

## **RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, September 14, 2021**

The Richmond City Council Evening Open Session was called to order at 5:00 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](mailto:cityclerkdept@ci.richmond.ca.us), teleconference, and telephone during the meeting. Written comments received by 1:00 p.m. on September 14, 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 Claudia Jimenez, Eduardo Martinez, Gayle McLaughlin, Vice Mayor Demnlus Johnson III, Melvin Willis, and Mayor Thomas K. Butt. **Absent:** Councilmember Nathaniel Bates arrived after adjourning to Closed Session.

### **CITY COUNCIL**

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

Sarah Belle Lin v. City of Richmond, et al.

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

LIABILITY CLAIMS - (Government Code Section 54956.95): Seven Cases

Michelle Arriaga v. City of Richmond  
Alfred DeJesus v. City of Richmond  
Daniel Garcia v. City of Richmond  
Ray Hernandez v. City of Richmond  
Stina Johanson v. City of Richmond  
Terry Miles v. City of Richmond  
Danny Wellhausen v. City of Richmond cc

### **PUBLIC COMMENT BEFORE CLOSED SESSION**

There were no public speakers.

The Open Session adjourned to Closed Session at 5:03 p.m.  
Closed Session adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

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

### **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Councilmembers Bates, Martinez, Jimenez, McLaughlin, Willis, Vice Mayor Johnson III, and Mayor Butt.  
**Absent:** None.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT INSTRUCTIONAL VIDEO**

The Public Comment Instructional Video was shown.

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

None.

### **AGENDA REVIEW**

Item M-4 was heard after the Public Hearings. City Clerk Pamela Christian announced that public hearing Item J-1 regarding redistricting would be heard at 7 p.m.

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

City Attorney Teresa Stricker stated there were no final actions taken at either the 1:00 p.m. or 5:00 p.m. Closed Sessions.

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

City Manager, Laura Snideman invited interested individuals to participate and submit comments regarding the Richmond Business Investment and Attraction Strategy. Ms. Snideman also encouraged persons to receive the COVID-19 vaccination. Information regarding the vaccine may be obtained by visiting [www.contracosta.org](http://www.contracosta.org)

## **RECENT CRIME REPORT FROM POLICE CHIEF**

Chief Bisa French provided the crime report that covered the period from August 24, 2021, to September 13, 2021, which highlighted the following: 16 robberies; 17 domestic violence cases; 10 firearm assaults; 79 ShotSpotter activations; 7 gun recoveries; and 2 homicides. One of the homicide suspects was taken into custody. The homicide total for the year was 15. Chief French also reported there was a victim of a dog theft and carjacking that resulted in a pursuit and ended in the apprehension of the suspect. Councilmember Bates requested that recognition be given at the next city council meeting to officers who performed exemplary work.

## **OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following individuals gave comments via teleconference:

Deborah Bayer spoke in support of renaming South Street to Ethel Dotson South.

Ruscal Cayangyang spoke in support of agenda item I-14 regarding Intermediate Care Facilities and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

Jeanne Kortz gave comments regarding negligence by the city pertaining to the Zeneca project. and remediation of toxins located on the site.

*(At this time, the city council heard public hearing Item J-1)*

Andres Soto Perez gave comments regarding injury claims by police officers against the city.

Karla Perez spoke in support of reinstating the issuance of tickets for individuals who did not move their vehicles on street sweeping days.

Don Gosney stated that Councilmember Bates recently turned 90 years old and was probably the oldest elected official in the country. Mr. Gosney also stated that there was an increase in fires, theft, and garbage near unhoused encampments.

Tarnel Abbott spoke against the proposed residential project at the Zeneca site due to toxicity.

Hakim Johnson informed that Chevron held a virtual Energy Transition Spotlight meeting to outline its plan to advance a lower carbon future, which included increased capital investments to accelerate the growth of businesses in renewable fuels and hydrogen.

Mark Wassberg wished Councilmember Bates a happy 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Hulan Barnett stated traffic safety should be a priority for the city.

Ilona Clark stated that the light at Hilltop and Shane was out for several months and was a safety hazard.

Gary, (last name unknown) gave comments regarding the need to fill vacant police officer positions

Leisa Johnson wished Councilmember Bates a happy 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Ms. Johnson also gave comments regarding homeless encampments along the I-580 and I-80 freeways and requested a report from Contra Costa County regarding the funding received to deal with homelessness.

Naomi Williams wished Councilmember Bates a happy birthday and thanked the city council for the proclamation for Ethel Dotson. Ms. Williams also commented that there was a power outage on Cutting Boulevard and drivers were not stopping at the traffic lights.

Philip Rosenthal wished Councilmember Bates a happy birthday. Mr. Rosenthal also stated that the city needs to adequately fund the police department.

Jan Mignone wished Councilmember Bates a happy 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Ms. Mignone also expressed concern about the large number of recent power outages throughout the city.

Councilmember Bates thanked those who planned and attended his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration.

#### **CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

**\*I-1.** Adopted **Resolution No. 105-21**, authorizing the city manager to execute the revised California Association of Port Authorities (CAPA) Agreement with the Federal Maritime Commission (FMC).

**\*I-2.** Approved a contract amendment with PES Environmental, Inc.(PES) for environmental consultation services for various locations in Marina Bay Area and Area FM Cap work in the amount of \$215,000, as required by the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), for a new total not to exceed amount of \$554,000, ending June 30, 2023..

**\*I-3.** Received the City's Investment and Cash Balance Report for the month of July 2021.

**\*I-4.** Received the City's Investment and Cash Balance Report for the month of June 2021.

**\*I-5.** Accepted and appropriated into the Fiscal Year 2021-22 budget \$4,000 received from the Richmond Public Library Foundation, \$1,000 received from Ellen Pechman, \$1,000 received from Chevron Oil Refinery and \$150 received from Danny and Priscilla Clements.

**\*I-6.** Adopted **Resolution No.106-21**, approving the application for the Youth Outdoors Richmond program with the Outdoor Equity Grants Program Grant Funds.

**\*I-7.** Introduced an ordinance repealing Chapter 11.44 (Kite Flying), Chapter 11.60 (Minors) and Chapter 11.64 (Smoking on Motor Coaches) of the Richmond Municipal Code.

**\*I-8.** Approved an appointment to update the Library Commission: appointed Risa King, new appointment, seat #1, term expiration date July 1, 2024.

**\*I-9.** Approved appointments to update the Historic Preservation Commission: appointed Caitlin Hibma, re-appointment, seat #4, term expiration date of July 31, 2025; Jonathan Haeber, re-appointment, seat #5, term expiration date of July 31, 2024; Joann Pavlinec, re-appointment, seat #7, term expiration date of July 31, 2025.

**\*I-10.** Approved an appointment to the Planning Commission: appointed David Tucker, re-appointment, seat #3, term expiration date of June 30, 2023.

**\*I-11.** Approved a contract with Capture Technologies, for five years of maintenance and the purchase of a Verint Recorder for public safety, in an amount not to exceed \$32,130.21, with a term from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2026.

**\*I-12.** Approved a contract with Carahsoft/DocuSign, for processing electronic signatures for a three-year period, from September 30, 2021, through September 29, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$14,489.47 per year, for a total amount of \$43,468.41.

**\*I-13.** Approved the minutes of the July 6 and July 27, 2021, regular meetings, and the July 22, 2021, special meeting of the City Council.

**\*I-14.** Directed staff to send a letter to Governor Gavin Newsom supporting Assembly Bill (AB) 279 (Muratsuchi) Intermediate Care Facilities and Skilled Nursing Facilities: COVID-19, and send copies to Senator Nancy Skinner, Assemblymembers Al Muratsuchi and Buffy Wicks.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**J-1.** City Clerk Pamela Christian, announced that it was set time pursuant to public notice to hold the second required public hearing to review the redistricting process for City Council elections and receive public input regarding the composition of potential City Council districts. 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. City council suggested that further outreach was made for individuals who did not have access to a computer or social media and possibly via a notice to students in the school district. City Clerk Pamela Christian stated that outreach consisted of e-mail notifications, a press release from the mayor's office, and the information was announced and posted via KCRT and the City Clerk's office webpage. Mayor Butt declared the public hearing open. The following individuals gave comments via teleconference: Ilona Clark, Andres Soto, Leisa

Johnson, Oscar Garcia, Mark Wassberg, Philip, Cesar Zepeda, Jan Mignone, Naomi Williams, Jacqueline Thalberg, and Gary last name unknown. Mayor Butt closed the public hearing. There were two draft map hearings scheduled on January 8, 2022, and February 1, 2022, and the final map would be adopted by April 17, 2022.

*(The city council resumed Open Forum).*

**J-2.** The matter to hold a public hearing relating to the proposed issuance of revenue bonds by the California Municipal Finance Authority ("CMFA"), in an amount not to exceed \$55,000,000, for the benefit of the Barrett Terrace Housing, LP, for the acquisition, rehabilitation, and improvement of a 115-unit affordable multifamily rental housing facility located at 700 Barrett Avenue (also known as 425 8th Street); and adopt a resolution approving the issuance of the bonds by the CMFA for the sole purpose of satisfying Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act requirements was presented by Lina Velasco.. This item was continued from the cancelled July 20, 2021, meeting. Mayor Butt declared the public hearing open. There were no public speakers. Mayor Butt closed the public hearing. A motion by Councilmember Johnson III, seconded by Councilmember McLaughlin, approved the item and adopted **Resolution No. 107-21**, by the unanimous vote of the City Council.

#### **STUDY AND ACTION SESSION**

**K-1.** The matter to receive a presentation focused on the Richmond Bike Share Program and a discussion regarding transportation priority project implementation strategies was presented by Councilmember Willis. This item was continued from the July 27, 2021, meeting. Denee Evans, Transportation Manager with Rory Wojcik, and Ashley Ayers from Bolt Mobility presented a PowerPoint, which highlighted the following: Grant from MTC; Expand Bicycle access; Planning & Outreach; Current Markets; System Overview, Pricing, and E-Bike Specs. The program was launched June 15, 2021, with 125 bikes located throughout the city.

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

**L-1.** The matter to adopt a Resolution of Intention to rename South Street to Ethel Dotson South and schedule a Public Hearing for September 21, 2021, was presented by Councilmember Willis. A motion made by Councilmember Willis, seconded by Councilmember Martinez, adopted **Resolution of Intention No. 920**, by the unanimous vote of the City Council.

*(Councilmember Willis left the meeting).*

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

**M-1.** The matter to direct staff to investigate registering the City of Richmond for the United States Department of Energy's Solar Automated Permit Processing Plus (SolarAPP+) tool was presented by Mayor Butt. A motion by Mayor Butt, seconded by Councilmember McLaughlin, approved the item by the unanimous vote of the City Council.

**M-2.** The matter to direct the city manager to initiate appropriate steps to prepare a design sufficient to obtain Quiet Zone status from the Federal Railroad Administration for the grade crossing at Wright Avenue and Harbour Way South, prepare a cost estimate, and identify funding was presented by Mayor Butt. A motion by Mayor Butt, seconded by Councilmember McLaughlin, approved the item by the unanimous vote of the City Council.

*(11:02 p.m. - A motion by Vice Mayor Johnson III, seconded by Councilmember Martinez, to suspend the rules to complete Items M-3 and M-5, passed by the unanimous vote of the City Council).*

**M-3.** The matter to direct staff to begin closed sessions, when necessary, as early as 2:00 PM on regular city council meeting days or select a different alternative was presented by City Manager, Laura Snideman. The City Council agreed to schedule meetings, as needed, on the second Tuesday of the month at 5 p.m. to discuss urgent matters for the closed session agenda.

**M-4.** The matter to discuss and approve an extension of the time period for convening of the Richmond Reimagining Public Safety Task Force as currently constituted until the end of Fiscal Year 2024 (June 30, 2024), to allow for more implementation work and review of initiatives as they are implemented was presented by Councilmember McLaughlin. The following individuals gave comments via teleconference: Elsa Stevens, Jacqueline Thalberg, Laura, Leisa Johnson, Oscar Garcia, Steve Bischoff, Deborah Bayer, Madalyn Law, Floy Andrews, Garland Ellis, Mark Wassberg, Alix Mazuet, Hulan Barnett, Don Gosney, Michael Gliksohn, Andres Soto, Marisol Cantu, Jane Courant, Jan Mignone, Eli Moore, Sara Cantor, Deborah, Luis Chacon, Anne Janks, Jenny Herrera, Jamie McBean, Tarnel Abbott, Evelyn Perez, Kimberly Berry, Philip, Jan Mignone, Gary, Roxanne Garza, Eddy Chacon, and Lisa Cody. Discussion ensued. City Council asked for clarification of who could appoint members to a task force. City Attorney, Teresa Stricker responded that the mayor had exclusive authority to appoint members to the task force subject to the approval of the city council. A motion by Councilmember Willis, seconded by Councilmember McLaughlin, approved the item by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Jimenez, Martinez, McLaughlin, Willis, and Vice Mayor Johnson III. **Noes:** Councilmember Bates and Mayor Butt. **Absent:** None.

**M-5.** The matter to consider adding a standing item on the regular City Council agendas to receive a report from staff on abatement needs and requests throughout the City of Richmond was presented by Councilmember Bates. Naomi Williams gave comments via teleconference. The item would be placed on each future regular city council meeting. City Council requested a response regarding the current number of Code Enforcement officers.

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

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:33 p.m., in memory of the two recent homicide victims in Richmond, and Jean Knox, and Robert Morgan Brown, to meet again on Tuesday, September 21, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.

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Clerk of the City of Richmond

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Approved:

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Mayor

**From:** [Adam Lehman](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk Dept User](#)  
**Subject:** Public comments – Open Session prior to Closed  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 15, 2021 8:38:22 AM

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I would like the City Council to consider ending the moratorium on Owner Move-In Evictions. My wife and I are separating and have been in the same house, in separate bedrooms, for two years now. We have a property on 29<sup>th</sup> Street in Richmond that I plan to move into. The Federal Government has lifted it's ban on owner move-in evictions, as has the State. I would like for the City of Richmond to do the same. Thank you,

Adam M. Lehman

**From:** [Cordell Hindler](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk Dept User](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comments- Open Forum  
**Date:** Friday, September 10, 2021 3:28:06 PM

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good evening Mayor Butt, Council Members and staff, I have a couple of Comments for the Record

1. I must commend the Youth Council on their presentation
2. for a future Agenda, the council should Reinstate the Agenda & Rules Committee

Sincerely  
Cordell

**From:** [Jennifer Devries](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk Dept User](#)  
**Subject:** public comments agenda item #1-1  
**Date:** Monday, September 13, 2021 10:26:47 AM

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To Richmond City Council,

I urge you to extend the Reimagine Public Safety Community Task Force. My name is Jennifer Devries -- I am a resident of the city of Richmond and physician with Contra Costa County. As a front-line worker who cares for the health - physical, mental and emotional - of our community, I have seen the ways poverty, racism, and the violence of systematic disinvestment has harmed the health of individuals who live in Richmond. A community response to safety is the only way forward. The people of Richmond know what's needed to stay well and safe. The task force has already done incredible work to address mental health, houselessness, and violence locally. Please extend the Task Force to help expand our approach to safety, move necessary programs forward, and invest in addressing the social factors that contribute to the health and harm our community faces.

Jennifer Devries, MD MPH  
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**From:** [Leisa Johnson](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk Dept User](#); [Pamela Christian](#)  
**Cc:** [Tom Butt - external](#); [Nat Bates](#); [Melvin Willis](#); [Gayle McLaughlin](#); [Claudia Jimenez](#); [Eduardo Martinez](#); [Demnlus Johnson](#); [Laura Snideman](#); [Teresa Stricker](#); [James Atencio](#)  
**Subject:** Public Hearing Written Comments: Item J-1, District Elections, Sept 14th 2021  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 14, 2021 7:21:28 PM  
**Attachments:** [Map 114b.pdf](#)  
[Map 101c.pdf](#)

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Dear City Clerk,

Can you please include these written comments into the Supplementary Materials for the Sept. 14, 2021 meeting?

Thank you,  
Leisa

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Good Evening Mayor, Vice Mayor, Councilmembers and Staff:

My name is Leisa Johnson and I am a 21-year Richmond resident and community advocate. I have participated in every community meeting and public hearing regarding district elections since 2019, and have consistently raised several issues that this Council should address.

**First**, our City Charter is not compliant with state law & legal precedent and the District Election process is rife with unnecessary ambiguities that render it unfair to all candidates and residents. As such, I am respectfully requesting that the City Council consider having a special election in advance of Nov 2022 to judiciously and promptly amend the City Charter to:

1. **Appropriately define residency tenure requirements in accordance with legal precedent.**
  - o The Charter states one-year residency is required.
  - o In last year's 2020 district election, candidate guidelines stated that any City Council candidate must reside in, and be a registered voter of, the district which he or she seeks to represent and shall maintain status as a registered voter there during his or her service on the Council. They also state that **eligible candidates must be such a resident and registered voter of the district at the time nomination papers are issued to the candidate.**
  - o In accordance with state law, candidate nomination papers can be pulled either 113 days before the election or 83 days before election if the incumbent does not run.
  - o After discussion with the City Attorney's office today, it was finally clarified that the 30-day residency requirement that state courts have supported are in reference to the time frame **prior** to when papers are pulled by a candidate.
  - o It took several back and forth emails with the City Attorney's office before this was fully fleshed out. I hope the Council can appreciate the legal quagmire that these unnecessary inconsistencies and ambiguities in our Charter put the City in and should appropriately rectify ASAP.
2. **Allow rank choice voting as part of the district election process.**

- Should a candidate be deemed ineligible and/or voluntarily or involuntarily withdraw from a race *before the election but after the ballots have already been printed*, there currently isn't a clear & fair and timely election process for remaining qualified candidates.
  - The best mechanism that I am aware of to address this issue is to have rank choice voting as it would clarify which candidate should rightfully receive an ineligible candidate's votes.
  - If this does not require a Charter amendment and/or vote of the people, then what is required?
3. **There are numerous other issues within the Charter that similarly need to be amended and it would be wise for this Council to finally act and do it all at once to save taxpayer expense.**

**Second**, I am respectfully asking that the Council judiciously and promptly drafts & passes an ordinance that specifies how candidate & councilmember residency is defined and validated.

- Last year, formal letters of inquiry were submitted to the City Attorney and District Attorney offices regarding the legitimacy of three candidates' residencies in Districts 1 and 5. That represented 30% of all candidates and is hugely problematic.
- Numerous cities have such ordinances, and the Mayor proposed a draft last year that could easily be modified to address the concerns that were raised at that time.
- To not move forward with this sends a clear message that this Council would prefer the process to continue to be mired in inconsistencies and ambiguities that are rife with illegalities. This is not in the best interest of Richmond or its residents, but rather only the very few seeking office.

**Third**, I am respectfully asking that the Council truly listen to the community and adopt a map that the community supports. I participated in every single community meeting and Public Hearing in 2019 and 2020 regarding district elections.

- The final map that the council adopted in January 2020 did not represent the community's desires. Rather, we got a gerrymandered map based on City Councilmembers' political ploys.
- As the consultant has publicly stated, there are specific map requirements that must be met:
  - **There should be no racial gerrymandering.**
    - Interestingly, this is exactly how District 1 was carved out and yet, ironically (and not surprisingly), they don't have Latin representation.
  - **Districts should be geographically contiguous.**
    - The current District 2 is anything but contiguous and makes utterer no sense to those in the Point Richmond, Santa Fe, Sheilds Reid and Hilltop neighborhoods
    - Using a skinny stretch of land with **no housing** to say these **diverse communities** meet the "technical" criteria of being geographically contiguous is an insult to Richmond residents and neighborhoods and not following the spirit of the law.
  - **Neighborhoods & communities of interest should not be divided.**
    - All of the current districts appear to violate this requirement.

- So many of us in the community asked for areas like the shoreline, Hilltop, and San Pablo corridor (to name a few) to be put in the same district as best possible.

**Fourth**, based on feedback that I received from the Consultant at the August 25th community meeting, I have already resubmitted maps 114b and 101c, which were two of the final six maps reviewed by the Council on January 14, 2020.

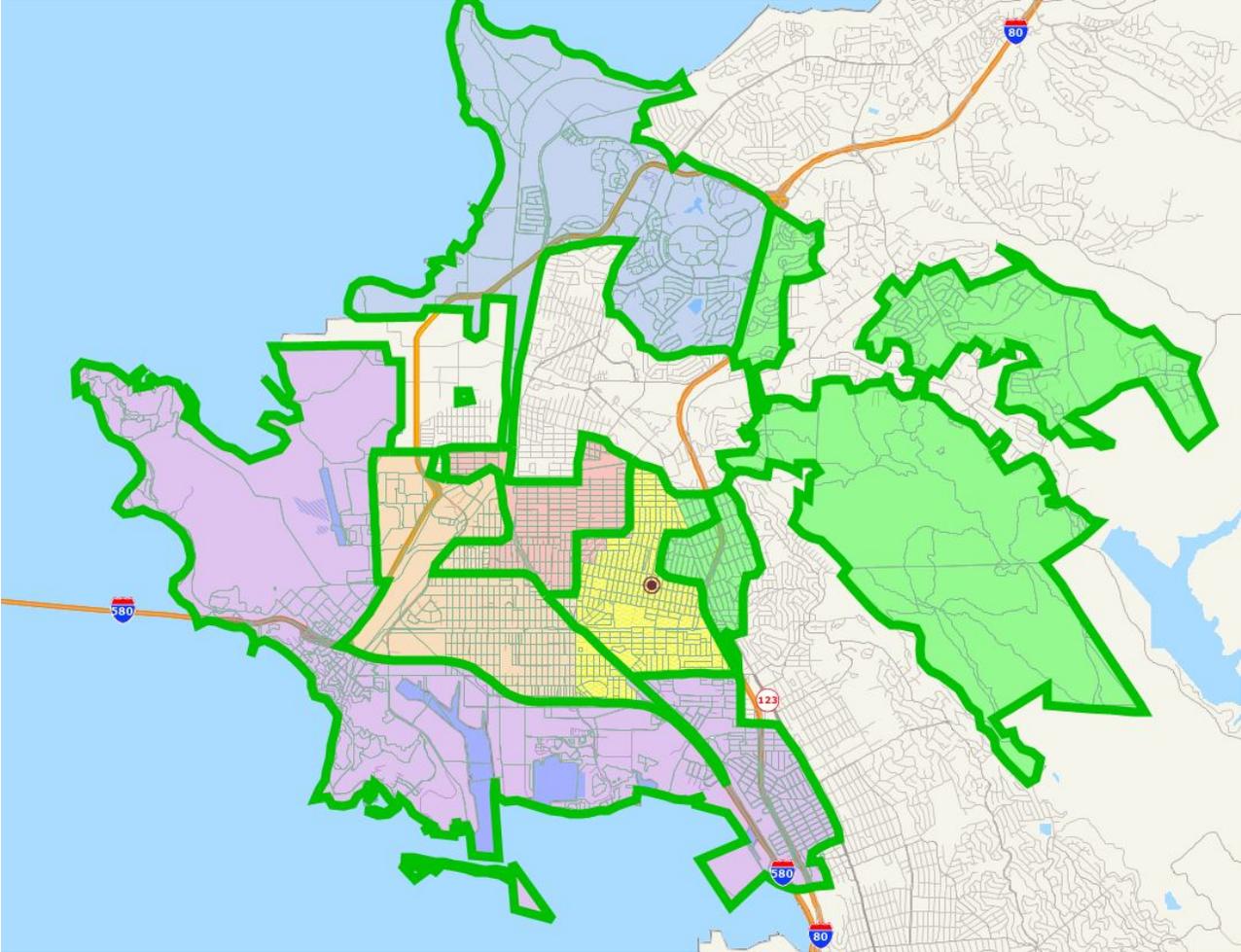
- Importantly, these maps best captured what many in the community requested and who participated in community workshops and public hearings.
- I am respectfully requesting that they be appropriately adjusted based on the new census numbers and reconsidered by this Council for adoption.

I would like to close by saying that my hope is that these district map & election processes be fair and in the best interest of all 111,000+ Richmond residents and neighborhoods versus the council majority.

Thank you.

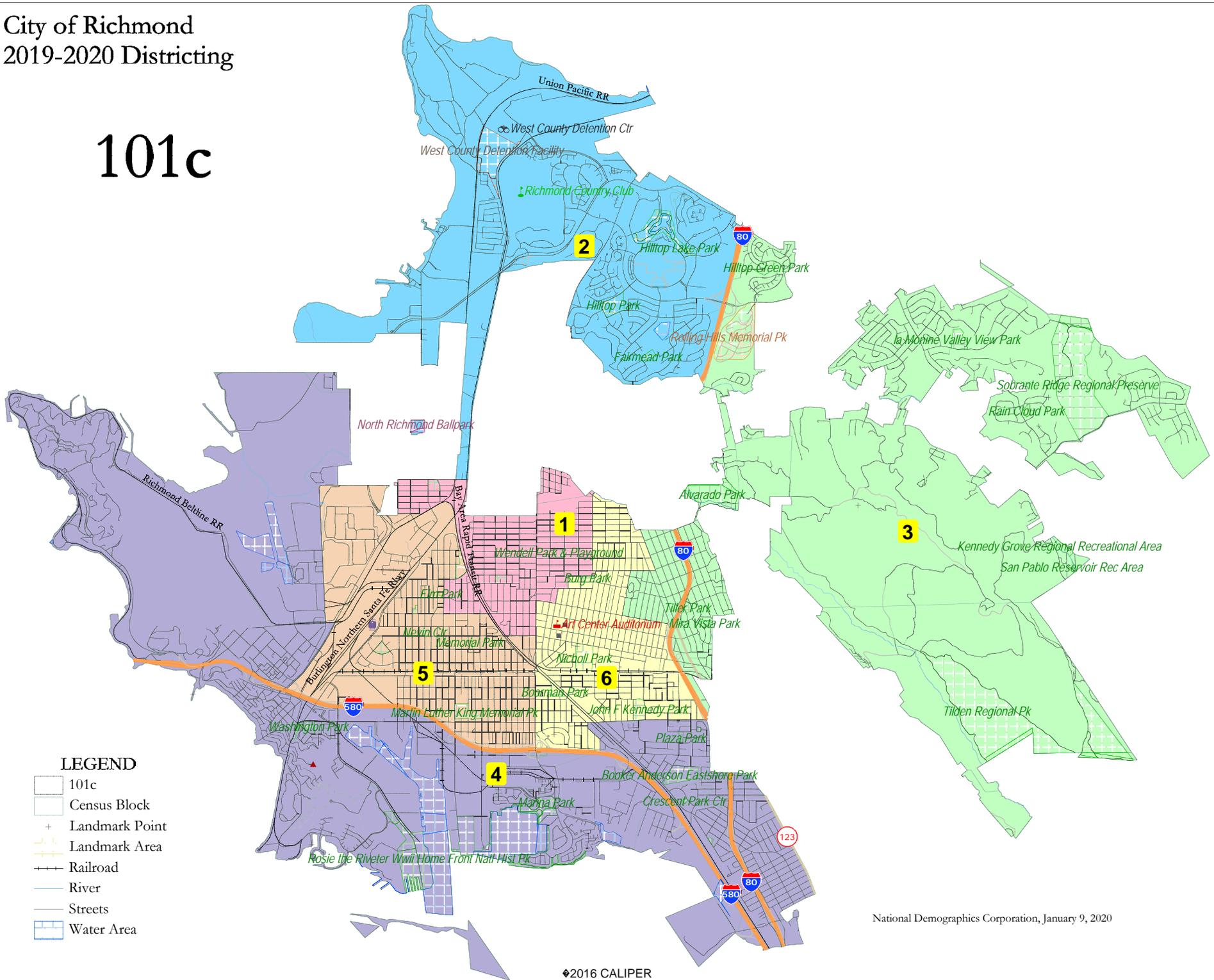
Respectfully,  
Leisa Johnson

The previously attached map omitted to reflect a revision moving the boundary between 4 and 3 to San Pablo Avenue, as requested at one meeting. Please substitute this map.



City of Richmond  
2019-2020 Districting

101c



- LEGEND**
- 101c
  - Census Block
  - + Landmark Point
  - Landmark Area
  - Railroad
  - River
  - Streets
  - Water Area

National Demographics Corporation, January 9, 2020

## City of Richmond - Draft Map 101c

District		1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
	Total Pop	16,753	16,642	17,445	18,068	17,547	17,246	103,701
	Deviation from ideal	-531	-642	161	784	263	-38	1,426
	% Deviation	-3.07%	-3.71%	0.93%	4.54%	1.52%	-0.22%	8.25%
Total Pop	% Hisp	72%	26%	22%	18%	57%	44%	39%
	% NH White	6%	11%	32%	35%	5%	13%	17%
	% NH Black	14%	36%	18%	28%	32%	32%	27%
	% Asian-American	7%	24%	25%	16%	4%	9%	14%
	Total	7,513	10,984	13,131	13,137	7,942	9,825	62,532
Citizen Voting Age Pop	% Hisp	51%	21%	18%	12%	32%	25%	24%
	% NH White	12%	18%	39%	42%	10%	20%	26%
	% NH Black	19%	36%	14%	24%	49%	39%	29%
	% Asian/Pac.Isl.	14%	22%	27%	19%	7%	12%	18%
	Total	5,633	7,351	10,710	11,683	7,112	8,393	50,882
Voter Registration (Nov 2018)	% Latino est.	55%	22%	19%	11%	37%	30%	26%
	% Spanish-Surnamed	50%	20%	17%	10%	33%	27%	23%
	% Asian-Surnamed	3%	9%	11%	7%	2%	4%	7%
	% Filipino-Surnamed	1%	3%	3%	1%	1%	1%	2%
	% NH White est.	16%	21%	52%	50%	11%	22%	32%
	% NH Black	25%	48%	18%	29%	50%	44%	34%
Voter Turnout (Nov 2018)	Total	2,818	4,132	7,447	8,245	3,120	4,749	30,511
	% Latino est.	54%	20%	17%	10%	34%	28%	22%
	% Spanish-Surnamed	48%	18%	15%	9%	31%	25%	20%
	% Asian-Surnamed	3%	8%	9%	7%	2%	4%	6%
	% Filipino-Surnamed	1%	2%	3%	1%	1%	1%	2%
	% NH White est.	18%	22%	55%	57%	12%	25%	38%
	% NH Black	25%	50%	19%	25%	51%	43%	32%
Voter Turnout (Nov 2016)	Total	3,428	4,965	8,463	8,928	3,899	5,661	35,344
	% Latino est.	55%	21%	18%	10%	36%	29%	24%
	% Spanish-Surnamed	49%	19%	16%	9%	33%	26%	21%
	% Asian-Surnamed	3%	8%	10%	7%	2%	4%	6%
	% Filipino-Surnamed	1%	3%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%
	% NH White est.	17%	20%	50%	53%	10%	24%	35%
	% NH Black est.	23%	48%	20%	26%	50%	41%	32%
ACS Pop. Est.	Total	17,195	17,760	17,925	18,850	17,854	18,298	107,882
Age	age0-19	29%	23%	19%	20%	32%	25%	25%
	age20-60	59%	58%	56%	58%	55%	59%	58%
	age60plus	12%	18%	25%	22%	12%	16%	18%
Immigration	immigrants	44%	37%	29%	28%	38%	35%	35%
	naturalized	33%	51%	62%	43%	24%	33%	40%
Language spoken at home	english	27%	43%	60%	65%	36%	45%	46%
	spanish	61%	32%	18%	15%	57%	44%	38%
	asian-lang	9%	14%	13%	13%	5%	8%	10%
	other lang	3%	11%	9%	7%	2%	3%	6%
Language Fluency	Speaks Eng. "Less than Very Well"	38%	25%	17%	15%	31%	28%	25%
Education (among those age 25+)	hs-grad	47%	57%	53%	47%	47%	52%	51%
	bachelor	9%	17%	25%	26%	9%	14%	17%
	graduatedegree	3%	7%	12%	17%	3%	6%	9%
Child in Household	child-under18	42%	29%	25%	21%	38%	31%	30%
Pct of Pop. Age 16+	employed	62%	58%	62%	64%	54%	60%	60%
Household Income	income 0-25k	21%	17%	11%	19%	28%	24%	20%
	income 25-50k	28%	21%	15%	19%	38%	24%	23%
	income 50-75k	20%	17%	15%	18%	14%	19%	17%
	income 75-200k	29%	40%	48%	36%	20%	30%	34%
	income 200k-plus	2%	4%	10%	8%	1%	3%	5%
Housing Stats	single family	75%	58%	85%	57%	61%	68%	67%
	multi-family	25%	42%	15%	43%	39%	32%	33%
	rented	53%	55%	30%	51%	65%	54%	51%
	owned	47%	45%	70%	49%	35%	46%	49%

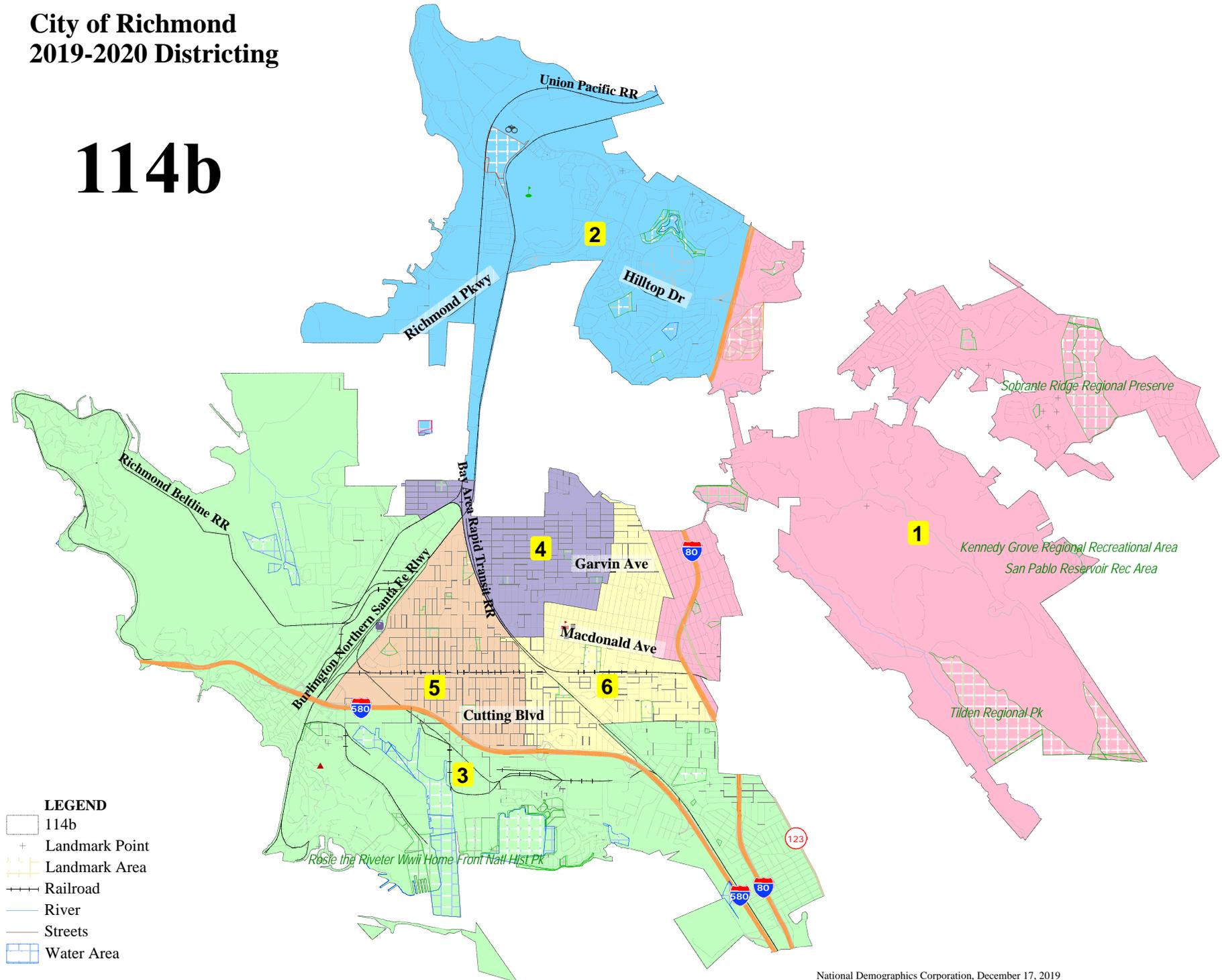
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**City of Richmond  
2019-2020 Districting**

# 114b



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  - Railroad
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  - Water Area

**City of Richmond - Draft Map 114b**

District		1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
	Total Pop	16,982	16,642	18,063	16,739	17,340	17,935	103,701
	Deviation from ideal	-302	-642	779	-545	56	651	1,421
	% Deviation	-1.75%	-3.71%	4.51%	-3.15%	0.32%	3.77%	8.22%
Total Pop	% Hisp	21%	26%	18%	71%	57%	44%	39%
	% NH White	32%	11%	35%	7%	5%	12%	17%
	% NH Black	18%	36%	28%	13%	31%	33%	27%
	% Asian-American	25%	24%	16%	7%	5%	8%	14%
	Total	12,844	10,984	13,129	7,856	7,758	9,961	62,532
Citizen Voting Age Pop	% Hisp	18%	21%	12%	49%	33%	24%	24%
	% NH White	37%	18%	42%	16%	9%	21%	26%
	% NH Black	16%	36%	24%	18%	47%	41%	29%
	% Asian/Pac.Isl.	28%	22%	19%	14%	8%	11%	18%
	Total	10,394	7,351	11,679	5,995	6,801	8,662	50,882
Voter Registration (Nov 2018)	% Latino est.	19%	22%	11%	54%	37%	29%	26%
	% Spanish-Surnamed	17%	20%	10%	49%	34%	26%	23%
	% Asian-Surnamed	11%	9%	7%	4%	2%	4%	7%
	% Filipino-Surnamed	3%	3%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%
	% NH White est.	51%	21%	50%	20%	11%	21%	32%
	% NH Black	19%	48%	29%	21%	49%	45%	34%
	Total	7,243	4,132	8,243	3,135	2,969	4,788	30,511
Voter Turnout (Nov 2018)	% Latino est.	17%	20%	10%	52%	35%	27%	22%
	% Spanish-Surnamed	15%	18%	9%	46%	32%	25%	20%
	% Asian-Surnamed	9%	8%	7%	4%	2%	4%	6%
	% Filipino-Surnamed	3%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%
	% NH White est.	54%	22%	57%	22%	12%	24%	38%
	% NH Black	20%	50%	25%	22%	50%	44%	32%
	Total	8,244	4,965	8,927	3,733	3,734	5,740	35,344
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	% Asian-Surnamed	10%	8%	7%	4%	2%	3%	6%
	% Filipino-Surnamed	2%	3%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%
	% NH White est.	49%	20%	53%	22%	10%	23%	35%
	% NH Black est.	21%	48%	26%	20%	49%	43%	32%
	Total	17,413	17,760	18,844	17,292	17,475	19,097	107,882
ACS Pop. Est.	Total	17,413	17,760	18,844	17,292	17,475	19,097	107,882
Age	age0-19	19%	23%	20%	28%	32%	26%	25%
	age20-60	56%	58%	58%	59%	55%	59%	58%
	age60plus	25%	18%	22%	12%	12%	15%	18%
Immigration	immigrants	28%	37%	28%	44%	39%	35%	35%
	naturalized	63%	51%	43%	35%	24%	33%	40%
Language spoken at home	english	60%	43%	65%	28%	35%	45%	46%
	spanish	17%	32%	15%	60%	58%	44%	38%
	asian-lang	13%	14%	13%	9%	5%	8%	10%
	other lang	9%	11%	7%	3%	2%	3%	6%
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	rented	29%	55%	51%	52%	65%	55%	51%
	owned	71%	45%	49%	48%	35%	45%	49%

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**From:** [Alec Gwinn-Scott](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk Dept User](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comments Agenda Item #M-4  
**Date:** Monday, September 13, 2021 11:12:18 AM

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Dear City Council,

Thank you for all of the hard work that you folks do to keep our city running. I am writing to express my support for the Reimagine Richmond task force and the programs that it supports. I support the RDP wholeheartedly, and understand their concerns about the financial impact of these programs, but I also believe that civilian alternatives to traditional policing can have significant positive effects on public safety. This has been proven, in fact, by programs that were first implemented right here in Richmond, such as the ONS. Our children must be supported and given opportunities to grow and thrive. The ONS, RYSE, and RichmondWorks can only help with this. The homelessness crisis is a tragedy that reaches far beyond the city limits, but the services that SOS programs provide make us safer by helping our neighbors who are on the bottom rung of the social ladder. If the RRTF can help bolster and expand these and other programs through innovation and community participation, then they should be supported in that endeavor.

I am also aware of the potentially inflammatory and divisive nature of much of the subject matter that the Task Force deals with. Most of these issues are not new, and recriminations from both sides engender divisions that are harmful to building a stronger community. If a climate of cooperation can be generated between all stakeholders in our city, from the City Council, City Staff, the RPD, Neighborhood Councils and Watches, and other community driven groups, including the Reimagining Richmond Task Force, then this city can only get better. I am a proud Richmond parent, resident, and homeowner, and I also operate two small businesses based here. I have yet to meet anyone in Richmond who wants to see our city hurting, and it is in this spirit that RRTF and its proposals must be viewed.

Thank you for your consideration,

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The police often do not create safety and prevent crime. It is necessary for us rethink who we think public safety workers are, and the task force has made tremendous progress in coming up with new systems. The misinformation spread by Mayor Butt, the Richmond PD, and others in the community must stop so that we can move toward a safer Richmond for all residents. I support extending the task force and hope the City Council will, too.

Sincerely,

Annie Pennell  
Richmond Resident and Community Member

**From:** [Brendan Boland](#)  
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Dear City Council,

I fully support the recommendation from the Public Safety Task Force to extend their work for three years. Over the past 10 years, we have seen through programs like RYSE, ONS, and Re-entry Success that this type of community-based support has a real impact on our citizens and our community.

These community programs provide a needed safety net and alternative approach to public safety by providing safe and caring spaces for our unhoused neighbors, a humane response to mental health crisis, employment and professional development opportunities for our youth, and a mentorship program that targets teens who need support, guidance, and a way out of systemic violence.

I understand that some view this reallocation as endangering our city; however, the police department and its labor force have not been directly impacted by these programs. Nor will increasing the department's budget alleviate any of the underlying challenges impacting our most vulnerable populations. What the task force and their proposals offer is a new way to invest in our communities by focusing resources on populations with outstanding needs and redirecting our police force towards the calls that need their intervention the most.

The vote to create the task force and approve their proposals was historic. We need to give the task force, its members, and the organizations that have been selected the time to design, implement, evaluate, and iterate before we repeal funding and support.

Please vote yes to extend the task force.

With gratitude,  
Brendan Boland  
Richmond Resident.

**From:** [Christa Edwards](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk Dept User](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comments Agenda Item # M-4  
**Date:** Monday, September 13, 2021 10:52:03 AM

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Hello! I want to comment on Agenda Item #M-4 for tomorrow's meeting:

I support the continuation of the Reimagine Richmond task force and the continued effort in the city of Richmond to provide social support services in lieu of an increase in police spending. Additional services to help our community with mental health issues, substance abuse issues, housing, and employment will all contribute to less crime and a better and stronger community for all.

Thank you very much for your consideration,  
Christa Edwards  
North and East Resident

**From:** [Cordell Hindler](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk Dept User](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comments M-4 Council as a whole  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 14, 2021 9:45:10 AM

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good Evening, Mayor Butt council Members and city staff, I have some concerns in regarding extending the terms of the task force members, I am asking not to extend the terms

Sincerely  
Cordell

**From:** [Eunice Trumble](#)  
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I am asking the council to Table Item M-4. While I think the goals of Reimagine are admirable and truly hope they work, I was disappointed the council originally disregarded the Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council's, including the Iron Triangle Neighborhood Council's, requests to chose Option F that would have implemented Reimagine's suggestions without any cuts to the RPD. Please support Chief Bisa French now by tabling Item M-4 until the new programs being implemented can be assessed. I'm sure you are aware there were three shootings Saturday. Two were fatalities. Other police departments were called to assist. To quote the news article, "Sheriffs Office deputies and El Cerrito PD officers responded to assist with crowd control due to an unruly crowd who gathered at the scene." Captain Walle said the detective staff will have to be reduced next year from 40 to 14 to maintain minimum staffing levels. The California legislature just passed a bill which will give \$2B to counties and cities to address homelessness. Why are you diverting \$1.8 M from the RPD for homeless programs when the state will be handing out \$2B in assistance? Why did you cut funds from the RPD when it wasn't necessary to cut to implement Reimagine's programs? Why would you make additional cuts before we have time to assess the impact of the recommendations adopted and proof the programs are working and safety has improved? It makes no logical sense to me. If Reimagine's programs don't work the way you envision, you are ultimately responsible for the safety of Richmond's residents. Please support Chief Bisa French by tabling Item M-4. Thank you.

**From:** [Jacqueline Thalberg](#)  
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The Reimagine Richmond Task Force has done a good job, in fact it's work has become a national model for cities re-thinking the way public safety is addressed. In order for the already approved recommendations of the Task Force to be implemented as well as monitored it is essential that the Task Force continue to operate. The Task Force members are continuously providing the City and its staff with important and necessary help and support for the implementation, as well as helping City Staff with problems that arise in this important transition. Cooperation between Task Force and City Staff should be a MUST. The Task Force is also a means to keeping the Community involved in the whole transition to a new and innovative form of public safety.

Extending the mandate of the Task Force for another 3 years is necessary to complement the changes that we have voted to start and complete!

Jacqueline Thalberg  
654 32nd Street  
Richmond

**From:** [Jennifer Devries](#)  
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To Richmond City Council,

I urge you to extend the Reimagine Public Safety Community Task Force. My name is Jennifer Devries -- I am a resident of the city of Richmond and physician with Contra Costa County. As a front-line worker who cares for the health - physical, mental and emotional - of our community, I have seen the ways poverty, racism, and the violence of systematic disinvestment has harmed the health of individuals who live in Richmond. A community response to safety is the only way forward. The people of Richmond know what's needed to stay well and safe. The task force has already done incredible work to address mental health, houselessness, and violence locally. Please extend the Task Force to help expand our approach to safety, move necessary programs forward, and invest in addressing the social factors that contribute to the health and harm our community faces.

Jennifer Devries, MD MPH  
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I want to speak out in support of extending the Public Safety Community Taskforce for an additional 3 years. Community violence prevention is the true way to create a safe community for generations to come. It is not a quick fix but a more permanent one to build a supportive and safe community. The task force members and their work connecting community organizations to support Richmond is only getting started and deserves additional time.

Thank you,

Kim

Richmond Resident

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**Kimberly Berry**  
Caliber Change Makers Academy  
Education Specialist

**From:** [Marilyn E. Saarni](#)  
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As someone who lives in a district that has no representation on the Richmond City Council, I do not want to see the extension of this Task Force as it has been constructed. It does not represent the diversity of Richmond's residents.

- The members of this task force should ALL be residents and voters in the City of Richmond. People with expertise can offer their advice, but they should not be decision makers.
- There should be a requirement that each of the Districts have 3 representatives that live in THEIR District. Even though some districts still don't have a city council member who represents their community, there's no reason that this critical issue should propagate the inherent unfairness of the City Council's current makeup.

- Marilyn Saarni, District 4

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Hello,

I'm writing to express my deep desire for the extension of the task force. Last year, City Council made an honorable decision to create this task force, allowing for a group of people to put in the work and reimagine new ways for public safety. The task force has not only done outstanding work, but truly necessary work. Putting an end to their work now would be a huge mistake and step backward. This task force needs time to further develop their ideas, to continue implementation of their proposals, and to continue hearing from community members what this city needs. We need time and trust to really feel into the benefits of this work. As a former educator at RHS, the particular work this task force has done to support youth, both through RYSE and YouthWorks, is essential. Investing in our youth is sacred, powerful, necessary, and transformative. Please extend the task force so this work can continue.

In community,  
Maya

**From:** [Soheila Bana](#)  
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This process of appointing a Task Force by the City Council members is an undemocratic process specially when we at District 4 have no representation neither at the City Council and nor in the Richmond Reimagine Task Force. If you are going to extend the Reimagine Task Force, then please place 4 representatives from District 4 in the Task Force. I will be more than happy to give you a list of 4 residents in District 4 who volunteer to be on the Reimagine Task Force.

Thank you for listening to ALL Richmond residents,



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Mayor Butt, Vice Mayor Johnson and other members of the Richmond City Council

This is in regard to the September 14<sup>th</sup> agenda item M-4.

The cuts to the RDP budget have resulted in reductions to the police force much greater than was expected from the FY 201-22 City Budget. The \$3 million cut was to eliminate 12 vacant positions; however, due to the uncertainty about funding and about the Council's lack of commitment to the RPD 9 officers have decided to leave RPD for other departments.

Other recommendations from the Task Force such as having a new and separate entity provide crisis intervention services will take some time to implement, especially since planning for this still needs to be done and coordination with the County (which is legally responsible for providing crisis services) must be done. To the extent that increased funding for other services such as ONS is supposed to reduce demand on the police force; it will take time before there is any significant impact.

The City Council needs to hold off on extending the Task Force until there has been an assessment of the impact of the Task Force recommendations adopted so far - the assessment should begin with feedback from community members and organizations which have not been represented on the Task Force - it also needs to include feedback from the police and fire departments.

We are requesting that the motion in item M-4 be tabled.

Thank you,

Steve Bischoff - Fleetwood Drive

Randell Lee - Skyview Place