's preliminary five-year budget forecast - City Manager's Office/Finance Department (Laura Snideman/Belinda Brown 620-6740).

## Overall Sentiment



### Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 9:31pm 05-26-20

As a regular swimmer at the Richmond Plunge and Swim Center, I would like to voice my opposition to cutting the recreational department budget. I have a chronic pain condition because of which swimming is my only form of exercise. It has been very difficult not being able to exercise over the past few months due to pool closures, and the thought of them remaining closed until January is very concerning. The community depends on these pools and our health cannot wait. Thank you.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 6:31pm 05-26-20

I started using both pools 10 years ago when a hip injury made it impossible for me to do any other activity. Swimming has also helped me emotionally. I have a shoulder injury that now precludes me from swimming. Now I'm able to water jog and do light shoulder exercises while receiving the benefits of aerobic exercise. To take the pools away from seniors, disabled, swimmers, kids, and parents. I ask that the city find some other source of funding to keep the pools open for all those who need it

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 5:24pm 05-26-20

I appreciate that the recommendations include tiers indicating which cuts are more likely. I understand that times are hard, but encourage the city to continue community programs such as libraries, pools, and after-school programs where possible. I would prefer consideration of a deeper citywide or executive salary cut before complete closure of the libraries, and I'd like the city to consider a smaller reduction in community programs that support low-income families, if they can continue safely

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 5:51am 05-26-20

Joy Totah Hilden

**Susan Wehrle**

Location:

Submitted At: 2:11am 05-26-20

Our Richmond swimming pools are important! Swimming is a survival skill. I'm a senior for whom the pools provide relief from the constant pain of severe arthritis. Joint pain, back pain, and recovering from surgeries, a pool helps a lot. When safe to open, we need our pools for physical and mental health. Community fund-raising has been done before. We need to keep the pools viable. I oppose the proposed closure as a budget measure. Many of us depend upon the pools for our continued survival.

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Jeannette Kortz <jeannekortz@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 4:42 PM  
**To:** Eduardo Martinez; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis; Demnlus Johnson; Ben Choi; Nat Bates  
**Cc:** Lina Velasco; City Clerk Dept; Irene Perdomo; Tom Butt - external  
**Subject:** Closed Session Terminal 4 Lease

Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

Why is Bobby Winston the proposed property manager for Terminal Four at Point Molate? He is not a professional property manager. Property management jobs for our public land should be put out to bid in order to get the best return on our dollar.

While the City is in an economic crisis, shouldn't we be trying to make money for the City instead of doing favors for your personal friends and campaign contributors?

Without a competitive bidding process, how do we know the opportunity costs of sole sourcing Bobby Winston as the property manager of Terminal 4?

Why a fixed rent, \$6,816.50, and not a percentage of income received? Why a 5-year lease at a fixed rent? Is that common practice? What would the benefit of this arrangement be for the City?

The City shall not have the right to disallow a sublease of Terminal 4?

Why would the City give up this right, which would also make it difficult for the public to oppose an inappropriate use or lessee?

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Jeanne Kortz  
Richmond Resident

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Jim Hanson <jimhmail@sonic.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 4:50 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Request public disclosure on uses of Terminal 3&4 (Closed Session - City Council 5-26-20)

Dear Members of the Council,

Please first appraise the public of the competitive process used for Terminal 3 and 4.

This regards the Closed Session negotiations on Richmond Terminal 3 Partners (Bobby Winston, Orton Development and Tom Lockard) and Port of Richmond (Terminal 4) Nematode Holdings, LLC/dba Bay Crossings (Bobby Winston-Owner).

1. When have the uses and rental or other disposition for this property been on the Council's regular agenda?
2. Has there been a request for qualifications, set of specifications, active staff recruitment of businesses, and public bidding process that would allow selection of all possible competitive vendors for uses of these valuable public assets, Terminal 3 and 4?

There is a need for transparency and assurance of a competitive process, particularly at a time when this City's budget requires that a fair and open competitive bidding, without any appearance of Council influence, is essential to return the highest possible return to the City's general fund.

You may recall that Nematode holdings was initially granted rights to use City property at Pt. Molate without a public process. Members of the Pt. Molate Community Advisory Committee later called out that sublets were being made by Nematode without City any sub-lease agreement with the City. This was all rationalized as Nematode simply doing a favor to the City. However, when a major construction equipment rental proposal subsequently came to the City for use of land at Pt. Molate, Nematode was effectively assigned sole source rights to manage and charge overhead on the agreement for the company's rental of City land. This was brought to the Committee and some members were telephoned ahead of time by a Council member. The Committee believed that the City could manage and retain all income without losing the high overhead Nematode proposed to receive from this \$10K per month rental contract and recommended to the City Council that the City manage the contract. The Committee also subsequently recommended that the City put out an RFP for a licensed property manager since estimates developed by an experienced member of the Committee indicated that the City could potentially receive far more income than under the sole-source arrangement with Nematode. (As you know, the Pt. Molate Community Advisory Committee was discontinued after the appointing authority refused to reappoint any of the citizens who volunteered their time to advise the Council on this complex property, however a summary of the Committee's work is available at the time is available).

With regard to the other proposed vendor, please recall that following the City-Upstream Settlement agreement discussion, one council member reported publicly during Council that he had been approached by Orton development about the details of the closed session settlement agreement with Upstream and was lobbied to support the closed session settlement agreement. The Council member expressed concern that a private business had access to discussions being held in closed session discussion. This is a large, and desirable shoreline public property and clearly, businesses with the opportunity to benefit should not be privy to closed session negotiations. Subsequently, the Council member asked if other Council members had also been approached by Orton development (All but one Council member responded).

These reports come out of my best recollection from public meetings. If there are any misunderstandings, please let me know, but they raise, at least for me, questions that would be cleared up by first providing the public with full information on the good faith process regarding a request for qualifications, a set of specifications, active staff recruitment of businesses, and public bidding process that would allow selection of all possible competitive vendors for uses of these valuable public assets, Terminal 3 and 4.

Thank you,

Jim Hanson, past Chair, Pt. Molate Community Advisory Committee (2017)



## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Pam Stello <pamstello@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 4:03 PM  
**To:** Eduardo Martinez; Melvin Willis; Ben Choi; demnlus johnson; Jael Myrick; Nat Bates  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept; Irene Perdomo; Lina Velasco  
**Subject:** Closed Session Terminal 4 Leasing Negotiations

Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

According to Bobby Winston, he was asked to “step up” and be the property manager for Terminal 4. How can the City ask Bobby Winston to “step up” as the property manager of Terminal 4? Isn’t the City required to put City work out to bid? Isn’t a City required to hire certified individuals and companies to do City work? Bobby Winston is not a property manager. He does not have a Broker’s license.

Without a competitive bidding process, how do we know the opportunity costs of sole sourcing Bobby Winston as the property manager of Terminal 4?

I read the LOI. Why a fixed rent, \$6,816.50, and not a percentage of income received? Why a 5-year lease at a fixed rent? Is that common practice? What would the benefit of this arrangement be for the City?

The City shall not have the right to disallow a sublease of Terminal 4?

Why would the City give up this right, which would also make it difficult for the public to oppose an inappropriate use or lessee?

According to the LOI, indemnification of the City and required insurances included in the Port’s existing lease with Pio’s Trucking are to be replicated in Bobby Winston’s contract.

Are the insurances and indemnifications consistent with what a property management company would currently provide and for uses different from Pio’s Trucking?

Bobby Winston writes that he has better things to do and this is “pure philanthropy.”

According to Mark Howe, the owner of a property management company, in his 2016 analysis of the revenue that Pt Molate could generate if managed by a Property Management Company, the choice of Bobby Winston as the property manager cost the City significant revenue. Maybe the City shouldn’t twist him arm and instead contract with a reputable Property Management Company.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

—Pam Stello  
Pt Molate Alliance Co-Chair  
Richmond resident

**Sara L. Tobin**  
**742 Lobos Avenue**  
**Richmond CA 94801**

May 26, 2020

RE: Conference with Real Property Negotiator in Closed Session

Mayor and City Council Members, c/o City Clerk  
City of Richmond  
450 Civic Center Plaza  
Richmond, CA 94804

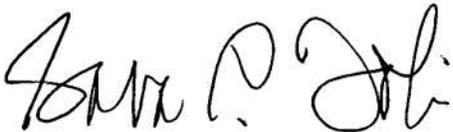
Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

There is an item on the consent calendar to discuss price and terms of payment for a lease of Port of Richmond (Terminal 4) to Nematode Holdings. Background information on this discussion should be made public, particularly because according to Lina Velasco, this area is zoned for parks and recreation. How will this use affect traffic on Stenmark Drive? What is the time interval being discussed? How will the property be transitioned to use as parkland? What about cleanup? Is any current cleanup being coordinated with other agencies?

Use of Richmond public property should be handled openly and transparently, preferably in an open bidding process.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,

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

Sara L. Tobin

**Sabrina Lundy**

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**From:** Andrew Yeung <andrew@rysecenter.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 3:56 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comments - Agenda Item G8

Mayor Butt and Richmond City Council,

I am writing as a educator in service to youth in the city of Richmond to demand the following:

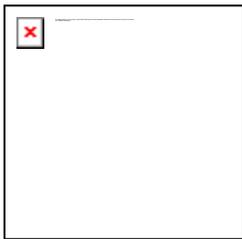
1. Remove the item from the consent calendar / agenda
2. Authentically partner with community orgs and unions on progressive measures that bring in revenue and don't strip away critical supports from those most impacted by COVID-19
3. Transparent data regarding Measure H and current spending on children/youth budget and # of youth served
4. Work with organizations and data in the next two years to make adjustments to Measure E&K, if needed

Please respond to this moment with progressive action and partnership, rather than with reactionary, harmful moves.

In community,  
Andrew

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**\* Please note, RYSE will be working remotely until further notice, visit our website for a list of virtual programming and resources \***



**Andrew Yeung**  
Economic Justice Program Manager  
**Pronouns:** he/him

**p:** 510.374.3401  
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205 41st Street  
Richmond, CA 94805  
[www.rysecenter.org](http://www.rysecenter.org)



## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Aurora Castellanos <castellanosau@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 4:49 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comment - Agenda Item G8

Good afternoon,

I'm emailing in regards to today's Agenda Item G8. During this time of crisis we need to commit to ensuring that funding is going to those who are most in need and that we are investing in our future by investing in our youth. **I'm emailing to urge the city council to remove this item from the agenda and to instead partner with community organizations and unions** to move forward progressive measures that bring revenue to uphold the support for our youth.

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Erika Ramirez <eramirez@thelatinacenter.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 4:43 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** RIGHT-SIZING THE KIDS FIRST BUDGET ALLOCATION

May 26, 2020

Hello Mayor and City Council,

We hope all is well and that this e-mail finds each of you in pleasant spirits.

My name is Erika Ramirez and I am an adult ally from The Latina Center. I am a Richmond resident from the last 12 years. As someone who is committed to this community and Mother of two young girls. I urge you to remove Item G8 from the Consent Calendar and commit to working in partnership with the community on a solution that doesn't impact services to children and youth and increases revenue for the City.

Measure E&K is needed. This proposed ballot measure will be confusing to voters and will take away from the progressive and real revenue measures unions and community based organizations are focused on to ensure children, youth, families don't bear the biggest burden of the economic downturn.

Thank you for your attention.



*The Latina Center*

*Erika Ramirez*  
*Program Coordinator/Program Assistant*  
*Office phone:(510) 233.8595*  
*Cell phone.:(510)7306443*

"The Key to success is to focus our conscious mind on things we desire, not things we fear"

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Kimberly Aceves <kimberly@rysecenter.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 3:00 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Kids First

On behalf of the RYSE Center we remain committed to being a partner with the City and offering our continued cooperation to help both City government and residents deal with the health and financial hardships caused by this crisis.

And in our commitment to working together I wanted to clarify some inconsistencies that have been raised over the past month:

- First of all, it is important to recognize that, under the City Charter, there is **no** allocation to Kids First in the upcoming 2020-2021 Fiscal Year. However, the City will continue to collect and receive all the revenue from Measure H, the Real Estate Transfer Tax, passed in November 2018. RYSE and the Kids First Coalition worked alongside local labor unions to develop and pass Measure H to bring new revenue to the City from the sale of all properties over \$1 million. The City started to receive new revenue under Measure H in January 2019.
- In organizing for Measure H, the Kids First Coalition ***used the numbers and projections that came directly from the City of Richmond finance department.*** The Kids First Coalition relied on the City of Richmond for accurate numbers to build a successful revenue generating campaign. *The City, not Kids First Coalition, estimated that Measure H would bring in over \$3 million annually in new revenues.*
- **On November 12, 2019** members of the Kids First Coalition, union leadership, met with you and your staff to discuss how to work together on additional progressive revenues, since the City, after the passing of Measure H, believed the numbers provided for Measure H weren't accurate and wouldn't bring in original projections.
- During the November 12th meeting everyone at that table agreed on three major things: 1) We all agreed to work together on new revenue; 2) We all agreed we needed accurate budget numbers from the City to base our collective work, and 3) We all agreed to contribute financially to research. **We were told that your office would circle back with us.**
- 12/17/19 DIRECT the city manager and staff to explore potential revenue enhancement and cost recovery measures, including researching and preparing potential ballot measures for City Council consideration; and AUTHORIZE the city manager to hire a consultant for an amount not to exceed \$25,000 to analyze potential revenues and expenditures for Kids First - Office of the Mayor (Mayor Tom Butt 620-6503).
- After this direction from the entire Council to direct staff to research, months went by without progress. We made numerous requests to circle back and figure out next steps and how the Mayor's office wanted us to proceed. We received no response.
- Fast forward to the past month and we are learning that you are concerned about "the lack of leadership" on revenue issues. However, the fact is we have been readied for the past seven months, but despite our efforts, you have not circled back with community leaders.

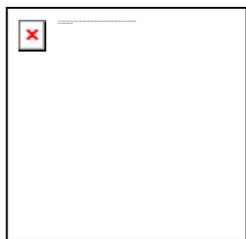
- And despite no direct follow-up from your office, community-based organizations and our union partners have come together to work towards progressive revenue measures that we stood ready to work on a year ago (Lift Up Richmond).
  - For RYSE, it is also important to know that when the City approached us to help build the infrastructure for a COVID response fund, RYSE did not hesitate to answer that call, helping to bring in, to- date, almost \$400,000.
  
- While we have committed to partnership, we were never contacted about your decision to put on the consent calendar a ballot measure to cap Kids First on the November 2020 ballot, a decision that would ultimately cause confusion and distract from the real revenue we are working to support since capping Kids First this year would produce NO REVENUE relief. As we understand, the funding provisions for Kids First under the Charter are as follows:
  - Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (this funding has already been allocated)
  - Fiscal Year 2020-2021 No funding allocation required
  - Fiscal Year 2021-2022 1% of unrestricted general-purpose revenue
  - Fiscal Year 2022-2023 2% of unrestricted general-purpose revenue
  - Fiscal Year 2023-2024 3% of unrestricted general-purpose revenue

We are consistently showing up to proactively partner with the City and we ask that you reciprocate by removing the item regarding Kids First from the consent calendar, work with community partners on progressive revenue measures, and ensure that adequate data is produced around Measure H as well as current spending on children and youth services so that we can come to the table over the next year to discuss Kids First.

Kimberly Aceves  
 Co-Founder and Executive Director of RYSE  
 In service to Richmond youth since 2002

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Kristin Lobos <kristinklobos@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 4:13 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Kids First!

Hello City Council,

I am a member of the Richmond Fund for Children Oversight Board. Together with all the wonderful staff at the Richmond Department of Children and Youth we have been working hard to improve services for our beautiful young people, now more than ever the children are suffering a huge setback. We are just beginning to understand the impact of Covid-19 on the children's mental health, as well as how this shelter and place has effected their schooling. The inactivity is also a physical health concern.

This is not the time to make cuts and changes to Kids First! Once again our children are the first on the chopping block. This community loves children, this is why the voters voted YES on E & K. We don't want any changes to this measure. The children are our future!

Sincerely,

Kristin Kilian Lobos

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Chromatic Destruction <chromaticdestruction7@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 3:51 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comments - Agenda Item G8

We need you to remove this item from the consent calendar. This way the public can discuss the issue first. We need you to authentically partner with community organizations, especially in the face of Covid-19. Fund them and consult with them on the best ways to help our children through this crisis which will impact them the rest of their lives.

We need you to have transparent data on measure H about how money is being used to serve youth. Without data there cannot be critique, and without critique there cannot be progress and improvement.

**Sabrina Lundy**

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**From:** Rosa Menjivar <rmenjivar@thelatinacenter.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 4:45 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** RIGHT-SIZING THE KIDS FIRST BUDGET ALLOCATION

May 26, 2020

Hello Mayor and City Council,

My name is Rosa Menjivar and I am an adult ally from The Latina Center. I am a Richmond resident from the last 11 years. As someone who is committed to this community **Coordinating a Youth Program**. I urge you to remove Item G8 from the Consent Calendar and commit to working in partnership with the community on a solution that doesn't impact services to children and youth and increases revenue for the City.

Measure E&K is needed. Your actions to cap Kids First will not support any immediate revenue relief, so why put this on the ballot now when our community is feeling most vulnerable.

Thank you for your consideration,

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***Rosa Menjivar***  
Program Coordinator Young Latina Future Leaders  
The Latina Center  
Tel. (510)233-8595

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Yolanda Mendoza <ymendoza@thelatinacenter.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 4:41 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** RIGHT-SIZING THE KIDS FIRST BUDGET ALLOCATION

May 26, 2020

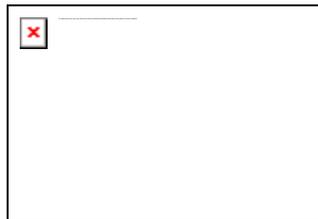
Hello Mayor and City Council,

My name is Yolanda Mendoza and I am an adult ally from The Latina Center. As someone who is committed to this community by Volunteer at the Summer Camp program. I urge you to remove Item G8 from the Consent Calendar and commit to working in partnership with the community on a solution that doesn't impact services to children and youth and increases revenue for the City.

Measure H is needed. The community has been requesting accurate data from the City regarding money spent on children and youth for the past ten years. To date we have only received inaccurate and overstated budgets with no data of youth served

Attached.

Thank you for your consideration.



*Yolanda Mendoza*  
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"El cambio es inevitable, y depende de mí si lo Acepto o No! "

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**From:** Gayle McLaughlin <gayledirect@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 4:45 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept; Tom Butt - external; Nat Bates; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Eduardo Martinez; Melvin Willis; Ben Choi; Irene Perdomo  
**Subject:** Public Comment Item G-9

Dear Mayor, Councilmembers and City staff:

It is critical that this item be opposed. Rent Control was passed because our renters were hurting. Today renters continue to hurt, even more so since we are in the midst of another downturn in the economy with many having lost their jobs and incomes due to COVID-19.

Approving this measure would not only show a complete lack of respect for Richmond voters, but it will also show a lack of adherence to our General Plan's vision. The General Plan is based on, among other things, equity. Protecting renters with reasonable and affordable rents, as implemented through our rent control program, will help us move forward with more equity for our community, so that high rents do not displace them or take from our Richmond families such a large bulk of their incomes.

While Rent Control is but one tool in the toolbox for creating affordable housing, it is a necessary measure. The Rent Control program allows renters to have an understanding of how much of a rent increase annually they might see and empowers renters in this unequal relationship between landlords and tenants. And our Richmond program allows both landlords and tenants to address their concerns with the Rent Board.

**A market-based economy is controlled by those who have big money. Rent Control brings a tiny bit of equalizing to this matter. Local governments should not be playing a role in trying to reverse this tiny bit of equalizing.**

Thank you,  
Gayle McLaughlin  
former Richmond mayor and Richmond resident.

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**From:** Janet Johnson <electricista545@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 3:13 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comment, Agenda Item 6-9

I live between San Pablo Ave and the I80 freeway. Even though the traffic noise can keep me awake at night, and the diesel exhaust has me worried about my lungs and heart, I've always felt grateful that my husband and I had the opportunity to buy a 2BR fixer-upper in 1981. Before then, I'd had to move every year or two, as the rents kept rising or a speculator would buy the place I'd been calling home.

As I approach my 75th birthday, I can only imagine living with the stress of possible rent increases or evictions without cause, so it's very disturbing that the mayor proposes to take away Richmond renters' few sources of housing security. Moreover, given the sharp escalation in unemployment and hunger in Richmond due to the pandemic, I fail to see how repealing our rent control and eviction protection legislation could remotely be construed as being good for Richmond.

That our mayor would consider putting this measure on the ballot illustrates the profound disconnect between him and the residents of the city he is sworn to serve. I urge the council to vote no on item G9 on the 5/26/20 agenda.

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Janet Scoll Johnson, 510-331-3985

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[Sunflower Alliance](#)

Twitter: @SunflowerAction

*Now is the season to know | That everything you do | Is sacred. — Hafiz*

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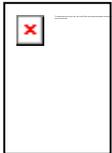
**From:** Megan Zapanta <megan@apen4ej.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 3:05 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Cc:** Tom Butt - external; Nat Bates; Ben Choi; Melvin Willis; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Eduardo Martinez  
**Subject:** Public Comments – Agenda Item G9

Hello Mayor & City City Council,

My name is Megan Zapanta and I am the Richmond Organizing Director of the Asian Pacific Environmental Network (APEN). I wanted to make sure to express my support for Richmond's current rent control and renter protection policy, a policy our members canvassed to see get instated in Richmond. In these difficult times, we can not be removing renter protections, but should only be expanding them to protect those most impacted by COVID-19. The fact that this item is on consent calendar keeps our community from hearing your discussion on the topic and doesn't us allow us the chance to weigh in. Please do your job as elected officials and protect our renters.

Sincerely,  
Megan Zapanta

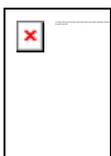
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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Dorothy Gilbert <mariesnicewerewolf@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 3:00 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comment Agenda H 1

Dear City Clerk: please include the message below in your report to the City Council at this evening's meeting. Thank you very much!  
I'm Dorothy Gilbert, Richmond resident for almost 22 years.

Dear City Council, a library is an indispensable part of a community,. as vital in its way as the police and the fire department, if what it offers can sometimes be visible more slowly. The Richmond Public Library is an excellent source, with a fine collection. And it serves so many crucial purposes. People take their kids there for story time; people use the computers--they may not have computers at home; after school help with homework is available; LEAP provides a way to essential literary skills; a quiet place to study, whether for school or the GED, is dependably available. At the Library one can find information on career possibilities; enjoy the caaft program take part in the Summer Reading Game; and it is a safe place to meet friends, for studying or whatever.

The poet Judy Bloom has written: "Libraries save lives, by handing the right book at the right time to a kid in need."

The historian Barbara Tuchman has written "To a historian, libraries are food, shelter and even muse."

Please, support and preserve our Richmond Public Library! Thank you very much for your attention.

Dorothy Gilbert

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Elizabeth D. <eldortch@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 2:58 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Keep pool open

I understand the need to save money for the city. How about keeping one pool open for all activities? They are so good for children, adults and seniors. Thank you

Elizabeth

Dortch

2511 Baywood Way Richmond

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** gdperrett@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 4:28 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comments agenda Item #F

Dear Council Members:

Regarding your proposal to end Community Services so as to retain Police, Firemen, Executives and their pensions intact. As a taxpayer, I strongly disagree with this proposal.

Since everybody prides themselves in being "progressive", wouldn't a more "progressive" and "equal" approach be for everybody to share the burden? That is, the police, firemen and executives take a cut in their salaries and contribute more themselves to their pension; the community services be cut back a little and some taxes also be raised a little. This equal burden sharing would be much more in line with "progressive" principles than just axing community services, particularly just ahead of summer.

Also, another area for expense cuts is to reduce the ridiculous salaries paid to the staff of the Rent Control Board who seem to under qualified for anything but a low level entry position.

Sincerely,

G. D. Perrett  
524 Grandview Court  
Richmond

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Gayle McLaughlin <gayledirect@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 4:55 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Nat Bates; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Eduardo Martinez; Melvin Willis; Ben Choi; City Clerk Dept; Irene Perdomo  
**Subject:** Public comment Item H-1

Dear Mayor, City Councilmembers and City Staff,

I am deeply concerned about this budgetary process and how it may indeed lead to major losses in services and city jobs.

I have mentioned before and am mentioning now that we need to think equity when moving forward.

When members of our community need our help most, like at this point in time during a major health crisis, we should be there for them. And we should have frontline staff in place to provide the needed services. Libraries and community centers need to stay open. Upper level staff can take a temporary cut (this can be drawn up in a contract, so everyone is clear on the terms and when this would expire).

Thank you,  
Gayle McLaughlin  
former Richmond mayor and Richmond resident

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** John Schonder <richmondswims@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 3:54 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; City Clerk Dept  
**Cc:** Nat Bates; ezedmartin@yahoo.com; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Ben Choi; Melvin Willis  
**Subject:** Richmond Plunge and Aquatics

To Mayor Butt and the Richmond City Council,

I am writing to you today as the Head Coach and Director of Richmond Swims (Richmond Sailfish and Richmond Plunge Masters). Our organization was founded as a non profit in 2010 when the Richmond Plunge reopened, with a goal of providing the valuable and life saving skill of learning to swim. Since our team started we have seen hundreds of Richmond kids participate in our year round [USA Swimming](#) team, or through our grant funded free swim lessons for kids each year. In addition we also run low cost adult learn to swim lessons through our grant funding from the United States Masters Swimming, [Swimming Saves Lives foundation](#). During our 10 years in Richmond we have not only helped young kids learn to swim, we have given them life skills to be successful. Currently, a large number of the City of Richmond pool lifeguards are current and former members of our organization in high school and college, and we receive grant funding to help pay for our swimmers Lifeguard training, a job skill they can take with them to any college or community. In past years we had received a grant partnership from the City of Richmond to help increase the number of children getting access to the life saving and health benefits of participating on a year round athletic organization. In addition to all the work we do at the pool we also founded the Keller Cove Swim for Kids Sake open water competition in 2010. In 2019 we had our 10th annual swim with over 275 adults and kids swimming either a 1/2, 1 or 2 mile swim in the bay. This event is possible due to our incredible local business sponsors, our partnership with the East Bay Regional Parks, and all our members who work as volunteers to run this event. Lastly, I want to talk about our community outreach. Each year we offer scholarships to low income families, run free swim lessons for kids, do 2-3 Keller beach clean up days per year, participate in the Picnic in the Point annual event, co host a water safety day at one of the two pools providing free swim lessons, and partner with other local non profits to help enrich the entire Richmond community. I hope that when you consider the pool budget that you think about it not as a financial line item, but a vital and integral part of the Richmond community. The Richmond Plunge is one of the most incredible and special pools I have ever been to. Its history and connection to Richmond is incredible and has been a fixture since 1926. I hope that I get to continue being apart of the Plunge's history.

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John Schonder  
Head Coach  
Richmond Sailfish  
[www.richmondswims.org](http://www.richmondswims.org)

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Margaret Dodson <margaretdodson@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 3:35 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** City council meeting on May 26, 2020

My name is Lilliana Dodson, I am a 16 year old high school sophomore. I am emailing through my mom's email. I am late in emailing you because I was taking an online math test. I'm emailing you in light of the fact that you are cutting back services in Richmond. Everyday I go to the tennis courts behind the Richmond Plunge and play against the backboard on my own. Many other people love the tennis courts and use them. Getting to go outside and play tennis, while most of the time being stuck in my room doing classes over video calls, is the highlight of my day and is one of the only things that is bringing me real joy during these trying times, and even when this is all over I plan to continue. All my normal summer plans have been cancelled and am looking forward to hopefully playing tennis everyday this summer. There was a period of about a month where the tennis courts were locked and that was a such a big disappointment for me, as that was the only real way to move around and get exercise that I enjoyed, so it would be a tremendous disappointment if they were gone. It would be a great loss for me, as well as many others who I often see playing tennis, to lose them. I am urging you to please consider keeping the tennis courts open. Thank you

Sincerely,  
Lilliana Dodson

**Sara L. Tobin**  
**742 Lobos Avenue**  
**Richmond CA 94801**

May 26, 2020

RE: Proposed Budget Cuts for Richmond Library System

Mayor and City Council Members, c/o City Clerk  
City of Richmond  
450 Civic Center Plaza  
Richmond, CA 94804

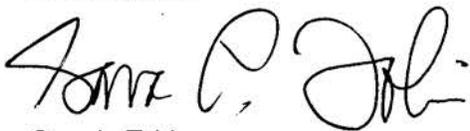
Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

In the current budget situation, of course cuts must be made. But NOT to the libraries! Libraries are a community resource. Libraries support education. Libraries provide knowledge to Richmond youth. Libraries are valuable for adult education.

As a child, I attended a rural school with limited resources, but the Clallam County Library System had a bookmobile! My horizons were opened, and it has made a huge difference to my personal and professional life. We owe that to the youth of Richmond.

Please keep the libraries open!

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sara L. Tobin', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Sara L. Tobin

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Yen Do <Yen.Do@seiu1021.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 3:07 PM  
**To:** Jasuara Castaneda  
**Cc:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** RE: 5/12/20 - Phone Public Comment on Budget Item H1

I'd like to submit the below message for tonight's (Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>) COR public comment on item H1 on the Budget. Thank you.

"My name is Yen Do and I am the SEIU 1021 labor union field staff representing the City's service workers and speaking on behalf of our labor coalition. To reiterate, our labor coalition has been working very hard to figure out creative ways to balance the budget and without eliminating much needed public services for the community. We ask that City leaders to embrace the **no cuts to City services** during a time when our members of the community need them the most." This is simply not the time to make drastic cuts. Please choose to **RESTORE PUBLIC SERVICES!** Thank you.

Yen L. Do, MPP  
SEIU 1021  
Field Representative

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**From:** Jasuara Castaneda <Jasuara\_Castaneda@ci.richmond.ca.us>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 19, 2020 6:06 PM  
**To:** Yen Do <Yen.Do@seiu1021.org>  
**Subject:** RE: 5/12/20 - Phone Public Comment on Budget Item I1

Yes, thank you. I will give you a call.

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**From:** Yen Do [<mailto:Yen.Do@seiu1021.org>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 19, 2020 5:53 PM  
**To:** Jasuara Castaneda  
**Subject:** Re: 5/12/20 - Phone Public Comment on Budget Item I1

Jaduara,  
Wrong date. It's for tonight, May 19 but you got it. Thank you.

Yen L. Do, MPP  
SEIU 1021  
Field Representative

Sent from my iPhone

On May 19, 2020, at 5:45 PM, Jasuara Castaneda <[Jasuara\\_Castaneda@ci.richmond.ca.us](mailto:Jasuara_Castaneda@ci.richmond.ca.us)> wrote:

Received.

Thank you,

**Jasuara Castaneda**  
City Clerk Technician  
City of Richmond  
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Richmond, CA 94804  
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**From:** Yen Do [<mailto:Yen.Do@seiu1021.org>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 19, 2020 5:41 PM  
**To:** Sabrina Lundy; City Clerk Dept  
**Cc:** Jasuara Castaneda; Pamela Christian; Ursula Deloa  
**Subject:** RE: 5/12/20 - Phone Public Comment on Budget Item I1

I am the SEIU 1021 Field Representative, representing COR's service workers and would like to leave an over the phone public comment on Budget section I1. I can be called at (510) 536-6493. Thank you!

Yen L. Do, MPP  
SEIU 1021  
Field Representative

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**From:** Yen Do  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 5:31 PM  
**To:** Sabrina Lundy <[Sabrina\\_Lundy@ci.richmond.ca.us](mailto:Sabrina_Lundy@ci.richmond.ca.us)>; [cityclerkdept@ci.richmond.ca.us](mailto:cityclerkdept@ci.richmond.ca.us)  
**Cc:** Jasuara Castaneda <[Jasuara\\_Castaneda@ci.richmond.ca.us](mailto:Jasuara_Castaneda@ci.richmond.ca.us)>; Pamela Christian <[pamela\\_christian@ci.richmond.ca.us](mailto:pamela_christian@ci.richmond.ca.us)>; Ursula Deloa <[udeloa@ci.richmond.ca.us](mailto:udeloa@ci.richmond.ca.us)>  
**Subject:** RE: 5/12/20 - Phone Public Comment on Item F1

I am the SEIU 1021 Field Representative, representing COR's service workers and would like to leave an over the phone public comment on F1. I can be called at (510) 536-6493. Thank you!

Yen L. Do, MPP  
SEIU 1021  
Field Representative

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**From:** Sabrina Lundy <[Sabrina\\_Lundy@ci.richmond.ca.us](mailto:Sabrina_Lundy@ci.richmond.ca.us)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 10:48 AM  
**To:** Yen Do <[Yen.Do@seiu1021.org](mailto:Yen.Do@seiu1021.org)>  
**Cc:** Jasuara Castaneda <[Jasuara\\_Castaneda@ci.richmond.ca.us](mailto:Jasuara_Castaneda@ci.richmond.ca.us)>; Pamela Christian <[pamela\\_christian@ci.richmond.ca.us](mailto:pamela_christian@ci.richmond.ca.us)>; Ursula Deloa <[udeloa@ci.richmond.ca.us](mailto:udeloa@ci.richmond.ca.us)>  
**Subject:** RE: 5/12/20 - Phone Public Comment on Item F1

Hi Yen do, telephone call requests are only accepted once the meeting starts and during the item comment period.

Please resubmit this request at 5:30 p.m. today.

Thank you,

**Sabrina Lundy**

Assistant City Clerk

**City of Richmond, City Clerk's Office**

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**From:** Yen Do [<mailto:Yen.Do@seiu1021.org>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 10:42 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** 5/12/20 - Phone Public Comment on Item F1

I am the SEIU 1021 Field Representative, representing COR's service workers and would like to leave an over the phone public comment. I can be called at (510) 536-6493. Thank you!

Yen L. Do, MPP  
SEIU 1021  
Field Representative

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Gayle McLaughlin <gayledirect@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 4:06 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:** Oppose Item I-1

Resending this letter today since the item was carried over from last week.

On Tue, May 19, 2020 at 1:20 PM Gayle McLaughlin <[gayledirect@gmail.com](mailto:gayledirect@gmail.com)> wrote:

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

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**From:** Jim Hanson <jimhmail@sonic.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 3:01 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** H-8 - Please vote NO on SunCal ERN extension (Council meeting 5/26/2020)

Dear City Clerk, would you please repost this comment for a no vote on H-8 for the Council on H-8 for tonight's meeting.

Thank you,

Jim Hanson

Richmond

----- Original Message -----

**Subject:**H-8 - Please vote NO on SunCal ERN extension (Council meeting 5/19/2020)  
**Date:**2020-05-19 17:33  
**From:**Jim Hanson <[jimhmail@sonic.net](mailto:jimhmail@sonic.net)>  
**To:**[cityclerkdept@ci.richmond.ca.us](mailto:cityclerkdept@ci.richmond.ca.us)

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

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**From:** David Graves <dgraves@shopoff.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 4:55 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** City Council Agenda Item I-2

Good afternoon City Clerk,

We are the applicant for City Council agenda item I-2 this evening 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.  
2 Park Plaza, Suite 700, Irvine, CA 92614  
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**From:** Lina Velasco  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 4:14 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** FW: Item I-2

**From:** Gayle McLaughlin [<mailto:gayledirect@gmail.com>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 4:09 PM

**To:** Tom Butt - external; Nat Bates; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Eduardo Martinez; Melvin Willis; Ben Choi; Shasa Curl; Lina Velasco; Irene Perdomo

**Subject:** Item I-2

Resending this letter since the item was carried over from last week.

On Tue, May 19, 2020 at 1:47 PM Gayle McLaughlin <[gayledirect@gmail.com](mailto:gayledirect@gmail.com)> wrote:

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

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**From:** Jeannette Kortz <jeannekortz@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 3:15 PM  
**To:** Ben Choi; Tom Butt - external; Eduardo Martinez; Melvin Willis; Nat Bates; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick  
**Cc:** Irene Perdomo; Lina Velasco; City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Agenda Item I-2

Dear Mayor and City Council,

I urge you to take no action on Item I 2 regarding the controversial Zeneca site until the community is able to address City Council in person. Project Infrastructure costs should not be considered part of any community benefit. Stop allowing short term gain at the cost of people's health. Thousands of future residents will be put at risk by living on top of the toxic waste dump at the Zeneca Former Stauffer Chemical Site (AKA Campus Bay) . Arsenic, heavy metals, hundreds of chemicals of concern were illegally dumped there. Volatile organic chemicals will be pumped out and blown with fans. Deed restrictions will mean no disturbing soil, no daycares, no elder care, no schools, no hospitals....etc can be there. What is the relationship between Shopoff and HRP Campus Bay Property,LLC? Who will pay the medical bills for the people who get sick from living there?

Thank you for your time.

Jeanne Kortz

Richmond Resident

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Gayle McLaughlin <gayledirect@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 4:01 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Ben Choi; Nat Bates; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis; City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Oppose Item I-7

Resending the below email I sent last week since the item was continued. Please do not pass this item. Again, the residents of the Annex and Panhandle Annex voted to not have street sweeping signs...and disregarding that vote is not in the interest of promoting democracy and the democratic process.

On Tue, May 19, 2020 at 6:51 AM Gayle McLaughlin <[gayledirect@gmail.com](mailto:gayledirect@gmail.com)> wrote:  
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

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**From:** Kirk G Essler <essler@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 3:49 PM  
**To:** Ben Choi; Nat Bates; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis; City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** No to street sweeping signs in Richmond Annex

Dear City Council, Mayor, and City Clerk,

When well known Former Green Party Richmond Mayor, Green Party Candidate for Lt Governor, and current candidate for City Council District 5, Gayle McLaughlin, says that the push for neighborhood sweeping signs is not about the environment, We should believe her.

Thank-you for postponing your vote. I have already voiced my reasons for the Ordinance to all of you. Let me add one more.

20 years ago, I had a darling little cottage in the Maxwell Park neighborhood in East Oakland. I had no driveway and could only park on the street. Then they installed street sweeping signs. I was warned not to park in front of my house every third Tuesday between 9:00 - 11:00. I worked the 4:00 pm - 12:00 am shift. Hard as I would try, I could not remember the third Tuesday of the month when I parked at 12:30 am. Those mornings, I would hear the beep of the street sweeping truck in bed. I would run down to move my car only to find a ticket each and every month. I kept my street clean, to no avail. Within the year, I found another darling little house on Merced St in the Annex and have been happy in the neighborhood ever since.

Yes, parking over the years has gotten tight. I moved up to a larger house on Santa Clara St. in the Annex with off street parking. Listening to the call of greater housing density, I managed to permit an ADU and now house a single working mother with 1 child. She parks on the street and my plea to you is on her behalf. I know in my heart she will start getting tickets eventually, which will make her life harder in an already stressful Bay Area.

In light of coming District Elections, let me issue a political warning. If any of you have aspirations for higher office that would include the vote of District 5 especially the Annex, you must oppose this vote for signs. It will haunt you and will not be forgotten by any of us living here and may cause some of us to actively campaign against you. I have always felt that Richmond city Government was fairly good. But to target vulnerable working people just trying to survive to raise revenue, would be unconscionable! That's what you will be doing by voting for these signs! I beg you not to.

Kirk Essler  
1565 Santa Clara St.  
Richmond, CA 94804

510 524-5036

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Edith Pastrano <epastrano@calorganize.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 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:** PUBLIC COMMENT PLEASE READ ALOUD\_ ANA G.

Members of the council,

My name is Ana Gonzalez. I am a Richmond tenant and I would love to give gratitude to members Choi, Willis, Myrik, and Martinez for really looking after their residents and showing us that you are with us in this time of the COVID-19 crisis. Your vote to extend the grace period to pay back rent means that my family and I will have enough time to make sure that our rent will be paid in a timely manner and that we won't have to be afraid of being kicked out of our homes for not being able to pay the rent. I had to pay rent but things are difficult. I won't or couldn't be able to pay the rent because of the crisis but today I applaud your stance with us. Thank you for giving us more time.

Ana G.

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Edith Pastrano <epastrano@calorganize.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 6:09 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Cc:** Tom Butt - external; Ben Choi; Nat Bates; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis  
**Subject:** PUBLIC COMMENT PLEASE READ ALOUD\_ ANGELA F

Thank you members of the council,

My name is Angela Flores and I am an ACCE member and a tenant, I live in Pennsylvania in a 2 bedroom apartment with my children and my husband. I have been able to pay my rent in installments but it hasn't been easy since my husband wasn't working for a while but thankfully we are starting to get back on our feet. You all who helped pass the extension of the grace period in the moratorium is going to help me and my neighbors pay back the rent that we are in debt with. Thank you for stepping up for me and my folks.

Thank you,

Angela F.

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Edith Pastrano <epastrano@calorganize.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 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:** PUBLIC COMMENT PLEASE READ ALOUD\_ BLANCA R

Hi members of the council,

Thank you for all the work you all are doing during this terrible time of despair. My name is Blanca Retano. I live at 2001 Gaynor Ave and I'm an active ACCE member and tenant rights advocate. I am writing to express to you my gratitude. Many cities and counties have taken measures to protect vulnerable tenants. By strengthening the moratorium in Richmond I feel a sense of security that we are going to be okay and that we will have time to pay back the rent we owe due to income loss as a result of COVID19 shelter-in-place order. Thank you for stepping up and standing up for tenants all over Richmond.

Best wishes,

Blanca R.

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** claudia jimenez <jimenez.claudia78@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 6:17 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public comments open forum

City Clerk,

I would like to be call to make public comments on the open forum.

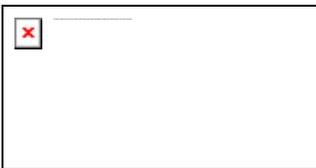
I want to thank city council members Melvin Willis, Jael Myrick, Ben Choi and Eduardo Martinez for supporting the eviction moratorium, not only to vote for it, but also strengthen it so our families can stay in Richmond in this difficult times. This is the kind of leadership that we need in our city. You were able to listen to the many residents who shared their stories at the last city council meetings and without making any excuses you acted to support those in need. Over 47% of Richmond residents are renters. Sixty percent of African American families and 63 latino families in Richmond are renters. This means that a large percent of our Black and Brown communities will be protected because you voted yes and give them that opportunity to stay in their homes.

Sincerely,

Claudia Jimenez

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



## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Patricia Aguiar <paguiar@calorganize.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 5:30 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** public comments

Hi, my name is Cornelio Perez. I live in Richmond ca , I want to Thank all the Council board Members that extended the Moratorium for evictions and rent.

## Sabrina Lundy

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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 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:** PUBLIC COMMENT PLEASE READ ALOUD\_ ELIZABETH C

Hello members of the council my name is Elizabeth Castro, I am a Richmond tenant I live on Bissell Ave. and I am with ACCE, I want to thank you all for strengthening the moratorium's grace period to pay back rent. This is a scary time we are living in and want to thank those of you who stood up in support of tenants.

My husband went over 2 months without working because he was laid off when shelter in place was ordered. We are slowly trying to get back on our feet and this is really helpful. It will take time for things to go back to normal but I want to express to you all how thankful me and my husband and my children are.

Blessings to you all,

Elizabeth C

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** cubanelsa@sbcglobal.net  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 6:50 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Open Forum

Elsa Stevens Richmond resident

Gratitude to Choi, Willis, Myrek, and Martinez  
for extending moratorium on evictions.

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Edith Pastrano <epastrano@calorganize.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 5:57 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Cc:** Tom Butt - external; Ben Choi; Nat Bates; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis  
**Subject:** PUBLIC COMMENT PLEASE READ ALOUD \_ EULALIA G

Hi, My name is Eulalia Galvan and I just want to say thank you: Eduardo Martinez, Ben Choi, Jael Myrick and Melin Willis for putting stronger tenant protections for us in Richmond this is some light in this dark time. May you all be blessed so you can continue your work with the community. Thank you for being with us, as we are with you all.

Have a good evening,

Eulalia G.

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Edith Pastrano <epastrano@calorganize.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 5:38 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Cc:** om.butt@intres.com; Ben Choi; Nat Bates; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis  
**Subject:** PUBLIC COMMENT PLEASE READ ALOUD\_ GABY M

Good evening members of the council,

I would like to just comment that in this time of uncertainty councilmembers Martinez, Myrik, Willis and Choi have followed suit along with other counties and cities by passing stronger protections for tenants. I live on Bissell Ave. I'm a single mother of a 7 year old girl and have been very nervous ever since I lost my job at a florist store. I'm now able to breathe a sigh of relief knowing that I will have time to repay my rent. Up until now I don't know if and when I will start working again, but knowing that I have rights and protections makes me feel at ease right now. Thank you for standing up for me and my 7 year old daughter as well as other tenants.

Thank you so much,

Gaby M.

## Sabrina Lundy

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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 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:** PUBLIC COMMENT PLEASE READ ALOUD\_HIPOLITO P.

Hello members of the council,

My name is Hipolito Pastrano, I'm a Richmond tenant and resident for over 30 years now, and joined the local ACCE chapter. I want to thank the council members Myrick, Willis, Choi and Martinez for strengthening the moratorium on evictions and rent increases by extending the grace period. This will give many families who have been hard hit by the pandemic due to loss of jobs and income. This is an unprecedented time in our generation and calls for us to look out for each other. Allowing up to 12 months for Richmond tenants to pay back rent when they haven't been able to secure income during this quarantine period is a huge sigh of relief. Thank you for being bold.

Thank you

Hipolito P.

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** ina mason <gzuslvs1@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 5:45 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public comment

I would like to thank the following Council Members for the outstanding job they have done for the community. Willis, Choi, Martinez and Myrick thank you, for voting for and strengthening Richmond's moratorium grace period to 1 year to repay rent after COVID-19.

**Ina,**

**Trust the Lord and watch HIM work... Amen**

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Edith Pastrano <epastrano@calorganize.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 6:02 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Cc:** Tom Butt - external; Ben Choi; Nat Bates; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis  
**Subject:** PUBIC COMMENT PLEASE READ ALOUD\_ JUAN LOZANO

Thank you for allowing us to continue communication with you during shelter in place since we can't go to the chambers right now. But I like to give you a thank you message for the members on the council that voted to extend the grace period of the moratorium. You all are doing the best and we thank you for that. I am a homeowner but I have many friends who are renters and they need protection too. Thank you for the good news.

Juan L.

## Sabrina Lundy

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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 5:36 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Cc:** Tom Butt - external; Ben Choi; Nat Bates; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis  
**Subject:** PUBLIC COMMENT PLEASE READ ALOUD\_ MARTHA P.

Martha Pastrano,

I'm a Richmond tenant and resident for 30 years, I want to thank council members Willis, Choi, Myrick and Martinez for your leadership on strengthening the moratorium on evictions and rent increases by extending the grace period to repay rents. This crisis calls for it and you all did the right thing and for that I would like to commend you.

Bless you all,

Martha P.

**Sabrina Lundy**

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**From:** Patricia Aguiar <paguiar@calorganize.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 9:00 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Fwd: Public comments:

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**From:** Patricia Aguiar <[paguiar@calorganize.org](mailto:paguiar@calorganize.org)>  
**Date:** Tue, May 26, 2020 at 5:45 PM  
**Subject:** Public comments:  
**To:** <[cityclerkdept@ci.richmond.ca.us](mailto:cityclerkdept@ci.richmond.ca.us)>

HI, I am Paul Larudee. I live in Richmond CA and I want to thank Melvin Willis,Choi,Myrick and Martinez for your leadership and for the extension that you did in the Moratorium on evictions and rent increases.

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Alisha Semplar <alishas@rubiconprograms.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 6:53 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Cc:** Gail Thomas; 'alex18371@gmail.com'; 'dareasechrice15@gmail.com'  
**Subject:** Agenda Item G8

Richmond City Council,

Please remove the Kids First Initiative from the Consent Calendar!

We want to weigh in on this issue immediately!

It is imperative that the Kids First Measure allow for the funds to be allocated to projects that will improve the quality of life for Richmond's youth.

Our Participant Advisory Board is comprised of Richmond families with children and the following are the ideas and concerns that they have regarding the Kids First Initiative. Our community is taking action to create opportunities for our city's children in the following ways:

Development of programming that could utilize Kids First funds to open up parks in Richmond, North Richmond, South Side Richmond and San Pablo

-Park Programming would address the engagement needs of Richmond's children by providing the following:

- games, booths and educational events being facilitated at the above mentioned parks. Events for kids would be monitored by staff prepared to serve, engage and protect children
- Participant Advisory Board members and community members are partnering with strong and respected community members to address safety and anti-violence practices
- partnership with programs and cbo's that engage families can support with provision of tables, services, etc for children and families during the open hours of engagement in parks

We implore you to open this item for public comment so that we may share community approved details around allocating and planning for activities that will enrich the youth of our community.

Thank You,

Gail Thomas, Participant Advisory Board Lead  
Alex Thomas, Participant Advisory Board Lead  
Darease Brown, Participant Advisory Board Member

*Alisha Semplar*  
*Community Connections Program Manager*  
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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 5:34 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Cc:** Tom Butt - external; Ben Choi; Nat Bates; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis  
**Subject:** AGENDA ITEM G-8 PLEASE READ ALOUD\_ ANA G.

Members of the council,

My name is Ana Gonzalez, Richmond resident ACCE member and parent leader at Peres Elementary School. I have 2 children that attend there and 1 grand daughter that attends there as well. My eldest son is 17 attending Richmond High. Being a very active leader in the community and in my childrens' lives, access to resources and programs for youth is very important to me. My son's teacher and other parents at school really pushed for E & K because we need more revenue to fund programs for youth and children in order to expand their opportunities and prepare them for challenges to come in their life. We need to cultivate our childrens' interest and curiosity, and water the seeds to allow their full growth. The best opportunity we have is when they are young, the earlier in their life we invest the better. Do not cap revenues from E & K, that's like putting restraints on their little branches and limiting their growth. Let's give our kids the opportunities we never had.

Our children are our future!

Ana G.

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Edith Pastrano <epastrano@calorganize.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 6:27 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** AGENDA ITEM G-8 \_ PLEASE READ ALOUD ANGELA F

Hello

My name is Angela Flores, I am a Richmond tenant, I have 3 children and I take care of my neighbors children. I wish there were more programs and more funding for the programs that do exist. My daughter is taking classes at East Bay Center For Performing Arts. She loves dance, music classes and is really missing her friends right now. Measures like E and K are supposed to plump up these programs and create more opportunity for kids like mine and like others in the Richmond community. There is no revenue allocation written into Kids First until 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 is only 1%. Placing the item on the consent calendar prevents the public, who widely supported Measures E & K, from speaking on the item which passed with *76% support in favor*. Give this measure the chance to fulfill its merits. Don't cap this fund especially if people who put it on the ballot haven't had a say in it.

Thank you,

Angela F.

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Edith Pastrano <epastrano@calorganize.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 5:39 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** AGENDA ITEM G-8 PLEASE READ ALOUD\_ BLANCA R

Greetings members of the council,

My name is Blanca Retano. I am a mother of 3 children and I always do whatever I can to get my kids into as many programs and extracurricular activities as possible. The funding from E & K is supposed to help fuel and start programs for our youth in the city of Richmond. As a mother, a parent leader in Chavez elementary school, I do my best to get involved in things that will better the development not only of my own kids but also other kids, and parents as well. I would request that E & K not be capped under any circumstances. Invest in youth, invest in our community. Capping Kids First *will not* support any immediate revenue relief, so why put this on the ballot now when our community is feeling most vulnerable. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Blessings,

Blanca R.

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Chala Bonner <[cbonner@safereturnprj.org](mailto:cbonner@safereturnprj.org)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 5:47 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public comments – agenda item G8

My name is Chala Bonner. I am the Program Manager at the Safe Return Project. I urge you all to remove this from the consent calendar because capping Kids First *will not* support any immediate revenue relief, so why put this on the ballot now when our community is feeling most vulnerable. This proposed ballot measure will be confusing to voters and will take away from the progressive and real revenue measures unions and community-based organizations are focused on to ensure children, youth, families don't bear the biggest burden of the economic downturn.

Thank you for your time.

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**Chala Bonner**

Organizer

Safe Return Project

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**From:** Patricia Aguiar <paguiar@calorganize.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 5:30 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Item G8

HI , my name is Cornelio Perez. I live in Richmond Ca and I want to say to the council Board members that I am against to do any change on this , all this money has to go to all the kids and youth , to have a better future.thank you

## Sabrina Lundy

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**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Cc:** Tom Butt - external; Ben Choi; Nat Bates; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis  
**Subject:** AGENDA ITEM G-8 PLEASE READ ALOUD\_ ELIZABETH C

My name is Elizabeth Castro. I am a Richmond resident, I live with my family and all my 5 kids and my husband. I make sure that my children are constantly bettering themselves to have a brighter future, two of my kids are involved with city planning and events, they love to volunteer and help out. E & K is supposed to bring in funding to more programs and services for youth and children in Richmond and we need to adhere to the whole purpose. There is no reason to cap the measure when it hasn't even had enough time to flourish results within the community. Thank you for your efforts.

Elizabeth C.

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Patricia Aguiar <paguiar@calorganize.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 9:02 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Fwd: Item G8

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**From:** Patricia Aguiar <[paguiar@calorganize.org](mailto:paguiar@calorganize.org)>  
**Date:** Tue, May 26, 2020 at 5:51 PM  
**Subject:** Item G8  
**To:** <[ciryclerkdept@ci.richmond.ca.us](mailto:ciryclerkdept@ci.richmond.ca.us)>

Hi ,my name is Ezequiel Chum , i live in Richmond Ca and we need more educational programs for kids and youth in our city so we need to stop any change that any one wants to do for this item, thank you

## Sabrina Lundy

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**To:** City Clerk Dept  
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**Subject:** AGENDA ITEM G-8 PLEASE READ ALOUD\_ GABY M

Hello councilmembers,

My name is Gabriela Mercado As a single mother of a 7 year girl, E an K is a promising measure to bring in funding for youth and children's programs into our community. I supported E & K all the way to the ballot. Children in our community need to be invested in and taking away from them shows a lack of interest in its youth. I request that staff and this board not move forward with capping E & K. I would like to see more opportunities not only for my daughter but her friends at school as well and all of Richmond's youth. Support our youth, don't cap E & K.

Blessings,

Gaby M.

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**Subject:** AGENDA ITEM G-8 PLEASE READ ALOUD\_ HIPOLITO P

Greetings council members My name is Hipolito Pastrano,

I am a Richmond resident and a local member of ACCE (Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment). I am not in favor of capping funding from E & K. The city's finances can be fortified through other means of revenue. Capping funds from E&K will set back the full potential of and intention behind the measure. We need to continue fueling more children's programs and not limit them.

Thank you,

Hipolito P.

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** ina mason <gzuslvs1@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 5:48 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept; Tom Butt - external; Ben Choi; Nat Bates; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis  
**Subject:** G-8

we need to invest in our youth and not cap funding for measures E&K - transfer tax for youth and children's programs in Richmond.

**Ina,**

**Trust the Lord and watch HIM work... Amen**

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Lizeth Rodriguez <lvrodriguez@ucdavis.edu>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 5:59 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Subject Line Public Comments- agenda item G8

Dear City Council Members,

We, the community members of Richmond, CA, urge that you to:

#1: Remove item from the consent calendar/agenda

#2: Authentically partner with community organizations and unions on progressive measures that bring in revenue and do not strip away critical supports from those who are most impacted by COVID-19

#3: For transparent data re: measure H and current spending on Richmond children/youth budget and the number of youth served

#4: Work with organizations and data in the next two years to make adjustments to measure E&K, if needed.

Please, we the constituents of Richmond demand our needs be met to ensure the wellbeing and future education of our youth.

Sincerely,

A concerned citizen of Richmond, Lizeth

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**Lizeth Rodriguez**

Pronouns: She/Her/Hers

University of California, Davis

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Francisco Torres <ftorres@calorganize.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 6:32 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept; Tom Butt - external; Ben Choi; Nat Bates; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis  
**Subject:** Agenda Item G-8, Please Read Aloud

Hello,

My name is Maria Sanchez and I live in Richmond, CA. I'm a member of the community group ACCE. as a family with children, we need to invest in our children, everyone in Richmond knows this. We should not cap funding for measures E & K- transfer tax for youth and children's programs in Richmond. We work hard to have this program passed. It's a must for our youth, our children. Richmond needs to think about our future - our children!

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Edith Pastrano <epastrano@calorganize.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 5:36 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Cc:** Tom Butt - external; Ben Choi; Nat Bates; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis  
**Subject:** AGENDA ITEM G-8 PLEASE READ ALOUD\_ MARTHA P.

Hello members of the council,

My name is Martha Pastrano, Richmond resident and I want to express that we need youth programs for children and youth in Richmond. We need to come together as a community to pass revenue measures that help shore up our city's finances, not cap measures E and K. I used to work for the after school program at Stege elementary where all my three children attended. I was blessed to build relationships with my childrens' friends and parents. In my group, I taught knitting and crochet. Other parents taught arts and crafts. I saw many of these students grow up to be really respectful adolescents. We need to invest in our youth and give them opportunities to expand their knowledge and wisdom, they are our future nurses, doctors, public officials and leaders. Let's show our children that they deserve to be invested in. Please don't back track all the efforts toward that goal by capping E and K. Thank you for investing in our future.

Warm regards,

Martha P.

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Rebecca Hernandez <rebecca.angelica@berkeley.edu>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 6:18 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** G8(kidsfirst)G9(rentcontrol)

Richmond City Council- Rebecca Angelica Hernandez

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Valerie Jameson <valerie@richmondland.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 6:39 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Opposition to Item G-8: Please read out loud

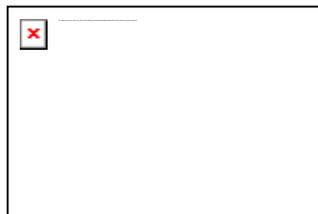
Hello Richmond City Council,

My name is Valerie Jameson. I am a life long Richmond area resident. I am urging the council to pull G-8 from the consent calendar and vote it down upon review. As a WCCUSD alumnae, current WCCUSD parent, community advocate, and official signatory of the Richmond Kids First initiative, I am disheartened to learn that our city is considering putting forward an amendment on the November ballot that undermines the will of the voters to have a dedicated funding stream that serves our communities children and youth. Countless committed residents invested our time and energy to push for funding decisions that align with the public's will and our communities stated progressive values. Now the passage of G-8 seeks to undermine that community effort. This is not good policy or practice. Rather than change hard-earned and community-supported efforts, chose to authentically partner with local groups that have consistently been willing to come to the table to determine solutions for our residents. Putting forward an amendment that ties Measure's E&K's success to measure H without transparent data is a lose-lose situation. Families, children and youth risk losing further resources and services in a time of widespread instability. The city will lose valuable time trying to impose a faulty ballot measure on stressed, anxious, and burdened families, when time could be better spent collaborating with community groups that contribute so much to our city. Rather than change a widely supported initiative, please invest in a robust review of the revenue measures performance and invite the resident oversight committee and community groups into the conversation of determining what if any adjustments are necessary. Time and time again community groups have committed themselves to partner with the city. The imposition of this amended ballot will lead to further hostility, mistrust, voter apathy, and lack of faith in our local government. There is much more than funding riding on this decision. Please vote no on item G-8.

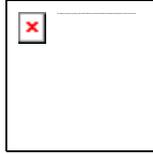
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**Subject:** AGENDA ITEM G-9: PLEASE READ ALOUD\_ANA G.

Hello members of the council,

My name is Ana Gonzalez, I am a Richmond tenant, I live on 11th street and I'm an ACCE member and advocate for tenant protections. I am disgusted at the mayor's intent to destroy what little security we have right now. How can you be on the side of money and power during this time of uncertainty and despair? People are struggling and suffering. I am a mother of 6 and a caregiver to my husband. How can you take away the law that I and many fought in the streets to make it a reality for tenants like myself? And you want to take that away from us during this devastating crisis! How dare you? Mayor, I know you never supported Rent Control. By taking away these very much needed tenant protections, you are revealing to me and my family and the rest of Richmond tenants that you don't care about what will happen to us. We can't pay our rent, because COVID-19 took away our jobs. There is little to nothing we can do to make money, and what little we can scrounge up, please believe we pay what we can to the landlord because we know they are struggling too, but I will be damned if I let my children and my sick husband starve. Touch your heart, Butt. Your position on the council requires you to think about all of us, not just yourself. You might not be hurting because you are a rich man and could probably roll around in money as a wealthy, successful landlord. Meanwhile, my husband's hands are tired and grimy because at his 72 years of age, he is still breaking his back doing what he can, working odd jobs, hauling up old, heavy appliances off the street to sell for metal. You are lucky to only have to hear a transcript of my plead while sitting in your comfort. What you need to do during this time of crisis is work towards the interest of the people who helped get you elected to serve. You need to be out here trying to figure out how to help and make life a little easier for us who are hurting not trying to sweep the rug from under us. The time to do good more than ever before is now, but you are doing the opposite. My children were along my side while going door to door supporting you as mayor. We trusted that you would be better for us, but we are now very disappointed because you turn your back on us. I pray for you and for this council to find your path in this time of crisis.

Blessed be the poor,

Ana G.

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Andrea Mullarkey <andrea.mullarkey@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 6:48 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** public comment – agenda item G-9

Good evening Mr. Mayor and Councilmembers

I am Andrea Mullarkey, a Richmond resident and an SEIU 1021 COPE delegate. Our Union is a member-led labor union with 60,000 members that stands up *for* and *with* working people and the community members we serve. Because of this SEIU 1021 supports rent control and just cause protections for *all* tenants possible. During this Covid pandemic there is even more uncertainty related to housing for renters and it causes unnecessary worry for the most vulnerable. That is why just last week I was speaking in Berkeley in favor of a proposal that would *extend* these protections to more community members. And now today I am called to address you just five miles further north about an item on your agenda that would *roll back* those protections. Please do NOT do this. SEIU 1021 urges you to maintain Richmond's rent control and just cause for eviction program. We oppose placing a measure to repeal on the ballot.

Thank you.

## Sabrina Lundy

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**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Cc:** Tom Butt - external; Ben Choi; Nat Bates; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis  
**Subject:** AGENDA ITEM G-9 PLEASE READ ALOUD\_ ANGELA FLORES

Hello members of the council my name is Angela Flores and I live on Pennsylvania ave. in Richmond in a rent controlled apartment with my family. I think that repealing rent control and just cause is the worst thing that could possibly happen to tenants. It's disheartening to know that there is an agenda item for this at the time of COVID-19. Our lives are already out of control and everyone I know stands uncertain with what is happening, and now this? There are no words to express the amount of stress that I am under as a parent to know that just like that, all the hard work and effort we put in will be for not if the repeal happens. No to repeal of tenant protections, we need protection not rejection.

Blessings,

Angela F.

## Sabrina Lundy

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**Cc:** Tom Butt - external; Ben Choi; Nat Bates; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis  
**Subject:** AGENDA ITEM G-9 PLEASE READ ALOUD\_ BLANCA R

Hello,

Blanca Retano, Richmond tenant and active leader for tenant rights in the local Richmond ACCE chapter. I am very nervous that the idea of a repeal of Rent Control and Just Cause for Eviction comes at a time where we are experiencing a huge uncertainty when it comes to housing. I had to borrow money to pay 2 months of rent I couldn't make payments for because my husband and I have lost our jobs and we can't work from home. Thankfully my husband is starting to work a few more hours and we are able to cover the cost of food and other bills but we will still be owing money for our rent. In simple terms, this is the worst time to put forth anything that repeals tenants rights. This is of major importance to me and many tenants. Please do not throw us to the wolves. Do not repeal Rent Control and Just Cost for Evictions.

Thank you for you time,

Blanca R.

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Patricia Aguiar <paguiar@calorganize.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 5:30 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** item G9

Hi, I am Cornelio Perez , i live in Richmond CA , I do not understand why the Mayor Tom Butt , wants to do any change to the Richmond Fair rent Just Cause, this is helping the community in our city , and i am against to do any change to this law. thank you

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Diana Diaz <diana@rysecenter.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 7:26 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Item G-8, public comment

Hello Mayor and City Council,

My name is Diana Diaz-Noriega and I am an adult ally from RYSE and an alumni of WCCUSD.

As someone who is committed to this community by supporting youth organizers and investment in youth, I urge you to remove Item G8 from the Consent Calendar and commit to working in partnership with the community on a solution that doesn't impact services to children and youth and increases revenue for the City.

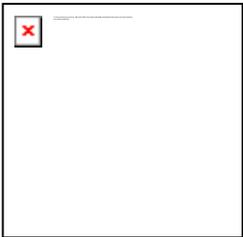
Measure E&K is a reminder of the need to invest in youth and communities in Richmond. Your actions to cap Kids First will impact the life of generations now and those to come.

I hope you continue to work with youth, partners, and community to do what's just.

Best,

Diana

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**Diana Diaz-Noriega**  
Youth Organizing Program Manager  
**Pronouns: She/They**  
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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 5:50 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Cc:** Tom Butt - external; Ben Choi; Nat Bates; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis  
**Subject:** AGENDA ITEM G-9 PLEASE READ ALOUD\_ ELIZABETH C

Thank you for you time members of the council,

As a tenant and a mother with 5 kids including a little one of 3 months and my husband, I can't begin to say how concerned I am with the possible repeal of rent control. It's the only reason we are able to still afford to live here after 15 years. My husband barely went back to work but his hours are minimal and we are scrapping whatever money possible. This is not what you do during a time of crisis as severe as this. You do not put peoples lives in danger in this way. This is when you are supposed to be with us not against us and this idea is just a bad one with horrible repercussions. No to repealing Rent Control and Just Cause

Elizabeth C.

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Elsa Monroe <elsa.monroe@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 5:21 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comment - Agenda Item: G-9

Hello,

I am voicing my support for maintaining Richmond's Rent Control and just cause for eviction program and opposition to placing a measure to repeal it on the ballot.

Thank you,

Elsa Monroe

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Patricia Aguiar <paguiar@calorganize.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 5:59 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Item G9

HI, my name is Ezequiel Chum , I live in Richmond CA , we worked so hard to get a protection for renters, and now the Mayor wants to do a change to go back to not have any protection for renters , i do not agree in your intentions , the fair just cause for rent and eviction must be protected for to community and for our people. that you,.

## Sabrina Lundy

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**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Cc:** Tom Butt - external; Ben Choi; Nat Bates; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis  
**Subject:** AGENDA ITEM G-9 PLEASE READ ALOUD\_ GABY M

Thank you members of the council,

My name is Gabriela Mercado, ACCE member. I live on Bissell Ave. With my 7 year old daughter. Before rent control and just cause for eviction law was passed, I was afraid that I would lose my housing because the landlord increased my rent \$200. Now I'm faced with that same fear only the fear intensifies because I lost my job to the COVID-19 halt. I have applied for rental assistance and other resources to keep food on the table, but I feel like I can't keep up. Rent is coming up soon and I still don't know what is going to happen. The repeal of Rent Control and Just Cause for Eviction is uncalled for and a hundred steps in the wrong direction. We are dealing with multiple layers of issues. Housing is the most expensive it's ever been and the lack of affordable housing makes the rent control and just cause for eviction protections so vital by ensuring that tenants have rights and protections against massive rent increases and unjustified evictions. Think about the hundreds of thousands that would end up on the street when cruel landlords decide to take advantage of this opportunity to kick tenants out to the curb. There's no cure for COVID-19 but you can make life a whole lot better by not taking away housing rights from vulnerable people in a very unfortunate and unprecedented time. Do not move forward with repealing rent control and just cause.

Thank you for your work

Gaby M.

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**Cc:** Tom Butt - external; Ben Choi; Nat Bates; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis  
**Subject:** AGENDA ITEM G-9 PLEASE READ ALOUD\_HIPOLITO P

Members of the council and staff,

The idea of repealing Rent Control & Just Cause for Evictions makes absolutely no sense. The pandemic we are currently in has put me and millions of people in a vulnerable place when it comes to housing. People all over California are struggling through the Corona-crisis on top of the housing crisis we have been in for a lot longer. This is not the time to inject fear into us by taking the only protections away from tenants like myself. You have no idea what it feels like to lose your job and wonder how you are going to make rent. Thankfully I have not had to miss a payment towards my rent but a number of my neighbors and co-workers are not in the same situation I am in. We are able to take turns making payments in my family but only because we all have our little savings. You will be doing a dis-service to your constituents by setting forth a repeal of Rent Control and Just Cause for Evictions.

Thank you for your time,

Hipolito P.

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** ina mason <gzuslvs1@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 5:51 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Ben Choi; Nat Bates; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis; City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** G-9

- (Butt wants to repeal Rent control and just cause) cities and counties have been passing stronger tenant protections who are vulnerable because COVID 19 put people out of jobs the last thing we need it to weaken tenant protections

**Ina,**

**Trust the Lord and watch HIM work... Amen**

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Jane Courant <janecourant@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 6:31 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Agenda Item G-9

I urge you to vote no on this item. Richmond voters have spoken on rent control, and it is wrong to reject their decisive vote.

Consider other ways to assist small, local landlords who depend on rents to survive, rather than creating ways for large companies to profit off our residents who are already struggling to keep their homes.

Thank you.

Jane Courant

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** John Brown <johnbrown0059@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 6:01 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comments- Agenda Item # G-9

Council Members and Mayor,

I am going to keep this short since I know you have a lot to handle, especially because of this pandemic. This item is just stupid. I am actually a Mayor supporter but this is just dumb. During a pandemic and on the consent calendar, mayor? And to place something on the November ballot when voter turnout will be low given the pandemic. Mayor it looks bad. It looks like you're trying to sneak something passed people during the pandemic crisis. And I know that you're not a bad person. You've actually demonstrated a lot of integrity and served Richmond well. You know with the national politics how they are, I don't want Richmond to be like that but Mayor that's what you are doing. Think of it this way, your refrain for Rent Control is becoming like Obamacare. Repeal and Replace. Saying things for the sake of politics without regard for the people it impacts. I have lived here for three decades and let's be clear, I did not vote for Rent Control. But 65% of my fellow residents did. I have to honor that. This is a community. We live by majority rule. I have moved on and rather than focus on the bad, I have found the benefits of rent control. The rent control people were the only people in the city to be responsive and helped me mend a bad relationship I had with my tenant by having us do mediation. Can we not be so obsessed with repeal and replace. Just like Obamacare helps a bunch of people at the cost of a few, I think rent control does the same. I may not be a fan, it may cost me extra money, but it helps out a lot of people. As a church going person, why not help? Let's move on please, this conversation only divides our community, reopens wounds, and makes it into them versus us. I may not support rent control but I support my neighbor, and the issue has already been voted on and it wasn't a fun time for me because it was so polarizing. I am still a supporter of you mayor, will still vote for you if you ever ran for anything, but this action is out of character and I can't support it. City Council please vote against this item.

Sincerely,

John Brown

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Francisco Torres <ftorres@calorganize.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 6:21 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept; Tom Butt - external; Ben Choi; Nat Bates; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis  
**Subject:** Agenda Item G-9, Please read aloud

Hello,

My name is Jose Murillo a resident of Richmond and am an ACCE member. Please Do Not repeal Rent Control and Just Cause. The community of Richmond used democracy and wrote this law and the residents of Richmond voted it in. The community worked hard to have this law to protect renters from landlords who were unfair. Now we have the crisis of Covid-19, and renters are having more economic problems to hold their housing. Why do politicians want to weaken our protections?

## Sabrina Lundy

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**Subject:** AGENDA ITEM G-9 PLEASE READ ALOUD \_ MARTHA P.

Dear members of the council,

My name is Martha Pastrano. I'm a Richmond ACCE member, and tenant for 30 years. I want to express my disappointment and fear behind the intention of a repeal of our tenant protections under Rent Control and Just Cause for evictions. I question and fear what the purpose of something like this means in this dreadful time when we need to be sheltered in place. This is completely contradictory to the actions that cities and counties are doing to protect tenants right now. Getting rid of the law is frightening because as it is, California has the worst homelessness crisis due to the housing crisis. People will be pushed out as landlords will try to start evicting tenants, increasing their rents, and taking any other actions to due away with tenant's rights the minute Rent Control and Just Cause is repealed. We need housing security now more than ever before and this is opposite of housing security. As a tenant and supporter of Rent Control and Just Cause, I do not want our rights to be infringed upon.

Blessed be the poor,

Martha P.

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Michael Gliksohn <mgliksohn@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 6:31 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** public comment – agenda item G-9

Dear City Clerk,

I am writing today to voice my ***strong support*** for maintaining Richmond's rent control and just cause for eviction program and my ***strong opposition*** to placing a measure to repeal it on the November 2020 ballot.

In 2016 Richmond voters overwhelmingly passed Measure L to establish Richmond's rent program. This is the will of the people and it should not be overturned.

Thank you,  
Michael Gliksohn  
Richmond resident

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**From:** Rita Barouch <rita.learningcircles@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 6:53 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Cc:** Melvin Willis; Eduardo Martinez; Tom Butt - external; Demnlus Johnson; Ben Choi; Jael Myrick; Nat Bates  
**Subject:** Public Comment- Agenda Item G-9

Good evening Richmond Councilpersons,

As a Public Health Social Worker who assessed and monitored the psycho-social needs of families in Richmond for 23 years, I know that maintaining affordable housing is crucial for Family and community health, stability and safety.

During these stressful months when so many people in Richmond are facing severe economic and health insecurity, is it more important than ever to preserve our **Richmond Rent Control, Just Cause for Eviction and Homeowner Protection** ordinance!

If you truly value and support stable housing for your ethnically and economically diverse Richmond residents, you know that we cannot go backwards, this ordinance is essential.

Thank you for your dedication and commitment to affordable housing in Richmond,

Rita Barouch MSW  
20 year Richmond homeowner

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Valerie Jameson <valerie@richmondland.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 8:02 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comment for Item G-9

**Please read my amended statements under G-9 since they were not read in general public comment:**

I am reaching out to voice my strong opposition on behalf of Richmond LAND and myself (Valerie Jameson) as a Richmond resident. I find it grossly inappropriate for the council agenda to put forward on the consent calendar an item that directly goes against the will of the voters. I strongly disagree with any council action putting forward a ballot measure that repeals and limits protections and services that Richmond residents have fought to put before the electorate and won by a large margin. The city of Richmond has a **model** rent control and just cause for eviction program that is far superior than the limited protections of AB 1482. It would be a tremendous disservice to our community to put forward a ballot measure to repeal tenant protections, especially in a moment when our communities are experiencing unprecedented hardships, limited resources, and heightened anxiety.

It is insensitive and damaging to our communities health and wellbeing. I sympathize with the added challenges that staff and council find themselves in trying to cure our structural deficit and find new dollars for affordable housing in a time when the city will experience loss of revenue and limited federal dollars for housing development. However, Richmond's rent control department is a sustainably funded program that has a dedicated revenue stream that is tied to a necessary administrative oversight body to ensure adequate accountability of public funds. To remove that infrastructure would be a poor decision. As an emerging community land trust, Richmond LAND opposes the red herring claim that a repeal ballot measure would put forward a better funding allocation for landlord fees.

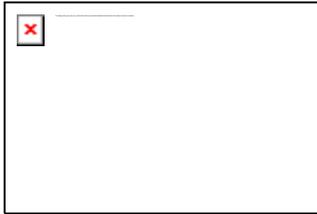
It is a disservice to our community to treat tenant protections, affordable housing development, and neighborhood stabilization as a zero-sum game. This is a moment when all of our elected officials should be unequivocally championing stronger housing and shelter protections, and bringing together community stakeholders that care about finding new solutions to emergent affordable and dignified housing challenges stemming from COVID-19. It should not be an opportunity to impose top-down decision making to alter past decisions. This will desperately erode public trust, remove and limit critical protections for residents made vulnerable, and result in retroactive **voter suppression**. Despite how any particular member of the council personally feels about the outcomes of past elections, they should not be allowed to usurp the public process and put forward ballot measures in a time when voter protections, engagement, and turn-out have been and will continue to be seriously compromised.

I urge you all to vote no on G-9  
Thank you!

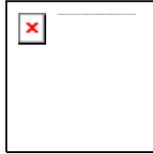
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**Subject:** AGENDA ITEM H-1 PLEASE READ ALOUD \_ ANA G.

Ana Gonzalez, Richmond resident and parent

We all want safer streets, and deserve better libraries. It's important to keep a robust budget for these departments to thrive and for our children to grow, please do not cut funding to libraries, parks and recreation, code enforcement and traffic safety departments. Thank you for listening.

Blessings,

Ana G.

## Sabrina Lundy

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**To:** City Clerk Dept  
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**Subject:** AGENDA ITEM H-1 PLEASE READ ALOUD \_ BLANCA R

Hello members of the council my name is Blanca Retano

I just wanted to say that we can do better, cutting funds from the following departments: Code Enforcement, Libraries, Traffic Safety, and Parks and Recreation. These are vital services that we need because my children love going to the park especially during shelter in place we like to go out to the park and walk. It's important to upkeep and maintain the safety of these facilities because we depend on them. Maybe there are other ways to fill the gap but this is not the best way to accomplish that.

Thanks for your time.

Blanca R.

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Francisco Torres <ftorres@calorganize.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 6:04 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept; Ben Choi; tombutt@intres.com; Nat Bates; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis  
**Subject:** Agenda Item H-1

Hello,

My name is Briceida Guzman and a member of ACCE. Regarding Richmond's city budget deficit, as a resident of Richmond we need to preserve the funding for the vital services that Richmond needs and Richmond cares about. First, libraries not only residents need libraries for books, computers, learning opportunities, but our children need this to help them get the education they deserve. And please, keep libraries open for students during the hours they have available. For instance, afterschool, Saturdays, evenings. Same with Recreation, we need Richmond services open for our sanity and family and children need these programs open, especially those who cannot afford private Services. Code Enforcement and traffic is important for safety to our families of Richmond.

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Cassandra Beck <cassandraruth.beck@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 5:48 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comment Agenda Item H 1

Hi,

My name is Cassandra Beck and I am a resident of Oakland. The libraries are important to me and my community and I do not think any of the libraries should be closed in Richmond.

Sent from my iPhone

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Future Aquatic Swim Team <futureaquatics@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 5:26 PM  
**To:** Sabrina Lundy  
**Subject:** Re: Public comments - not on agenda

Hello,

Sorry about that but here it is.

Charlie Alabanza  
Owner, Director & Head Coach, Future Aquatic Swim Team  
595 Key Boulevard  
Richmond, CA 94805

May 26, 2020

Richmond City Council  
440 Civic Center Plaza  
Richmond, CA 94804

To Whom It May Concern:

Please reference the Future Aquatic Swim Team's (FAST) plan of action to implement precautionary safety and health measurements when the Richmond Swim Center reopens for use. FAST is an all-year round swim team that offers a fun, enriching and purposeful environment for children to develop life-saving water safety skills as well as character-building tools that will serve our city's youth for a lifetime. We ask that you carefully consider the measures below and for your collaboration in addressing some of our top concerns for reopening the Richmond Swim Center (RSC) to the community for its immediate and long-term benefits. We believe these plans will benefit the community with regards to improving daily exercise, physical and mental health, support local businesses, and support the economy.

### A. Prioritizing Safety

1. **Indoor environment** - Though RSC is designed with high ceilings and is relatively ventilated with the ability to retract the ceilings to increase clean air circulation into the facility, are there ways to improve upon air quality and circulation?
2. **Number of patrons** - We would like to do our part in maintaining the 6-foot distancing protocol while using the pool. What would be the safest number of patrons that could be allowed into the facility to ensure appropriate distancing between patrons, staff and coaches? FAST recommends discouraging any parents and/or spectators from entering the facility and limiting it to only those who will be in the pool. Special circumstances related to safety or other health concerns may be evaluated on a case by case basis.

### B. Three-Part Steps for Swimmers

1. **Entry**
  - a. Into the Facility - Staff members/coaches will check patrons' temperatures and ask appropriate screening questions before patrons enter the facility. Swimmers will be pre-assigned a lane.
  - b. Into the Pool - Everyone on the deck is required to wear a mask including staff and coaches. Swimmers are required to wait 6-feet apart at a designated area until they are given the signal to enter their lane. Swimmers will also be designated a side of the pool for which to stop on to ensure the two swimmers are always on opposite ends to reduce contact. FAST would hold 6

swimmers per practice/session in 3 designated swim team lanes. Swimmers are required to arrive dressed and wearing a mask to minimize time used in the locker rooms.

2. **Safe Swimming** - Swimmers must go to their assigned lanes and enter using the three-point entry technique. This requires swimmers to sit at the edge of the pool with hands on either side and entering the water with their feet first. Swimmers will be encouraged to practice social distancing throughout their time at the pool.
  - . Equipment & Contact - Swimmers will also **not** be allowed to share facility equipment such as kickboards, pull buoys or noodles to minimize contact and are encouraged to bring their own. High five and other physical contact between swimmers and coaches will **not** be allowed during swim practice.
  - a. Time - All sessions will be limited to a one-hour time frame. After each one hour session, staff will close the facility for 30-minutes to sanitize and clean the facility before the next group enters. Patrons will be allowed one entry per day.
3. **Exiting** - The showers in the locker rooms will be closed off so no showering or rinsing off will be permitted. FAST swimmers must exit once practice ends and will be required to keep 6-foot distances from each other while exiting the facility. All doors should be propped open to avoid touching with hands.

#### C. Four Phases

1. **Phase 1** - Measures include: safety precaution steps, temperature checks, screening questions, social distancing 6-feet apart, and pre-assigned lanes. Additionally, there will be no parents or spectators allowed to enter the facility during FAST practices—only coaches. All patrons must wear masks. Proper signage throughout the facility with additional hand sanitizer areas.
2. **Phase 2** - Move forward with four swimmers per lane; two swimmers on each side.
3. **Phase 3** - Take away temperature checks and allow swimmers to use the locker room areas.
4. **Phase 4** - Return to “almost normal” function while following CDC, state, county and city protocols. Any other safety measurements will be put in place as needed.

Thank you for your time and cooperation. I look forward to working with the City of Richmond in getting the pool reopened.

Sincerely,



Charlie Alabanza

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## Charlie Alabanza & Michelle Li

Founders, Directors & Head Coaches

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On Tue, May 26, 2020 at 5:05 PM Sabrina Lundy <[Sabrina\\_Lundy@ci.richmond.ca.us](mailto:Sabrina_Lundy@ci.richmond.ca.us)> wrote:

No comments included. Please, just put the comments in the body of the email. No attachments please.

Sabrina Lundy

Assistant City Clerk

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**From:** Future Aquatic Swim Team [mailto:[futureaquatics@gmail.com](mailto:futureaquatics@gmail.com)]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 4:47 PM

**To:** City Clerk Dept

**Subject:** Re: Public comments - not on agenda

Hello,

Sorry for the late submission, please allow if possible.

Thank you.

Charlie

On Tue, May 26, 2020 at 16:45 Future Aquatic Swim Team <[futureaquatics@gmail.com](mailto:futureaquatics@gmail.com)> wrote:



FAST\_Proposal\_for\_Reopening

Please review attachment for comments.

Charles Alabanza

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Christl Hansman <consumerme@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 7:08 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** No Library Cuts

Please Please,

Do not cut our library. There are so many in need and this is a very important resource. It can provide internet access so folks can try to get jobs. It is a place for kids to get study help. And it is a historical resource of the what Richmond's history.

Best,  
Christl Hansman  
5815 Highland Ave  
Richmond, CA 94804

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Emma Clark <clarkemmaj@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 7:44 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Agenda Item H-1

Please save the City of Richmond Public Library Services. The Library is an important cornerstone of our healthy community.

Be Blessed,  
Emma Clark

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Edith Pastrano <epastrano@calorganize.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 5:39 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** AGENDA ITEM H-1 PLEASE READ ALOUD\_GABY M

Hello members of the council. I don't agree with the idea of cutting the budget for libraries, parks and recreation, code enforcement and traffic safety if there are other means of revenue to close the budget gap, please find out what they are. These are vital public services that we depend on. I care about Libraries and parks and recreation because I have a daughter who is 7 yrs old and is very active and academically driven. We need you all to show that we care about our community with intent by not touching a single penny from these departments.

Blessing,

Gaby M.

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Edith Pastrano <epastrano@calorganize.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 5:52 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Fwd: AGENDA ITEM H1 PLEASE READ ALOUD\_ HIPOLITO P

Good evening members of the council,

Richmond resident for over 30 years, also a local ACCE member. I would like to start off by saying that I am not in favor of reducing the budget for services that are essential to the city. Code enforcement is already understaffed and our neighborhoods need upkeep. Traffic safety is very important as well as our libraries and parks and recreation department. There are a number of ways to close up the deficit in the budget, resources through other measures should be considered but cutting budgets that are already underfunded is not the best way to close the deficit. Take every measure to protect these services.

Thank you,

Hipolito P

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** IBX Fitness <teamibx.fitness@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 7:16 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comments – H-1

Good evening everyone, my name is Ian Birnam, and I am the co-owner and head instructor for IBX Fitness, a group fitness and personal training program that operates out of the Booker T Anderson community center in Richmond as an independent contractor.

I'm calling over a concern regarding item 10 in the Potential Budget Balancing Strategies for the current and next fiscal years: Cancellation of recreation activities through December 2020. By reducing the hours and/or services of community center programs, I would no longer have a physical location to hold my program. While I am more than happy complying with safety/health orders from the county, the complete loss of our physical location for the rest of the year or longer would severely impact both the community and my business for the worst with the loss of recreation programs for children and adults.

While this cut would severely impact my business, as I outlined to you last week, I want to also highlight the other programs that would be impacted: The BTA community center hosts a wide variety of wonderful programs for Richmond youth that would no longer be present. I've loved seeing the youth basketball games and practices that co-exist with IBX, as it reminds me of how important sports were in my youth. Without sports, I wouldn't have a love of health and fitness that has driven me to start my own business that empowers others to find the same love. Even a lack of a field doesn't stop the youth soccer team from practicing outside the community center, running drills, and having fun every Saturday morning.

I see the hard work the staff and coaches put every day for these kids. It's through these programs that kids learn determination, goal-setting, communication, and how to learn from mistakes in a positive manner. I ask you to consider what would happen to these children if they didn't have programs like these? Where would they learn these skills? More importantly, what will they be doing without the positive environment and healthy outlet that these programs provide?

I once again ask that you allow the BTA community center, and all community centers, to continue operating so that ALL recreation programs, from IBX Fitness to youth sports leagues, can survive and provide a much-needed morale boost for their participants. While I would be devastated for IBX to lose its location, this issue is bigger than my business. Thank you.

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** ina mason <gzuslvs1@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 5:50 PM  
**To:** Tom Butt - external; Ben Choi; Nat Bates; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis; City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** H-1

H-1- (city's budget deficit) we need to preserve funding for vital services that we need and care about, i.e. libraries, parks and rec. Code enforcement and traffic safety. Find other ways to close the gap in the budget without taking away from the community

**Ina,**

**Trust the Lord and watch HIM work... Amen**

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Jane Courant <janecourant@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 6:31 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Agenda Item H-1

I am a Richmond resident who would suffer greatly from both the closure of the pools and the closure of branch libraries for any longer than absolutely necessary. I support a plan that would keep these and other vital community resources open. Please consider making graduated, temporary salary reductions, with those earning most taking the biggest cuts and those earning least the smallest, if any cuts.

This approach would keep all staff employed with fair, livable salaries and benefits, allow Richmond to maintain critical public services, and show that we are truly all in this crisis together.

Thank you.

Jane Courant  
Richmond

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Joe Summers <joe@cclabor.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 6:30 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Cc:** Joshua Anijar  
**Subject:** Public Comments - Agenda Item H-1

Mayor Butt and Councilmembers,

In working collaboration with Richmond's employee unions (IAFF Local 188, IFPTE Local 21, RPOA, RPMA, and SEIU Local 1021), the Contra Costa Labor Council, AFL-CIO urges the Richmond City Council to continue working with city workers and their representatives to find effective solutions to the budget shortfall. Representatives from each of the employee unions have been working together to identify cost savings measures to balance the projected Budget shortfalls due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The representatives from the unions have done a thorough dive into the departmental budgets and continue to comb through for possible budget reductions that we will be sharing with each of you in individual meetings and at Council next month.

We wish to reiterate that now is not the time for reactionary, regressive policies that would inflict lasting harm on working families and reduce vital services to Richmond residents and businesses when needed most. Instead, the employee unions invite the City of Richmond to join in working together towards good decision-making based on accurate data and information, and policies that will protect public services for Richmond residents and businesses without adding Richmond employees into the adverse economic situation given to us by COVID-19.

A partnership with the workers on identifying, non-labor, targeted budget reductions and savings measures in the short and mid-terms could provide the City of Richmond the necessary time to uncover better information about the projected Budget shortfalls including the best options to address them. Additionally, we encourage the City to work collaboratively with the City's unions to identify and advocate for federal, state and local revenue solutions to the temporary COVID-19 pandemic budget challenges.

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

Sincerely,

Josh Anijar

Contra Costa Labor Council

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Edith Pastrano <epastrano@calorganize.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 5:35 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Cc:** Tom Butt - external; Ben Choi; Nat Bates; Eduardo Martinez; Demnlus Johnson; Jael Myrick; Melvin Willis  
**Subject:** AGENDA ITEM H-1 PLEASE READ ALOUD\_ Martha P.

Hello members of the council,

My name is Martha Pastrano Richmond tenant, I've lived on S. 30th St for over 15 years. The conditions of our streets lack attention. Over the years of living on this street, the pavement has deteriorated and multiple pot holes now decorate our narrow streets. The back street on Hoffman is notorious for having debris and illegal dumping. We need a budget for code enforcement and traffic safety in order to maintain our streets safe. The city needs to find other sources of revenue to fill the gap in the budget. Cutting our services like code enforcement and traffic safety is not the way to do it. These resources need to stay in these departments to suit our community needs. Also, cutting library hours is not going to fill the gap, again, not only will it take away from our community, this will negatively affect our city workers by having unnecessary layoffs. Find another way to fill the gap without dipping into local services.

Blessings.

Martha P.

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Michael Gliksohn <mgliksohn@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 6:31 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comment - Agenda item H1

Sent from my iPhone

Dear Mayor and City Council members,

I am writing to urge you to protect Richmond's libraries and its public swimming pools. These are vital, life-enhancing city services that a city like Richmond must continue to make available to its residents. As a senior citizen I make regular use of the library and the Richmond Plunge. It would be a grave disservice to approve a budget that dessimates the libraries of the pools.

Please find alternative ways to close the budget deficit that maintain jobs and services, like graduated pay reductions where the highest paid employees take the largest percentage decrease and lower paid employees are spared any reduction.

Thank you,  
Michael Gliksohn  
Richmond resident

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** M Parker <mparker00@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 6:04 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Item H1 Budget tonight.

Please read this comment for item H1 Budget

My name is Mike Parker

In Mayor Butt's latest attacks on the Rent Board he showcases the salaries of top rent board offices.

Please be clear: the figures the Mayor uses are almost double what the employee sees. And that is before taxes. The figure includes costs of benefits, overtime, required unemployment insurance, expense reimbursement, and pension obligations.

But even taking into account the Mayor's conscious distortion of the picture, the cost to the city is too much. The problem is that if you look at the listing of compensation for Richmond City Workers, there are almost 250 city employees that have a higher Total Pay and Benefits than the Mayor's targets and 50 who cost more than \$ 375,000 per year.

I am not saying they aren't worth it. I am simply pointing out that the Pay and Benefits for some city workers are higher than the city can afford right now

I also want to point out that most of the workers who service the community as clerks or in recreation or the library are paid way less—not enough to cover living expenses in the Bay Area.

Therefore I call on the Council to keep the services and refuse any proposals for across the Board percentage salary reductions. Instead the Council must deal with the budget problem not by cutting recreation and library but a sliding scale of **temporary** salary reductions with no reductions for those who make under \$70,000 and the largest percent reduction for those who make the most. Cut from the top. It is the only fair way to do it.

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** nathaniel moore <nathaniel@freedomarchives.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 5:43 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Agenda Item H-1

Dear members of Richmond City Council,

My name is Nathaniel Moore and I am a local resident (El Cerrito) and library worker at UC Berkeley and in San Francisco. I am writing to strongly urge you all to **NOT** eliminate The Richmond Public Library from the budget!!

Libraries are vital public spaces for all well informed and vibrant municipalities. As a key public educational institution, it provides information, internet access and safety for a wide spectrum of community members, including youth. Richmond's libraries and their resources are provided to people regardless of their ability to pay putting human dignity and access to information above all. These services are all the more vital as we imagine a world post covid-19 and taking away the libraries will be disastrous for the people of Richmond not just now but for years to come.

Save public services and stand with the working people of Richmond! Stand up for peoples' right to access information! No layoffs to library staff and service staff!

Sincerely,  
Nathaniel Moore

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Archivist - Freedom Archives  
522 Valenica Street  
San Francisco, CA 94110

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Sheila <sheilamjd@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 7:28 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public comments agenda item #H1

Genuine beauty & positive things for the Richmond community happen every day at the Richmond Public Library!

Please don't close branches or cut staff, Thankyou Sheila Dickinson Children's Librarian

Sent from my iPhone

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** mtsustak@sonic.net  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 7:50 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comment directed to City Council and City Staff Members

Library services should be protected:

Gentlemen and women,

The library and its branches act to 'tie together' the City in unique ways and do so without regard to one's economic or other forms of 'status'. Services are especially important to our kids and our residents who are of lower income or who have been caught up in economic downturn that is a result of the COV-19 response.

The library has unique resources that people so affected will find useful in securing employment, understanding the impacts of the shutdown/slowdown and understanding more about the virus itself.

The library branches remain sage refuges for kids and adults alike and cool places to sit an read on a days like we are now experiencing.

Once the lockdown is lifted, there will be a great need for LEAP participants to make up for lost time due to the shutdown.

Once the lockdown is lifted and our schools begin to reopen, again, lost time will have to be made up and the libraries reading and help-with-homework services will be crucial for our kids.

Yours truly,  
Tony Sustak

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Will Shattuc <williamshattuc@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 6:12 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Agenda Item H-1

To Richmond City Council,

My name is Will Shattuc and I'm a life-long supporter of libraries.

I was shocked and disgusted when I heard that the council is considering cutting one of the most crucial services working people have to enrich ourselves and the lives of our children. The library is a lifeline for millions of people across this country who can't afford after school services to know their children are safe, can't afford computers and stable internet, and can't afford the high cost of education. All these things and more are provided to everyone regardless of their ability to pay. Libraries fight economic injustice issue and racial injustice.

So instead of firing crucial city workers and shutting down support networks during a global pandemic, you must work with the library staff to find ways for the library to support Richmond residents; they know the needs of the families of Richmond they talk with every day. Pick the side of working people, not budget cuts, privatization, and deepening racial inequalities.

Will Shattuc

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** rose stamm <rocestamm1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 6:33 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comment - Agenda Item I 1

My name is Stephen Linsley. I urge you to take no action on this site referred to in item I 1 until the community is able to address City Council again in person.

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** TARNEL ABBOTT <tarnelabbott@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 8:15 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comment Agenda Item I 1 Point Molate

My name is Tarnel Abbott. This City is in a huge budget deficit. We cannot afford to build the infrastructure for a housing development at Point Molate. It will cost the city millions of dollars for sewer, roads etc. Why not transfer entitlements to Jim Levine and the tribe for development of unused properties located in the city core where there is infrastructure, stores, transportation, schools etc. Building residences on a cut de sac next door to an oil refinery and close to the Hayward fault is a recipe for disaster. Do not extend the ERN.

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Carolyn Graves <Carolyn.Graves@kp.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 7:34 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Cc:** Shasa Curl; Lina Velasco; Irene Perdomo; Laura Snideman; cagsecretary@rssacag.com  
**Subject:** ACTION: City Council May 26 meeting -Please read into meeting record during the public comment period for Agenda Item I-2 (Project Services Fund Agreement for the Zeneca/Stauffer Chemical site)

Good evening City Clerk!

As the online KCRT meeting is having technical difficulties this evening and I don't have access to cable, I would like you to read the following public comment read into the meeting record during the public comment period for Item I-2 (Project Services Fund Agreement for the Zeneca/Stauffer Chemical site)

Hello.

Good Evening Mayor Butt and City Councilmembers.

My name is Carolyn Graves and I have been a resident of Richmond for over 30 years.

**I urge you to take no action on the controversial Zeneca/Stauffer Chemical site (Item I-2 on tonight's agenda) UNTIL THE PUBLIC CAN ATTEND CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS IN PERSON.** Funds given to the City in lieu of the full and complete cleanup (the Zeneca FS/RAP "alternative 6") of this site should not be considered a community benefit, especially as the community has little say in how those funds are being allocated. Stop allowing short term gain at the cost of people's health. Thousands of future residents will be put at risk by living on top of the toxic waste dump at the Zeneca Former Stauffer Chemical site (AKA Campus Bay.) Arsenic, heavy metals, hundreds of chemicals of concern were illegally dumped there. Less than 5% of the toxic soil will be removed before building residential housing on this site, relying solely on concrete (that can crack) and deed restrictions (which can be forgotten as have been done several times now at Marina Bay) to keep residents and visitors, including people on the Bay Trail, safe from the toxics Zeneca and DTSC acknowledge are already polluting surrounding properties (and the Bay) via groundwater plumes, and which they have no solution to stop. The deed restrictions limit who can live in that area, ie., no children or elders, schools or healthcare ever, in eternity; a limitation that will likely be forgotten in less than 10 years, and put people, and environment at serious risk of harm. Nothing will prevent Zeneca and Shopoff from passing the buck when people get sick. Look at how much run around residents in the Oakland Estuary Condos (built on a former Shell Oil distribution site) were forced to endure when remediation to keep them safe failed to do so. Both Shell Oil and the developer failed to take responsibility for the problems.

In addition this is a highly controversial project, and the broad public has made it clear in numerous standing only City Council meetings, that any decisions regarding this sites should not be made without the full participation of the broad community. Also, 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 to allow all members of the public to have their comments 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. Lastly 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 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,  
Carolyn Graves

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** rose stamm <rocestamm1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 6:36 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comment - Agenda Item I 2

My name is Stephen Linsley. I urge you to take no action on this site referred to in item I 2 until the community is able to address City Council again in person.

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** TARNEL ABBOTT <tarnelabbott@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 5:56 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comment Agenda Item I 2

To: Richmond City Council

My name is Tarnel Abbott

I urge you to take no action on Item I 2 regarding the controversial Zeneca site until the community is able to address City Council in person. Project Infrastructure costs should not be considered part of any community benefit. Stop allowing short term gain at the cost of people's health. Thousands of future residents will be put at risk by living on top of the toxic waste dump at the Zeneca Former Stauffer Chemical Site (AKA Campus Bay) . Arsenic, heavy metals, hundreds of chemicals of concern were illegally dumped there. Volatile organic chemicals will be pumped out and blown with fans. Deed restrictions will mean no disturbing soil, no daycares, no elder care, no schools, no hospitals....etc can be there. What is the relationship between Shopoff and HRP Campus Bay Property,LLC? Who will pay the medical bills for the people who get sick from living there? Demand full clean up at the site, less than 5% of the toxic soil will be removed under the current plan.

## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Kirk G Essler <essler@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 5:14 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Testimony for Today's city Council Meeting regarding Street Sweeping signs for Richmond Annex.

Dear Mayor, Council, and City Clerk:

When well known Former Green Party Richmond Mayor, Green Party Candidate for Lt Governor, and current candidate for City Council District 5, Gayle McLaughlin, says that the push for neighborhood sweeping signs is not about the environment, We should believe her.

Thank-you for postponing your vote. I have already voiced my reasons for the Ordinance to all of you. Let me add one more.

20 years ago, I had a darling little cottage in the Maxwell Park neighborhood in East Oakland. I had no driveway and could only park on the street. Then they installed street sweeping signs. I was warned not to park in front of my house every third Tuesday between 9:00 - 11:00. I worked the 4:00 pm - 12:00 am shift. Hard as I would try, I could not remember the third Tuesday of the month when I parked at 12:30 am. Those mornings, I would hear the beep of the street sweeping truck in bed. I would run down to move my car only to find a ticket each and every month. I kept my street clean, to no avail. Within the year, I found another darling little house on Merced St in the Annex and have been happy in the neighborhood ever since.

Yes, parking over the years has gotten tight. I moved up to a larger house on Santa Clara St. in the Annex with off street parking for myself. Listening to the call of greater housing density, I managed to permit an ADU and now house a single working mother with 1 child. She parks on the street and my plea to you is on her behalf. I know in my heart she will start getting tickets eventually, which will make her life harder in an already stressful Bay Area.

In light of coming District Elections, let me issue a political warning. If any of you have aspirations for higher office that would include the vote of District 5 especially the Annex, you must oppose this vote for signs. It will haunt you and will not be forgotten by any of us living here and may cause some of us to actively campaign against you. I have always felt that Richmond City Government was fairly good. But to target vulnerable working people just trying to survive to raise revenue, would be unconscionable! That's what you will be doing by voting for these signs! I beg you not to.

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## Sabrina Lundy

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**From:** Madalyn Law <mmlaw10@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 5:55 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Subject:** Public Comment Item I-7

To: Mayor Tom Butt and Richmond City Council:

As President of Park Plaza Neighborhood Council I am writing in regards to item I-7 on the agenda tonight. I am approving the placement of the street sweeping signs in the Richmond and Panhandle Annexes. As Richmond residents we all must share our responsibility to keep our streets clean and free of debris. Fair is fair, therefore we should have signage in all of our neighborhoods requiring street sweeping.

Thank you,

Madalyn Law, President  
Park Plaza Neighborhood Council

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**From:** Monica Olivares <monica.olivares@att.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 6:24 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

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**From:** Monica Olivares <monica.olivares@att.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 6:19 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Dept  
**Cc:** Monica Olivares  
**Subject:** Re item H-3 on behalf of Stefanie Silvia

Please do not forget that 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 longtime resident and homeowner here in the Annex and have always enjoyed the tenor 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 think it important that the city spend the money on more positive and constructive reasons, such as sending the police on regular patrols through the neighborhood, fixing streets, and keeping landscaping on the Carlson median trimmed so that it doesn't 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 on behalf of Stefanie Silvia  
5521 Columbia Avenue