

RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, July 6, 2021

The Richmond City Council Evening Open Session was called to order at 6:00 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. 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 and livestream online at <http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/3178/KCRT-Live> and <http://www.youtube.com/user/KCRTTV>.

*The methods to submit public comment were via mail, email to cityclerkdept@ci.richmond.ca.us, teleconference, and telephone during the meeting. Written comments received by 1:00 p.m. on July 6, 2021, were put into the record and considered before Council action. Written comments received after 1:00 p.m. and up until the public comment period on the relevant agenda item closed, were also put into the record. **Attached herewith all written public comments received.***

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Nathaniel Bates, Eduardo Martinez, Gayle McLaughlin, Melvin Willis, Vice Mayor Demnlus Johnson III, and Mayor Thomas K. Butt. **Absent:** Councilmember Claudia Jimenez arrived after the roll was called.

CITY COUNCIL

LIABILITY CLAIMS -(Government Code Section 54956.9):

Robert Gray v. City of Richmond

PUBLIC COMMENT BEFORE CLOSED SESSION

None.

The Open Session adjourned to Closed Session at 6:01 p.m.
Closed Session adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Butt via teleconference.

ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC COMMENT INSTRUCTIONAL VIDEO

The Public Comment Instructional Video was shown.

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

AGENDA REVIEW

Item M-1 was moved for discussion directly after approval of the Consent Calendar. Item I-1 was withdrawn from the agenda. Item I-12 was removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion at the end of the agenda.

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

Assistant City Attorney Heather McLaughlin stated that the City Council voted 5 to 1 in favor of approval in the matter of Robert Gray v. City of Richmond. Councilmember Jimenez was absent due to technical difficulties.

REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Laura Snideman advised that the Business License Tax, Measure U implementation was scheduled for January 2022, and encouraged interested persons to sign up for e-mail or text for updates to participate in the process. Ms. Snideman also reported that the city was working with several organizations to deal with the deceased whale that washed up along the shore.

CRIME REPORT FROM POLICE CHIEF

Police Chief Bisa French provided a crime report which highlighted the following: Suspect identified in a recent shooting at South. 37th and Cutting Boulevard; traffic stops that resulted in confiscation of firearms; complaints, numerous calls for service, and activity during the 4th of July holiday, including illegal fireworks and sideshow; and impacts related to loss of police officers to other agencies.

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The following individuals gave comments via teleconference:

Tarnel Abbott and Jeanne Kortz gave comments regarding sea level rise issues pertaining to the Zeneca site.

Naomi Williams, Leisa Johnson, and Katrinka Ruk stated that the Community Service Officer Positions should be filled and spoke in opposition of the continued defunding of the Richmond Police Department.

Mark Wassberg gave comments against defunding the Richmond Police Department.

Carole Johnson commended the Reimagining Task Force for all its work.

PJ Reed spoke against Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Legislation in Richmond.

Robin Lapay gave comments regarding Heritage Park anti-harassment for renters.

Andres Soto gave comments regarding the Astra Zeneca site and the toxic substances that would emit from the ground and the danger it could cause to the community who would potentially reside there.

Mike Parker spoke in support of members who participated in the Reimagine Task Force even though some were not Richmond residents.

Randy Joseph stated that the Community Service Officer position was not in the budget in prior years.

Sally Tobin and Pam Stello gave comments regarding the Astra Zeneca site and effects of sea level rise and toxic substances located on the site.

James Daniels gave comments regarding the lack of security and repairs at Heritage Park and the harassment to residents.

Tom Lent spoke in support of the Richmond Bike Share Program.

Marisol Cantu gave comments regarding the decision to reduce the police department budget.

Floridama Bach gave comments regarding an eviction and harassment due to the loss of her job and inability to pay her rent.

PJ Singh stated that the community should have decided the outcome of the issues brought forward by the Reimagining Task Force and not the committee members.

Ben Therriault gave comments regarding the proposed police department budget reductions.

Councilmember Martinez spoke in support of Item J-1 regarding Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA).

Councilmember Jimenez clarified that the Community Service Officer positions were new positions and there may still be a way to staff the positions.

CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

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

***I-1.** Withdrew the matter to accept and appropriate a two-year \$88,763 grant award with TransForm for the Car Sharing and

Mobility Hubs in Affordable Housing project for a term from October 1, 2020 to March 31, 2022; approve an agreement with TransForm to complete outreach, education, and coordination tasks related to the grant-funded project; and authorize the city manager to enter into a contract with the Richmond Community Foundation, for an amount not to exceed \$70,000, to assist in the performance of grant-related tasks for a term from October 1, 2020, to March 31, 2022.

***I-2.** Approved a contract amendment with Nichols Consulting Engineers for additional design services on the Yellow Brick Road project, increasing the contract amount by \$75,000 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,393,697.58.

***I-3.** Adopted **Resolution No. 80-21** of local support as required by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission to program \$2,821,000 in Safe and Seamless Mobility Quick-Strike Program funds for the 13th Street Complete Streets Project, and if awarded, accept, and appropriate the funds.

***I-4.** Adopted **Resolution No. 81-21** authorizing the city manager to execute a funding agreement between the City of Richmond and the State of California Air Resources Board (CARB) Clean Mobility Options Mobility Project Voucher Pilot Program; accepted and appropriated the voucher program funds; and approved a three-year service contract with Nomad Transit, LLC (dba Via Transportation, Inc.) in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 to develop and operate the shuttle service.

***I-5.** Received a presentation regarding the Richmond Bike Share program; appropriated Bike Share Capital Program grant funds; and authorized the city manager to execute the funding agreement between the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and the City of Richmond Supplement No. 1 to City of Richmond Bike Share Capital Program Amendment No. 1 with a term expiration of June 30, 2022.

***I-6.** Approved the 2021/2022 North Richmond Waste and Recovery Mitigation Fee Expenditure Plan (Exhibit A), identifying the activities, programs, and services recommended for funding by the North Richmond Waste and Recovery Mitigation Committee for the period of July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022.

***I-7.** Approved a contract with LCP Tracker, Inc. to provide software and technical support for a web-based labor compliance, monitoring software, and technical support system to track compliance with the City of Richmond Ordinances. The contract term is from July 6, 2021, through June 30, 2024, with an option for a three-year extension, for a total amount not to exceed \$60,000.

***I-8.** Received the City's Investment and Cash Balance Report for the month of May 2021.

***I-9.** Approved the minutes of the June 1, 2021, regular meeting, and June 8, 2021, special meeting of the City Council.

***I-10.** Adopted **Resolution No. 82-21** authorizing the execution of a construction contract to W. R. Forde Associates, Inc., for construction of the Cutting Boulevard and Harbour Way South Bikeways Project in an amount not to exceed \$1,783,969, including a 10 percent contingency (\$162,179).

***I-11.** Adopted **Resolution No. 83-21** authorizing the submittal of a grant application to the California Natural Resources Agency for Urban Flood Protection Program (Prop 68) funds and accepted; and appropriated the funds should the grant be awarded.

I-12. Continued to the July 20, 2021, City Council meeting, the matter to adopt a resolution authorizing the city manager, or designee, to enter into an agreement with Caltrans in the amount of \$1,200,000 for the Preliminary Engineering Phase of the Harbour & Wright Railroad Grade Crossing Project funded by Section 130 Highway Railroad Grade Crossing Safety Program.

***I-13.** Adopted **Resolution No. 84-21** authorizing the city manager to execute a third amendment to the Cooperative Implementation Agreement with CALTRANS to utilize the additional funding of \$3.2 million that will become available in Fiscal Year 2021-2022 through Fiscal Year 2022-2023 for the construction of one (1 full-trash capture device) at Bayview Avenue.

***I-14.** Directed staff to waive fees for the SEED-Contra Costa Building Trades Job Expo hosted by Southside Economic Empowerment Development, LLC.

***I-15.** Directed staff to waive fees for the Grand Re-Opening Celebration of the Richmond Transit Center.

CITY OF RICHMOND CONSENT CALENDAR
RESOLUTIONS RELATING TO POLICY DECISIONS ON
ISSUES THAT PERTAIN TO OTHER JURISDICTIONS

J-1. Adopted **Resolution No. 85-21** urging U.S. Senators Diane Feinstein and Alex Padilla to advance the passage of a pathway for permanent residency and, eventually, citizenship for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), Temporary Protected Status (TPS), and Deferred Enforced Departure (DED) beneficiaries.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

K-1. City Clerk Pamela Christian stated this was the time pursuant to published notice to hold the first required public hearings to review the redistricting process for City Council elections and receive public input regarding the composition of potential City Council districts and provided an overview of the matter. Shalice Tilton, NDC Sr. Consultant, presented a PowerPoint which highlighted the following: Redistricting Process; Redistricting Rules and Goals; Demographic Summary of Existing Districts; Census information by ethnicity; Defining Neighborhoods; Defining Communities of Interest; Public Mapping and Map Review Tools; Story Map; Simple Map Review and Drawing Tool; District R; and Maptitude Online Redistricting. Discussion ensued. The City Council requested information on how to reinstate at-large elections in the City of Richmond, and the authority of charter cities related to district elections. Mayor Butt declared the public hearing open. The following individuals gave comments via teleconference: Mark Wassberg, Katrinka Ruk, Leisa Johnson, Randy Joseph, Andres Soto, Linda Whitmore, Karla Perez, Tarnel Abbott, Eli Moore, Mike Parker, and Don Gosney. Mayor Butt closed the public hearing. Further discussion ensued. The City Council directed staff to get additional

community input to determine if they support district elections, and to engage with neighborhood councils and community organizations to conduct community meetings. The City Council also requested translation services in several languages. The next public hearing was scheduled for September 14, 2021.

RESOLUTIONS

L-1. The matter to adopt a resolution directing the city manager to implement a Citywide requirement of all applications for City services, projects, permits, and/or approvals that require limited liability companies (LLC) to disclose information about its beneficial owners as part of its submittal, and to report back to the City Council on a regular basis the progress made towards implementation was presented by Councilmembers Jimenez and McLaughlin. Discussion ensued. The following individuals gave comments via teleconference: Tarnel Abbott, Jeanne Kortz, Janet Johnson, Mark Wassberg, Eli Moore, Leisa Johnson, and Pam Stello. Discussion ensued. A motion was made by Councilmember Jimenez, seconded by Councilmember McLaughlin, to approve the item. A friendly amendment was made by Vice Mayor Johnson III, that the information disclosed was for transparency purposes only and not for conditions of approval for a project. The friendly amendment was accepted. The motion passed and **Resolution No. 86-21** was adopted by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Jimenez, Martinez, McLaughlin, Willis, and Vice Mayor Johnson III. **Noes:** Councilmember Bates and Mayor Butt. **Absent:** None. **Abstain:** None.

L-2. The matter to adopt a resolution urging Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) to immediately program \$1.67 Billion in American Rescue Plan (ARP) Transit Funds for use in restoring Bay Area transit service was presented by Councilmembers Jimenez, Martinez, and Willis. Discussion ensued. The following individuals gave comments via teleconference: Mark Wassberg and Jeanne Kortz. A motion made by Councilmember Jimenez, seconded by Councilmember McLaughlin was made and **Resolution No. 87-21** was adopted by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Jimenez, Martinez, McLaughlin, Willis, and Vice Mayor Johnson III. **Noes:** Mayor Butt. **Absent:** None. **Abstain:** Councilmember Bates.

*(10:52 p.m. – A motion was made by Councilmember Jimenez, seconded by Councilmember Martinez, to extend the meeting until the end of Item L-3. A substitute motion was made by Councilmember Bates, seconded by Councilmember McLaughlin, to go as far as possible until 11:30 p.m. The substitute motion passed by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Bates, Jimenez, Martinez, McLaughlin, Willis, and Vice Mayor Johnson III. **Noes:** Mayor Butt. **Absent:** None.*

L-3. The matter to adopt a resolution to support the process of developing a Richmond Green-Blue New Deal and Just Transition to 21st Century jobs and DIRECT staff to prepare a request for proposal (RFP) to hire an environmental consultant to conduct a one-year to 18-month planning process to develop and facilitate a comprehensive and inclusive public engagement process to co-create the plan to achieve a local Green-Blue New Deal and come back to the Council with a recommendation of such a consultant within 90 days was presented by Councilmembers McLaughlin, Jiménez, and Martinez. Discussion ensued. The

following individuals gave comments via teleconference: Katrinka Ruk, Mark Wassberg, Pam Stello, Jeanne Kortz, and Tarnel Abbott. Further discussion ensued. A motion was made by Councilmember McLaughlin, seconded by Councilmember Martinez to approve the item. Mayor Butt made a substitute motion that the \$300,000 be used instead to rebuild the Sustainability Department and hire a consultant in the city and update the existing Climate Action Plan. Councilmember McLaughlin, seconded by Councilmember Willis called for the question, which failed, by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Jimenez, McLaughlin, and Mayor Butt. **Noes:** Councilmembers Bates, Johnson III, and Martinez. **Absent:** None. **Abstain:** Councilmember Willis. (11:30 p.m. – A motion made by Councilmember McLaughlin, seconded by Councilmember Willis, suspended the rules and extended the meeting to complete Item L-3, passed by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Jimenez, Martinez, McLaughlin, Willis, and Vice Mayor Johnson III. **Noes:** Councilmember Bates and Mayor Butt. **Absent:** None. **Abstain:** None. The substitute motion failed by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmember Bates and Mayor Butt. **Noes:** Councilmembers Martinez, McLaughlin, Willis, and Vice Mayor Johnson III. **Absent:** None. **Abstain:** Councilmember Jimenez. The main motion passed by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Jimenez, Martinez, McLaughlin, Willis, and Vice Mayor Johnson III. **Noes:** Councilmember Bates and Mayor Butt. **Absent:** None. **Abstain:** None.

A motion was made by Councilmember McLaughlin to hear Item N-1, failed for lack of a second.

ORDINANCES

M-1. The matter to introduce an ordinance adding Chapter 11.103 entitled "Tenant Anti-Harassment Ordinance" to the Richmond Municipal Code was presented by Councilmembers McLaughlin and Willis. The following individuals gave comments via teleconference: Rebecca Frey, Mark Wassberg, Carole Johnson, Santiago Morales, Carole Johnson, Randy Joseph, Elsa Stevens, Jackie Zaneri, Edith Pastrano, and David Sharples. Discussion ensued. A motion made by Councilmember Willis, seconded by Councilmember McLaughlin, approved first reading of said ordinance by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Bates, Jimenez, Martinez, McLaughlin, Willis, and Vice Mayor Johnson III. **Noes:** Mayor Butt. **Absent:** None. **Abstain:** None.

COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

N-1. Continued to the July 22, 2021, City Council meeting, the matter to direct staff to draft amendments to Richmond Municipal Code Chapter 11.05 (Fireworks Ordinance) that strengthens the City's ability to enforce the Fireworks Ordinance and return by the end of July with a first reading of an amended ordinance. This item was continued from the June 15, 2021, meeting.

N-2. Continued to the July 20, 2021, City Council meeting, the matter to direct staff (city attorney) to review University of California Berkeley's research, the City Charter and other relevant legal authority to determine if the City Council has the authority to extend voting rights to undocumented Richmond residents to participate in local elections and, upon completion, DIRECT staff to present their findings to Council and, if authority exists,

agendize an item for Council to consider such voting rights extension.

N-3. Continued to the July 20, 2021, City Council meeting, Receive an oral report from Police Chief Bisa French to provide specific information on current and anticipated staffing reduction within the Richmond Police Department.

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

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:35 p.m., to meet again on Tuesday, July 20, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.

Clerk of the City of Richmond

(SEAL)

Approved:

Mayor

From: [Cordell Hindler](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept User](#)
Subject: Public Comments- Open Forum
Date: Thursday, July 01, 2021 2:53:26 PM

good Evening Mayor Butt, Council members and City Staff, I have a couple of comments for the Record:

1. for the next Agenda, is to have LESA MCINTOSH to provide a presentation on the Proposed water Rates
2. Also to have Rebecca Saltzman to make a presentation on the Design Concept for BART

Sincerely
Cordell

From: [Leisa Johnson](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept User](#)
Cc: [Leisa Johnson](#)
Subject: Open Forum Public Comments for Supplementary Material - July 6, 2021
Date: Tuesday, July 06, 2021 8:48:53 PM

Dear City Clerk,

Can you please include these written comments into the Supplementary Materials for the July 6th, 2021 meeting?

Thank you,
Leisa

Good Evening Mayor, Vice Mayor, Councilmembers and Staff:

My name is Leisa Johnson and I am a Richmond resident and member of the Point Richmond Neighborhood Council and Richmond Neighbors for Safer Communities.

I am respectfully requesting that all of you please focus on ordinances that are critical to the Public Safety needs of all residents and neighborhoods.

Regarding defunding RPD:

- A few short weeks ago, Councilmembers Jimenez and McLaughlin emphatically stated that no additional RPD positions would be eliminated other than the 12 vacant sworn officer positions.
- Last week, however, during the final budget process, they made their approval conditional upon taking away two more RPD positions - the two Community Service Officer positions - and transferring them to an as yet to be determined department, making them SEIU 1021 positions.
- We don't know when or if these positions will be filled, and the conflicts of interest surrounding this do not go unnoticed by the community.
- As I've consistently stated, I do not support your continued defunding of RPD, the elimination of 12 more vacant sworn officer positions and now 2 community service officer positions.
- Chief French aligned the responsibilities of her department counting on these two CSO (Community Service Officer) positions. As such, there will be an as yet further unspecified reduction in services that Chief French will have to determine & then communicate to the Public.
- I respectfully request that the Mayor appoint Neighborhood Council representatives to the Reimagining implementation team to allow for more effective community participation and input.

I am also requesting the Council to focus on a public safety ordinance that will effectively address the impacts that illegal fireworks and sideshows have on our neighbors on a near daily basis. If need be, please work with County and State elected officials to pass

meaningful reform. Specifically:

- **ILLEGAL FIREWORKS**

- The **new CCC ordinance is meaningless.**
 - Here's the County ordinance:
<https://www.contracosta.ca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/71103/Fireworks-Ordinance-No-2021-19-Press-Release-682021>
 - *"A violation of the ordinance is subject to a fine of \$100, a fine of \$200 for a second violation of the ordinance within one year, and a fine of \$500 for each additional violation of the ordinance within one year."*
- The county's \$100 fine is laughable as these folks are willing to pay minuscule fines when they spend thousands of dollars on fireworks.
- If you are going to address this risk appropriately, I believe steep fines (\$10K for initial violation) are needed as well as considerable (100+ hours) community service.
- Right now, RPD can only arrest someone if an officer observes that individual lighting the fuse. As you heard Chief French state, they use lookouts and also block police access so that they can't see who is lighting the fuse.
 - On Sunday, there was a block party with >200 participants that illegally set up their own roadblocks, preventing Public Safety access. Indeed, when a firework-related fire erupted, RPD had to come and spend critical time providing access before RFD could enter and fight the fire.
 - As you all know, response time is critical for fighting any fire and those individuals should all be held accountable for their actions and the risk to Public health & safety they created.
- Legislation also needs to be significantly strengthened to include those who participate, and as Chief French mentioned, to include the ability to prosecute after the fact.

- **ILLEGAL SIDESHOWS**

- San Jose is the first city to make it illegal to promote sideshows on social media.
 - See report here: <https://www.kron4.com/news/bay-area/sideshow-social-media-promoters-to-face-criminal-charges-in-san-jose/>
- Again, I personally think steep fines are necessary if it's going to have any teeth and an impact.
- I also think people who are caught participating in a side show with their car should have their car permanently impounded and their drivers license revoked.
- Again, if the policies and laws don't allow RPD and the DA to do their job effectively, this is only going to get worse.
- It takes tough measures like this for the word to get out and serve a preventative function instead of "after the fact". With insufficient RPD officers on duty, this has signaled to participants that it is OK to come here because they can't be arrested and there is zero accountability.

Thank you.

Respectfully,
Leisa Johnson
21-year Richmond Resident

From: [Susan Alcorn](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept User](#)
Subject: Public comments -- not on the agenda
Date: Friday, July 02, 2021 5:33:12 PM

To whom it may concern,
As a former long time resident of Richmond, I am very concerned about the project being considered for 1,400 upscale townhouses at Point Molate. This area has a fascinating history and the city and region, would be much better served by supporting a regional park.

Since I still live in the Bay Area, I am quite familiar with the existing traffic conditions as one approaches the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge. There are frequently accidents and other problems that cause huge delays to traffic in the area. Having more than a thousand new residents, each unit likely having two or more people, would bring thousands more cars into the already congested area.

I urge you to rethink this plan. It is a beautiful setting and it is understandable that people would like to reside there, but the foreseeable traffic and financial problems should lead the City to instead envision a project that would respect the area's history and create open space for the public to enjoy. Thank you.

Regards,
Susan Alcorn

Author: *Walk, Hike, Saunter: Seasoned Women Share Tales and Trails*

Patagonia Chronicle: On Foot in Torres del Paine; Camino Chronicle: Walking to Santiago; We're in the Mountains Not Over the Hill: Tales and Tips from Seasoned Women Backpackers.

Member: Left Coast Writers, Bay Area Travel Writers (BATW), IBPA, American Pilgrims on the Camino (APOC), Pacific Crest Trail Assoc.

Owner: Shepherd Canyon Books, Oakland, CA

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From: [TRAC](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept User](#); [Nat Bates](#); [Tom Butt - external](#); [Claudia Jimenez](#); [Demnlus Johnson](#); [Eduardo Martinez](#); [Gayle McLaughlin >](#); [Melvin Willis](#)
Cc: [Laura Snideman](#); [Anil Comelo](#); [Joe Leach](#); [Tawfic Halaby](#); [Bruce Brubaker](#)
Subject: Public Comments Agenda Item I-10: Consent Calendar Construction Contract for Cutting & Harbour Way Bikeways
Date: Friday, July 02, 2021 10:21:59 AM
Attachments: [QB-AttB-Project Location Map.pdf](#)

Mayor Butt and City Councilors,

When you meet this Tuesday, please approve consent calendar agenda item I-10 awarding a contract to W.R. Forde to construct bikeways on Cutting & Hoffman Blvds. and Harbour Way South.

This 2-1/4 miles of two-way protected bikeway will make it much safer and more attractive to bicycle to/from the Richmond-SF Ferry Terminal and the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge Trail. The project will implement Key Corridor recommendations of the award-winning [Ferry to Bridge to Greenway Complete Streets Plan](#) you adopted on February 16. It's not every day that the City Council has the opportunity to implement a plan so quickly, rather than have it gather dust on a shelf.

Although not on the shoreline, Harbour Way South and Cutting Blvd. are important parts of the Bay Trail route connecting the Richmond-SF Ferry Terminal and Marina Bay's necklace of shoreline parks with the Ferry Point Loop, Shipyard 3 Trail and the Richmond/San Rafael Bridge Trail as shown on the attached map. Making it more attractive and safer to bicycle on Harbour Way South will help reduce the need to expand automobile parking for the Richmond-San Francisco Ferry Terminal. The bikeway safety improvements on Cutting Blvd. will be very important for access to/from the RSR Bridge where there have been over 143,000 bicycle trips since opening of the trail in November 2019.

Design and Construction is being funded by a variety of state and regional bicycle & pedestrian transportation sources, including grants of \$725,000 from the CA Department of Transportation's Active Transportation Program, \$325,000 from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and SB1 gasoline tax revenues, as well as funds provided by Simms Metals Management.

Please pass agenda item I-10 by consent. Thank you very much.

Bruce

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Photos: <https://sfbaytrailinrichmond.shutterfly.com/pictures/5> .

Attachment B – Project Location Map



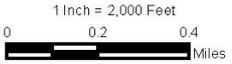
START OF BAY TRAIL TO RICHMOND-SAN RAFAEL BRIDGE AND POINT MOLATE

Quick-build Project extent

RICHMOND-SAN FRANCISCO FERRY TERMINAL

Legend

- Completed Bay Trail
- Incomplete Bay Trail
- Schools
- Disadvantaged Communities
- South Richmond Priority Development Area (PDA)
- Central Richmond & 23rd Street Corridor PDA
- Neighborhoods



SANTA FE

From: [Bruce Brubaker](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept User](#)
Cc: [Denee Evans](#)
Subject: "Public Comments Agenda item #1 -5"
Date: Tuesday, July 06, 2021 8:45:21 AM

Dear Mayor and City Councilmembers,

I am writing in support of the Richmond Bike Share program. This is an important step in transitioning the City to a more equitable, economical and sustainable transportation future. It will support use of Richmond's many parks and trail resources as well as help people connect to the Ferry, BART and other transportation centers in the city. I personally look forward to using the rental Gotcha e-bikes to commute from home to BART.

Please support the Bike Share appropriation and funding agreement with MTC as described in Item I-5 of the agenda.

Thank you!
Bruce Brubaker
Richmond Resident
Planning Commissioner
510-685-7689

From: [daniel lanis](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept User](#)
Subject: Public Comments Agenda item #1-5
Date: Tuesday, July 06, 2021 12:43:27 PM

Hello,

I'm writing to SUPPORT the bike share program.

There is a safety challenge in regards to some cyclists who may go faster than the speed limit (or suggested speed limit) on our trails.

This challenge however, has to do with the users, not being considerate of others, not the bikes themselves.

Just like some pet owners with long leashes may take up the full lane and runners risk tripping on them. It's the responsibility of the humans using the trail to follow guidelines of coexistence. Signage should be clearly posted to increase awareness about rules for all trail users.

The Richmond Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee has created a sub-committee that is currently working on solutions to these challenges and will provide results as soon as they become available.

Best regards,

[Daniel Lanis](#)
[Vice Chair](#)
[Richmond Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee](#)

From: [David Harris](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept User](#)
Subject: Public Comments, Agenda Items J-1 and N-2
Date: Monday, July 05, 2021 11:23:36 PM

City Council,

Please include the following comments at the City Council meeting for July 6, 2021:

Agenda Item #J-1

I agree with this item only under the following conditions — The resolution should require the following for all DACA, TPS, and DED persons:

- 1) Demonstrated proficiency in English language at (circa 1960) high school senior level.
- 2) Passage of a rigorous U.S. Civics and U.S. History exam in English, to include a U.S. high school (circa 1960) proficiency level of 90%.
- 3) Passage of a rigorous test in English of the U.S. Constitution and Amendments, Declaration of Independence, and the Emancipation Proclamation.
- 4) A signed document of assurance that the person vows allegiance to and support of the U.S. Constitution, and has a positive view of the country's culture and history.

If they don't pass, they can try again over the next two years. If they still don't pass, they don't get citizenship and are not allowed to vote in any U.S. election.

Agenda Item #N-2

I am irrevocably opposed to "extending voting rights to undocumented Richmond residents to participate in local elections". There is no legal, constitutional, or rational basis for such an action. No one should vote in any U.S. election unless that person is a legal U.S. citizen. If the person entered the country illegally, they should not be allowed any civic rights whatsoever, and should be deported at once. If an individual is "undocumented", there is by definition no way to determine anything about such a person, let alone voting eligibility. The City Council should not be wasting its time on such an asinine issue, and instead should focus on improving the health and safety of U.S. citizens who already happen to reside and vote in Richmond.

Dave Harris
Richmond

From: [Leisa Johnson](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept User](#)
Cc: [Leisa Johnson](#)
Subject: Item K-1 Public Hearing Comments for District Elections - Please include in supplementary material
Date: Tuesday, July 06, 2021 7:55:36 PM

Dear City Clerk,

Can you please include these written comments into the Supplementary Materials for the July 6th, 2021 meeting?

Thank you,
Leisa

Good Evening Mayor, Vice Mayor, Councilmembers and Staff:

My name is Leisa Johnson and I am a 21-year Richmond resident and member of the Point Richmond Neighborhood Council and Richmond Neighbors for Safer Communities.

I participated in every community meeting and public hearing during the 2019/2020 inaugural districting process.

First and foremost, the Community input seemed to be largely ignored when it came to meeting the specific requirements as reiterated here this evening, including:

- **No racial gerrymandering:**
 - This is exactly how D1 was carved out and yet, ironically, they don't have Latino/Latina representation.
- **Districts should be geographically contiguous:**
 - The current D2 is anything but contiguous and makes uttererly no sense to those in the Point Richmond, Santa Fe, Sheilds Reid and Hilltop neighborhoods
- **Undivided neighborhoods & communities of interest:**
 - All of the current districts appear to violate this requirement.
 - So many of us in the community asked for the shoreline, Hilltop area, and San Pablo corridor to be put in the same district as best possible.
 - The Iron Triangle was also divided.
 - Interestingly, there was a map in the top 4 or 5 that far better captured the community's interest but that's not what we got. Why?
- **Compact:**
 - The current Districts 2 & 4 are anything but compact.

I respectfully request that:

- The electronic map review process be much easier and simpler to use than it was last year as this prevented effective community engagement & participation.
- Community meetings occur this time around again, but most importantly, that their input is heard and respected by the Consultants, City Staff and this Council.

- City Staff more broadly advertise community meetings & public hearings so that community is aware - via newspaper, city website, City Manager report and send email notifications to all neighborhood council presidents for their distribution.

Of critical importance, I don't think Richmond has addressed the discrepancy between our Charter and the guidelines that were sent out to the last year's Candidates.

Our City Clerk mentioned that she thinks our City Charter's residency requirement of one year may not be legally enforceable, but our City Charter should be appropriately amended to clarify any and all ambiguities that have been raised by the Community, and any such amendment would require a vote of the people. Perhaps if this Council decides to put an item on the ballot that lets voters decide whether or not they want to have district elections, this could be addressed at the same election.

Moreover, as I explained to our City Clerk and City Attorney's office last year, **if** a candidate should be disqualified from a district race, for whatever reason, how are the other candidates allowed a fair election process and an appropriate remedy, especially since we don't have rank-choice voting?

And to a point that was asked earlier, if a D1, 5 or 6 Councilmember serves out the remainder of their term through 2024, and they want to run again but their district boundaries changes, how can they run for another a new district since they have to live in that district for a specified period of time prior to running?

Lastly, I request an Ordinance be passed that significantly strengthens much needed regulation regarding proof and length of residency. In our first District election there were three cases of contested residency amongst last year's City Council candidates.

This includes

Thank you.

Respectfully,
Leisa Johnson

From: [Katrinka Ruk](#)
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To: City Clerk

Cc: Richmond City Council, City Manager

Item: L-3. ADOPT a resolution to support the process of developing a Richmond Green-Blue New Deal and Just Transition to 21st Century jobs and DIRECT staff to prepare a request for proposal (RFP) to hire an environmental consultant

On behalf of the Council of Business and Industries (COI) we are submitting these comments for your review. Whereas we support the city recruiting diverse businesses and industries to locate to the City of Richmond, we believe that focusing on climate change and business development can be done with current programs and staff.

This item was previously approved by a majority of the council to earmark \$300,000 in ARPA funding without proper posting on the agenda and without allowing for review or comment by the community PRIOR to the item being approved by council.

The material and Resolution does not recognize current programs that are in place. The City has a climate action plan, greenhouse gas emissions inventory, General Plan, and established mitigation for potential impacts of sea level rise which have been implemented to address these issues; our Planning department has the capability of overseeing the plan, and our Assistant Deputy City Manager oversees economic development in conjunction with the Economic Development Commission.

Our shoreline area is home to many businesses that already have “blue jobs” including boat repairs and boat and ship building, however these, and any new businesses, will be negatively impacted with the implementation of the new business license tax. The city has not recruited any new shoreline businesses and in fact the General Plan has limited industrial zoning along the shoreline.

The Resolution provides a “just transition to 21st century jobs however, it is unclear if these would provide livable wages and benefits. The “30 Great Pivot Projects, Creating Local Green Jobs” focus the public sector jobs on solar retrofits, mass transit, safe bicycling infrastructure, electric charging infrastructure, municipal waste prevention, restoration of nature—some of these are outside the City’s area of responsibility, none of these translate into large number of jobs. And those listed for the private sector are few- focused on solar, recycling, construction and furniture.

Further recommendations in the reports are either already in place such as “opportunities to re-connect people with nature” as we are in process of completing the shoreline bike trails, but some don’t relate to our city-sustainable fisheries and aquaculture.

The article quoted supporting this Resolution doesn’t apply to our city as it condemns industries that are *not* located in Richmond - cruise ship industry, container shipping, industrial fishing fleets, factory farms, oil rigs, and deep-sea mining. It supports protecting and restoring coastal habitats to reduce storm damage which is under the purview of BCDC, State Water Resources Control Board and the Coast Guard. The recommendation for “sustainable aquaculture jobs” may not be applicable given our shoreline abuts a Bay, not the ocean.

Let’s look to our current staff and commissioners that have the expertise and knowledge of our current programs – planning, economic development – further discuss how developing a new “green-blue” economy will impact not only the city but current employees, families, community and businesses.

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Subject: Public Comment Agenda Item # M-1--Urge the City Council to adopt and add to Muni Code. Chap. 11.103
Tenant-Anti-Harassment Ordinance
Date: Tuesday, July 06, 2021 11:03:43 AM

Dear City Clerk:

This email is to submit my public comment for Agenda Item # M-1. I urge the City Council to adopt the proposed Tenant Anti-Harassment Ordinance and to add it to Chapter 11.103 to the Richmond Municipal Code.

As a tenant/resident of District 5, within the City of Richmond, I strongly encourage our City Council to adopt the proposed Tenant Anti-Harassment to protect the rights of all tenants within our City. Tenants deserve greater protections from harassment, discrimination, and retaliation by Landlords who regrettably abuse the rights and needs of tenants.

Thank you,
Janis E. Eggleston
Tenant/Resident of the City of Richmond.

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From: [Pj Singh](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept User](#)
Subject: Public comments agenda item # N-1
Date: Tuesday, July 06, 2021 3:09:21 PM

Hi,

My name is PJ Singh and I am long time resident of Richmond City. I would like to share my personal story and experience of almost losing a house to fire due to illegal fireworks. It was 9 pm on 4th July, 2020 when my tenant phoned me to come immediately because there was a fire due to someone carrying out fireworks in the neighborhood. When I reached my property to assess the damage, it appeared that the whole block was watching while a few individuals carried on their illegal fireworks show near Visalia Ave & 18th Ave. The reckless individuals had ZERO concern about the property damage, noise, air pollution, trauma to animals, and effect of toxic fumes on little kids and adults who were there.

After meeting with my tenant, I discovered the fire had started when a firecracker landed in the backyard and almost came close to burning down the house. It was fortunate, my tenant quickly contained the fire with and with neighbors' help. My tenant had called 911 but the police and the fire departments were already too busy putting out so many other fires across the city. I am sure my story is experienced by many more people in Richmond who have been equally terrorized thinking fireworks could potentially burn their home.

My tenant had family of 4 including a little baby who were living in the house at the time and if the fire had consumed their home, we would have had 4 more people without the roof that day.

I believe It's time to make it illegal to sell as well as light up fireworks in residential neighborhoods.

Thank you for your work!

Respectfully,

PJ

From: [David Harris](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept User](#)
Subject: Public Comments, Agenda Items J-1 and N-2
Date: Monday, July 05, 2021 11:23:36 PM

City Council,

Please include the following comments at the City Council meeting for July 6, 2021:

Agenda Item #J-1

I agree with this item only under the following conditions — The resolution should require the following for all DACA, TPS, and DED persons:

- 1) Demonstrated proficiency in English language at (circa 1960) high school senior level.
- 2) Passage of a rigorous U.S. Civics and U.S. History exam in English, to include a U.S. high school (circa 1960) proficiency level of 90%.
- 3) Passage of a rigorous test in English of the U.S. Constitution and Amendments, Declaration of Independence, and the Emancipation Proclamation.
- 4) A signed document of assurance that the person vows allegiance to and support of the U.S. Constitution, and has a positive view of the country's culture and history.

If they don't pass, they can try again over the next two years. If they still don't pass, they don't get citizenship and are not allowed to vote in any U.S. election.

Agenda Item #N-2

I am irrevocably opposed to "extending voting rights to undocumented Richmond residents to participate in local elections". There is no legal, constitutional, or rational basis for such an action. No one should vote in any U.S. election unless that person is a legal U.S. citizen. If the person entered the country illegally, they should not be allowed any civic rights whatsoever, and should be deported at once. If an individual is "undocumented", there is by definition no way to determine anything about such a person, let alone voting eligibility. The City Council should not be wasting its time on such an asinine issue, and instead should focus on improving the health and safety of U.S. citizens who already happen to reside and vote in Richmond.

Dave Harris
Richmond

From: l35cr77@gmail.com
To: [City Clerk Dept User](#)
Subject: Public comment agenda item #N-2
Date: Tuesday, July 06, 2021 7:34:40 PM

Hello my name is Leticia Chávez, I am a Richmond resident, a mother and the secretary of the West County Regional Group sponsored by First 5 Contra Costa. The WCRG is a group of parent advocates who work towards creating a healthier, safer and more equitable Richmond for young children and families.

As a parent leader and advocate I along with many other parents have volunteered my free time for years make Richmond an equitable community where our children can thrive.

undocumented Richmond residents are also rightful residents who are a part of the community, who contribute to the labor force and pay taxes. Being undocumented is not a choice. I don't know a single person that likes being undocumented. The system makes it almost impossible for people to become legal citizens.

Not allowing ALL Richmond residents to participate in the electoral process further disenfranchises communities of color who are already a vulnerable population. And it also adds to the lack of representation of people of color in political participation

I believe that looking into allowing undocumented immigrants to vote in the city of Richmond local elections will be a great thing because it will give EVERYONE the right to vote and have a voice on decisions that affect everyday life. Richmond could possibly be the city to make history in California by allowing undocumented immigrants to vote, like some cities in the state of Maryland have done.

Having the right to vote may encourage more people to get involved and work harder to make this city a better, more

inclusive place for our families.

Please explore the possibility of allowing undocumented Richmond residents to vote in local elections.

Thank you for your attention.

Leticia Ch

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