

**RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA,**

January 25, 2022, 5:00 p.m.  
Community Services Building  
440 Civic Center Plaza  
Richmond, CA 94804

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**A. OPEN SESSION TO HEAR PUBLIC COMMENT BEFORE CLOSED SESSION**

5:00 P.M.

The Richmond City Council Evening Open Session was called to order at 5:12 p.m. by Mayor Thomas K. Butt via teleconference.

**B. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Councilmembers Claudia Jimenez, Eduardo Martinez, Melvin Willis, Vice Mayor Demnlus Johnson III, and Mayor Thomas K. Butt. **Absent:** Councilmembers Nathaniel Bates and Gayle McLaughlin.

**C. CLOSED SESSION**

**C.1 LIABILITY CLAIMS (Government Code Section 54956.9)**

Government Code Section 54956.9

C.1.a Veretta Edwards v. City of Richmond

C.1.b Sean Radetich v. City of Richmond

C.1.c Charles Rigmaiden v. City of Richmond

C.1.d Felix Tan v. City of Richmond

**C.2 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION (paragraph (1) of Subdivision [d] of Government Code Section 54956.9)**

C.2.a SPRAWLDEF etal. v. City of Richmond

C.2.b The GuidivilleRancheria of California, et al. v. The United States of America, et. al.

C.2.c North CoastRivers Alliance et al./Point Molate Alliance et al. v. City of Richmond

C.2.d Richmond Shoreline Alliance, SPRAWLDEF, Citizens for EastShore Parks, Sunflower Alliance, and GreenAction for Health and EnvironmentalJustice v. City of Richmond

**C.3 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) of Subdivision (d) [as applicable] of Government Code Section 54956.9)**

C.3.a Three cases

In light of the California Court of Appeal's decision in Fowler v. City of Lafayette, the City Attorney's Office is attaching to this agenda four communications regarding the amended judgment and various agreements related to Point Molate. These letters provide the existing facts and

circumstances for going into closed session on these items pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) and (e)(3).

C.3.b One Case - Veolia Mediation

**C.4 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Government Code Section 54957)**

C.4.a Title: City Manager

**D. PUBLIC COMMENT BEFORE CLOSED SESSION**

The following individuals gave comments via teleconference in opposition to the proposed development plan at Point Molate: Daniella Zacky, Jeanne Kortz, and Andres Soto. Tarnel Abbott and Daniella Zacky urged the city council to exit the development agreement for the Campus Bay Project.

**E. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

The Open Session adjourned at 5:12 p.m. Closed Session adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

**F. SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE RICHMOND HOUSING AUTHORITY / RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL**

6:15 P.M.

The Special Joint meeting of the Richmond Housing Authority/Richmond City Council was called to order at 6:41 p.m. by Mayor/Chairperson Butt.

**G. ROLL CALL**

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

**H. PUBLIC COMMENT INSTRUCTIONAL VIDEO**

The Public Comment Instructional Video was shown.

**I. STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None.

**J. AGENDA REVIEW**

None.

**K. HOUSING AUTHORITY/CITY COUNCIL BUDGET SESSION**

**K.1 Fiscal Year 2021-22 Amended Budget Adjustments**

ADOPT a joint resolution approving the proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-2022 Richmond Housing Authority's amended budget adjustments with revised estimated revenues of \$4,763,120 and total expenditures of \$4,763,120, decreasing the FY 2021-2022 General Fund subsidy total amount by \$371,456 from \$1,141,828 to \$770,372; and APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the RHA Executive Director and City Manager to execute a repayment agreement - Richmond Housing Authority/City of Richmond (Shasa Curl/Nannette J. Beacham/Belinda Brown 510-621-1300).

Interim City Manager Shasa Curl, gave an overview of the matter. Housing Director Nannette Beacham, presented a PowerPoint, which highlighted the following: Amended Budget Overview FY 2021-2022; Repayment Agreement; Richmond Housing Authority Properties and Affiliated Properties; Overview

RHA Accomplishments – Asset Repositioning & Finance. The following individuals gave comments via teleconference: Roy Baker and Jessi Taran.

Passed and adopted City Council **Resolution No. 11-22** and Housing Authority **Resolution 2153**.

**Motion by** Vice Mayor/Vice Chairperson Demnlus Johnson III  
**Seconded by** Councilmember/Commissioner McLaughlin

Ayes (7): Mayor Tom Butt, Vice Mayor/Vice Chairperson Demnlus Johnson III, Councilmembers/Commissioners Nathaniel Bates, Claudia Jimenez, Eduardo Martinez, Gayle McLaughlin, and Tenant Commissioner Scott.

Absent (1): Councilmember/Commissioner Melvin Willis.

**L. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

**M. REGULAR MEETING OF THE RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL**

6:30 P.M.

The Regular Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Mayor Thomas K. Butt via teleconference.

**N. ROLL CALL**

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

**O. STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None.

**P. AGENDA REVIEW**

Item U.5. was moved up for discussion after Open Forum, followed by Item U.4.

**Q. REPORT FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY OF FINAL DECISIONS MADE DURING CLOSED SESSION**

Interim City Attorney Dave Aleshire, reported the following:

C.1.a. Veretta Edwards v. City of Richmond - A motion was made by Councilmember McLaughlin, seconded by Councilmember Jimenez, approved 6-1, Mayor Butt voted no.

C.1.b. Sean Radetich v. City of Richmond - A motion was made by Councilmember Jimenez, seconded by Vice Mayor Johnson III, approved unanimously.

C.1.c. Charles Rigmaiden v. City of Richmond - A motion was made by Councilmember Jimenez, seconded by Vice Mayor Johnson III, approved 6-1, Mayor Butt voted no.

C.1.d. Felix Tan v. City of Richmond - A motion was made by Vice Mayor Johnson III, seconded by Councilmember McLaughlin, approved unanimously.

The Point Molate items were not discussed.

C.2. Campus Bay matter - A motion was made by Councilmember McLaughlin, seconded by Councilmember Jimenez, the Council agreed to not participate in litigation nor file a brief or appear in the matter by a 4-2-1 vote. Councilmember Bates and Mayor Butt voted no and Vice Mayor Johnson III abstained.

C.3.a. - Not discussed.

C.3.b. - Mediation was conducted. No reportable action taken.

C.4.a. - No reportable action taken.

**R. REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER (public comment allowed under Open Forum for Public Comment)**

Interim City Manager, Shasa Curl reported that there was not a project proposed by city staff to house members of the homeless community at the Sure Stay Hotel.

**S. CRIME REPORT FROM POLICE CHIEF (public comment allowed under Open Form for Public Comment)**

Police Chief Louie Tirona reported the following since the last update: one homicide; four assaults with firearms; forty four robberies; nine carjackings; twelve sexual assaults; and thirty eight recovered firearms.

**T. OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jan Mignone reported that there was an elderly man in a wheelchair in the street for hours and the outreach group organization was called and did not assist.

Ruth Gutierrez, Dave Bleckinger, Camille Celluci, Cara Giovannello, Carmen Vasquez, Stephanie Brown, Ellie Vargas, Erika Cruces De Zavala, and MK, expressed concern about the possibility of unhoused individuals being placed at the Sure Stay Hotel so close to Washington Elementary School.

Tarnel Abbott stated that Campus Bay/Zeneca Project should not move forward due to the toxicity of the site.

Jessi Taran, Lea Murray, and Randy Joseph gave comments regarding unhoused community members and the urgent need to find a suitable location for unhoused residents.

Ramon Quintana, Payton Silket, and Terry Dunn stated that most of the unhoused individuals were not sexual predators and not a threat to the children at Washington Elementary School.

Councilmember Jimenez stated that there were no sex offenders residing at the Sure Stay Hotel.

Graham Perrit expressed concern regarding countywide unhoused individuals being brought into Richmond.

Don Gosney stated Council Redistricting detail maps were now available on the city's website.

**U. STUDY AND ACTION SESSION**

**U.1 Application for the Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 3 Pedestrian and Bicycle Funding for Fiscal Year 2022-23 for the Richmond Ferry to Bridge Bicycle & Pedestrian Network Improvements project**

ADOPT a resolution authorizing a request to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for the allocation of Fiscal Year 2022-23 Transportation Development Act Article 3 pedestrian/bicycle project funding for the Richmond Ferry to Bridge Bicycle & Pedestrian Network Improvements project; and to ACCEPT and APPROPRIATE the funds should the grant be awarded – Public Works Department (Joe Leach 510-620-5478/Patrick Phelan 510-307-8111)

Public Works Director, Joe Leach gave an overview. Bruce Beyaert gave comments via teleconference.

**Passed and adopted Resolution No. 12-22.**

**Motion by** Vice Mayor Demnlus Johnson III

**Seconded by** Councilmember Claudia Jimenez

Ayes (6): Mayor Butt, Vice Mayor Demnlus Johnson III, Nathaniel Bates, Claudia Jimenez, Eduardo Martinez, and Councilmember McLaughlin

Absent (1): Melvin Willis

**U.2 Vacant seats on Richmond Boards, Commissions, and Committees**

ANNOUNCE recent resignation from City of Richmond boards, commissions, and committees and vacancies as of January 19, 2022, and ask that interested individuals send applications to the City Clerk – Office of the Mayor (Mayor Tom Butt 510-620-6503).

Mayor Butt announced the vacancies. Yenny Garcia gave comments via teleconference.

**U.3 Study Session for the Potential Formation of a Community Facilities District for Point Molate**

RECEIVE information and quantitative analysis regarding the potential formation of a Community Facilities District for the Point Molate development project; and after deliberation, CONSIDER providing any policy direction, as needed, regarding formation of a Community Facilities District for the Point Molate development project – Finance Department (Belinda Brown 510-620-6740).

Public Works Director, Joe Leach gave an overview. Mark Northcross, NHA Advisors, presented a PowerPoint, which highlighted the following: Major Policy Questions; The Integra Valuation Policy; Potential Implications of the Integra Valuation Study; and Potential Surplus Tax Revenues. Discussion ensued.

*(10:58 p.m. - A motion was made by Councilmember Bates, seconded by Vice Mayor Johnson III, to extend the meeting failed by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Bates, Vice Mayor Johnson III, and Mayor Butt. Noes: Councilmembers Martinez and McLaughlin. Absent: Councilmember Willis. Abstain: Councilmember Jimenez).*

**U.4 Healthy Options at Point of Sale**

RECEIVE a report on research conducted by Healthy Options at Points of Sale (HOPS) youth advocates; and DIRECT staff to draft an ordinance to be considered by the Council within 60 days requiring large retail stores to stock healthier checkout items – Councilmember Gayle McLaughlin (510-620-6636).

Councilmember McLaughlin gave an overview. Ingrid De Santiago and Selena Din, HOPS Program Coordinators, presented a Powerpoint, which highlighted the following: Healthy Retail; Richmond Community Assessment; Survey of Richmond Voters; Store Checkout Assessment Highlights; Focus Group and Key Interview Findings; Retailer Interview Findings; Keeping Soda in the Soda Isle Survey; Healthy Retail Suggestions; Enforcement; and Impact of Healthy Retail. Discussion ensued. The following individuals gave comments: Don Gosney, Jacquelyne Vera, Zamarion Wilson, Joan Binalinbing, and Nefertiti KFJoanna Pulido, Luis Chacon, Yenny Garcia.

**Directed staff to draft an ordinance:**

**Motion by** Councilmember Gayle McLaughlin

**Seconded by** Councilmember Claudia Jimenez

Ayes (5): Mayor Tom Butt, Vice Mayor Demnlus Johnson III, Councilmembers Claudia Jimenez, Eduardo Martinez, and Gayle McLaughlin

Abstentions (1): Councilmember Nathaniel Bates

Absent (1): Councilmember Melvin Willis

#### **U.5 Report on Unhoused Interventions**

RECEIVE an update on the status of certain unhoused interventions and PROVIDE staff input on next steps –Community Development Department (Lina Velasco 510-620-6706).

Planning Director Lina Velasco presented a PowerPoint which highlighted the following: Homeless Task Force; City Committees; Homelessness Strategic Plan, Plan Drafting and Framework; Presentation of Initial Strategies and Framework; Assessment of Existing Systems and Services; Community & Stakeholder Engagement; Synthesis and Recommendations; Begin Preliminary Framework; Finalize and Approve Strategic Plan; Safe Parking Sites Pilot program; and Rydin/Castro Safe Parking Program. Discussion ensued. Christy Saxton, Contra Costa Health Services, Interim Director Health, Housing & Homeless Services, confirmed that no sex offenders would be placed at the Sure Stay Hotel. The following individuals gave comments via teleconference: Oscar Garcia, Jessi Taran, Jan Mignone, Leisa Johnson, Mister Phillips, Emily Ross, Washington Parents, Shiva Mishek, Terry Dunn, Lea Murray, Lupe, Maeve Bergman, Katherine Rubie, and Shawn Dunning. A motion was made by Councilmember McLaughlin, seconded by Councilmember Martinez to 1) authorize city staff to enforce parking regulations for any new RV's coming into Rydin Road who are not already in the program; 2) when tents are in parking spaces, authorize staff to work with CORE to help them respectfully transition to a new location; 3) authorize staff to offer storage to RV and vehicle households for their outdoor belongings; and 4) authorize staff to consider cash for cars. Councilmember Martinez made a friendly amendment to direct staff to collaborate with all stakeholders, organizations, and as-hoc committees, to develop a clear vetting process for all placements; that staff consider the ideas provided in an e-mail from the Clean Rydin Incentive Program. The friendly amendment was accepted. City staff would continue to work with the ad-hoc committee to determine what services would still be needed on Rydin Road and an update would be provided to the city council in February.

**Passed:**

**Motion by** Councilmember Gayle McLaughlin

**Seconded by** Councilmember Eduardo Martinez

Ayes (5): Vice Mayor Demnlus Johnson III, Councilmembers Nathaniel Bates, Claudia Jimenez, Eduardo Martinez, and Gayle McLaughlin

Noes (1): Mayor Tom Butt

Absent (1): Councilmember Melvin Willis

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

None.

**W. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:02 p.m., in memory of Lavora Duckett and Jay Francis, to meet again on February 1, 2022.

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Clerk of the City of Richmond

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Mayor

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good Evening Mayor Butt, council members and Staff,

I have some comments for the Record.

1. Shasa Curl has done a wonderful job as the Interim City Manager
2. even department heads Respect Miss Curl

Sincerely  
Cordell

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Good Evening Mayor Butt, councilmembers and Staff,

I have a couple of Comments for the Record

1. for a future agenda item, the council should extend an Invitation to have the Northern California Promise Coalition to make a presentation on Their Program
2. the Council should Revisit the Standing Committees

Sincerely  
Cordell

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Please forward to City Attorney and Interim City Manager

For the Record, Richmond City Council meeting 1/25/22

Item: Open Forum Public Comment

Tarnel Abbott Richmond resident-

. Please invoke the health & safety clause of the Development Agreement with HRP Campus Bay, LLC - the 86 acre AstraZeneca aka Campus Bay site is polluted with hundreds of toxic chemical and metals - Arsenic is the top concern. Zeneca Inc., and any other entities involved in the site cleanup must remove these toxic substances BEFORE they get mobilized by sea level rise.

These are excerpts from a 2012 Peer reviewed Research paper published by National Institute of Health and PubMed **Heavy Metals Toxicity and the Environment** <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4144270/>

“Because of their high degree of toxicity, arsenic, cadmium, chromium, lead, and mercury rank among the priority metals that are of public health significance....

These metals are systemic toxicants known to induce adverse health effects in humans, including cardiovascular diseases, developmental abnormalities, neurologic and neurobehavioral disorders, diabetes, hearing loss, hematologic and immunologic disorders, and various types of cancer. The main pathways of exposure include ingestion, inhalation, and dermal contact.... Several studies have shown that toxic metals exposure causes long term health problems in human populations. Although the acute and chronic effects are known for some metals, little is known about the health impact of mixtures of toxic elements...

Simultaneous exposure to multiple heavy metals may produce a toxic effect that is

either additive, antagonistic or synergistic.

A recent review of a number of individual studies that addressed metals interactions reported that co-exposure to metal/metalloid mixtures of arsenic, lead and cadmium produced more severe effects at both relatively high dose and low dose levels ...

human co-exposure to cadmium and inorganic arsenic resulted in a more pronounced renal damage than exposure to each of the elements alone [248]. In many areas of metal pollution, chronic low dose exposure to multiple elements is a major public health concern.

Please stop any housing project on this site which is contaminated with these and hundreds of other chemicals of concern until it is cleaned up. For good reason, deed restrictions forbid schools, daycare facilities and hospitals on this site; do not let people live there.

**From:** [Bruce Beyaert](#)  
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Mayor Butt and City Councilors,

During your Jan. 25 meeting, please adopt the agenda item U.1 recommended resolution authorizing a request to the MTC for the allocation of Transportation Development Act Article 3 pedestrian/bicycle project funding for the Richmond Ferry to Bridge Bicycle & Pedestrian Network Improvements project; and accept and appropriate the funds should the grant be awarded

TRAC, the Trails for Richmond Action Committee, applauds the City of Richmond's application for TDA Article 3 funding for Ferry to Bridge Bicycle & Pedestrian Network Improvements as shown on the attached map.

More than 195,000 East Bay and North Bay cyclists and pedestrians have passed through this Point Richmond area since the Richmond San Rafael (RSR) Bridge Trail opened in November 2019. The pedestrian and bicyclist safety improvements of this project combined with the cycle track about to begin construction between Point Richmond and the Richmond San Francisco Ferry Terminal will greatly improve the Bay Trail experience between the RSR Bridge and the Ferry Terminal. The section of Bay Trail leading to the ferry terminal is very important because it serves as the gateway to the necklace of parks along Richmond's shoreline and also connects with the cities of Albany, Berkeley, Emeryville and Oakland,

Not only will this Bay Trail project benefit East Bay and North Bay residents, it will serve residents of nearby neighborhoods designated as Communities of Concern, who now have excellent access to the Garrard Blvd. gateway of Point Richmond, but not through Point Richmond to the Castro St. trailhead for the RSR Bridge Trail and the Point Molate Trail set to be under construction this year.

Kudos to the City of Richmond for moving ahead to implement the award-winning Ferry to Bridge to Greenway Complete Streets Plan approved by the City Council on Feb. 16, 2021.

Bruce

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Bruce Beyaert, TRAC Chair  
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**Attachment 1 - Site Map  
Richmond Ferry to Bridge  
Bicycle & Pedestrian Network Improvements  
TDA Article 3 Project Application**

Chevron Refinery  
& Technology Center

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

PROJECT  
LOCATION

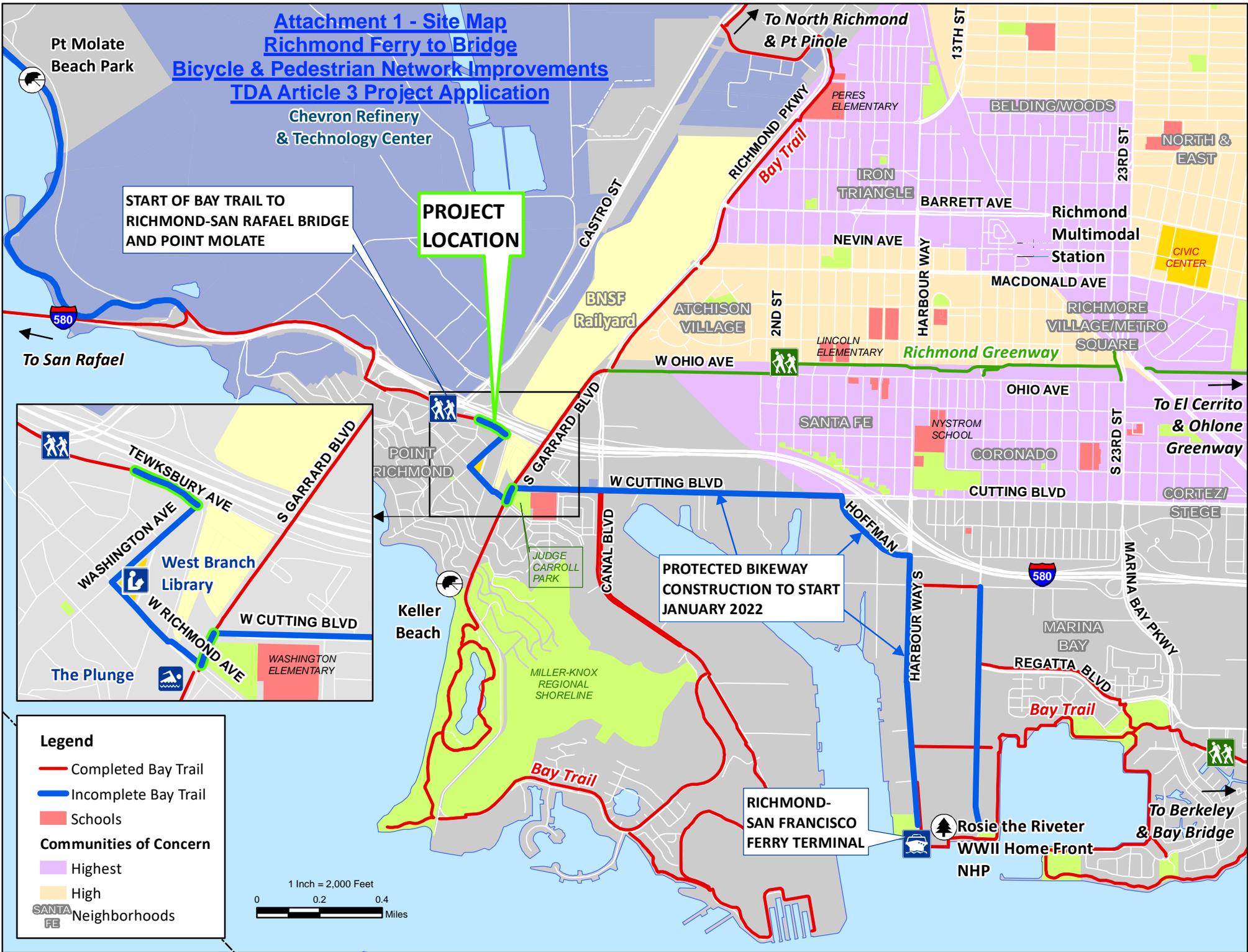
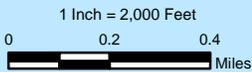
PROTECTED BIKEWAY  
CONSTRUCTION TO START  
JANUARY 2022

RICHMOND-  
SAN FRANCISCO  
FERRY TERMINAL

Rosie the Riveter  
WWII Home-Front  
NHP

**Legend**

- Completed Bay Trail
- Incomplete Bay Trail
- Schools
- Communities of Concern**
- Highest
- High
- Neighborhoods



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Good Evening Mayor Butt, Council Members and Staff

the Good News is that I will be reaching out to Richmond and EL Cerrito High to set up a meeting to talk with the students about the Youth Council and the Other Boards and Commissions

Sincerely  
Cordell

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Council Members Nate Bates, Claudia Jimenez, Demnlus Johnson, Eduardo Martinez, Gayle  
McLaughlin, Melvin Willis  
Richmond City Council  
450 Civic Center Plaza  
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Re: Agenda Item U.3. Study Session on Community Facilities District for Point Molate

Dear Mayor Butt and Members of the City Council:

You have on the agenda a Study Session regarding the formation of a Community Facilities District for the development project at Point Molate otherwise known as a Mello Roos district. Apparently, the proposal is a district to for a bonding authority of \$100 Million in bonds. I am informed that the developer is demanding this amount in authority for the project.

First, Sierra Club among other community groups and Richmond residents warned the council a long time ago that just such a large bonding authority would be demanded by the developer and that the financial consequence would be to saddle the Richmond taxpayers with the costs of the massive infrastructure costs to build the project that the prior council approved and is under litigation.

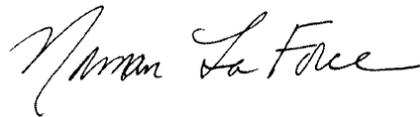
Second, there is no reason why the council must agree to create the district or to authorize the amount of \$100 Million for it. I understand that the Mayor claims that if this is not approved, then the developer will not go forward with the project and that Upstream and the Tribe can then purchase the lands for the \$300 that was in the illegal settlement agreement and that they can do what they want with the property.

It is not true that if Upstream and the Tribe obtain the property, they can do what they want. They are bound by the zoning and general plan (which is under litigation). If they

wanted to do anything that is not allowed under the general plan and zoning, they would need to go through the City's proper planning process with appropriate public hearings and public decision points. In sum, there is no reason to approve the formation of the Mello Roos District and certainly none for it bonding authority to be \$100 Million.

If the current developer backs out of the project, then the City can look to alternatives for resolving the issues related to Point Molate and reach a solution that ends the years of litigation over these lands.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Norman La Force". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the "Sincerely yours," text.

Norman La Force,  
Chapter Legal Chair

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Mayor Tom Butt & Council Members Nate Bates, Claudia Jimenez, Demnlus Johnson, Eduardo Martinez, Gayle McLaughlin, Melvin Willis

Richmond City Council  
[450 Civic Center Plaza](#)  
[Richmond, CA 94804](#)

Re: Agenda Item U.3. Study Session on Community Facilities District for Point Molate

Dear Mayor Butt and Members of the City Council:

You have on the agenda a Study Session regarding the formation of a Community Facilities District (Mello Roos district) for SunCal's development project at Point Molate. It is our understanding that SunCal is demanding \$100 million in bonds.

The Point Molate Alliance warned the City Council when SunCal's project was first proposed that SunCal would make the Richmond taxpayers carry the costs and the financial risks to build the massive infrastructure required for this luxury sprawl development. We were assured there would be no such exposure to the city.

Based on Agenda Item U.3's documents for the Community Facilities District plan, there are many costs and financial risks to the city. The City must not take on ANY of these financial risks for SunCal.

Sincerely,

Pam Stello

For the Steering Committee of

The Point Molate Alliance

Andres Soto, David Helvarg, Courtney Cummings, Roshni Taye McGee, Pam Stello

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Hello Councilmembers and City staff,

My name is Ali Uscilka and I am the director of Healthy & Active Before 5, a local non-profit that advances health equity for young children and their families. We support the healthy retail ordinance because the marketing of unhealthy foods in low-income communities has resulted in disproportionate rates of conditions like diabetes and dental problems, even among Richmond's youngest residents. In our work as pediatricians, educators, and social service providers we understand that parents almost always know what's best for their children, but it's hard to do the right thing when environments like traditional checkout areas make it so difficult. This ordinance will help parents make healthier choices for their families, and set Richmond children on a path of healthier foods and beverages to support their growth and development. Thank you for considering this important step toward healthier communities!

Sincerely,

**Ali Uscilka**

Program Director | Healthy & Active Before 5  
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Hello,

Please find attached a letter of support for the Healthy Retail Ordinance on behalf of 18 Reasons.

Thank you,  
Francesca

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Francesca Boulton (she/her)  
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Contra Costa Program Manager, 18 Reasons

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18 Reasons  
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To: Richmond City Council

Re: Healthy Retail – Nutrition Standards at Checkout and Soda in the Soda Aisle

To the Richmond City Council Members:

By means of this letter, we want to express our full support for the Healthy Retail Ordinance and to urge you to think about the importance of acting fast to make policies that are needed in public health. 18 Reasons is a nonprofit community cooking school. We offer our free nutrition and cooking education program, Cooking Matters, throughout Contra Costa County and have extensive partnerships and programming in Richmond. We hear and see the need and demand for fresh, healthy, and accessible grocery options in this community every day. By improving the minimum nutritional standards for food sold in grocery stores' checkout areas and at aisle endcaps, Healthy Retail hopes to reduce the frequency of marketing which targets youth of color especially, and thus the likelihood of impulse purchasing, which leads to unhealthy food consumption. We believe that the Healthy Retail intervention can directly, quickly and effectively improve health and nutrition access for families and children in Richmond.

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Good Morning Pamela,

Attached are 11 letters of support for the Healthy Retail Ordinance, which is item U4 being presented at tomorrow's council meeting by Healthy Options at Point of Sale (HOPS).

In addition, I have attached 187 petition signatures that the advocacy team, HOPS, collected in favor of Healthy Retail in Richmond.

Thank you,  
Ingrid De Santiago

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AMPD Coalition  
11175 San Pablo Ave.  
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To: Richmond City Council

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Thank you,

AMPD Coalition  
Nabila Sher-Oliver, Coalition Coordinator



Katherine Lee, Asian Pacific Environmental Network  
12818 San Pablo Ave,  
Richmond, CA 94804

To: Richmond City Council

Re: Healthy Retail – Nutrition Standards at Checkout and Soda in the Soda Aisle

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By means of this letter, we want to express our full support for the Healthy Retail Ordinance and to urge you to think about the importance of acting fast to make policies that are needed in public health. At APEN, our mission is to work towards a healthy and clean Richmond, where everyone can thrive. By improving the minimum nutritional standards for food sold in grocery stores' checkout areas and at aisle endcaps, Healthy Retail hopes to reduce the frequency of marketing which targets youth of color especially, and thus the likelihood of impulse purchasing, which leads to unhealthy food consumption. We believe that the Healthy Retail intervention can directly, quickly and effectively improve health and nutrition access for families and children in Richmond.

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Thank you,

Katherine Lee  
Richmond Youth Organizer  
Asian Pacific Environmental Network



Building Blocks for Kids Collaborative (BBK)

To: Richmond City Council

Re: Healthy Retail - Nutrition Standards at Checkout and Soda in the Soda Aisle

To The Richmond City Council Members:

We at Building Blocks for Kids Collaborative (BBK) are writing to affirm our support for the Healthy Retail Ordinance, which strives to direct policy change to better augment access to healthy foods at checkout aisles and limit the placement of sugary beverages in stores. Our role at BBK is to uplift Black and Brown voices in our community to empower them to advocate for positive change within our school and health systems, while supporting individual health and wellness efforts. Our hope is that you may take action through this ordinance for the common goal of encouraging positive changes in public health starting with management of nutrition. Nutrition policy is necessary to ensure a healthier community as low-income areas like Richmond are at a higher risk for food scarcity and marketing schemes by companies that prey on our residents. By placing such guidelines on items available at checkout, we can take a step towards improving the health of Richmond.

Advertisement works to get consumers to buy what is in front of them. In the case of cities like Richmond, there is a disproportionate amount of predatory behavior by large companies to target people who may feel they have no cheaper or healthier alternatives. Checkout aisles and aisle end caps are instrumental in keeping this design working by encouraging impulsive purchases. People in Richmond are already at high risk for health issues such as heart disease, type-2 diabetes, and respiratory issues including asthma. By managing consumption of unhealthy and processed foods and beverages, we can take a step to reduce the risk of preventable diseases.

Many of the health issues in Richmond, such as type-2 diabetes, are linked to lifestyle. When healthy food options are scarce relative to highly processed and unhealthy foods where one lives, the exposure to adults' unhealthy food-related habits influences an inclination towards these foods earlier in one's life. Habits regarding food and nutrition are difficult to break, and systemically exposing community members to snacks that directly impact their health in a positive manner is a conscious decision to alter these patterns, which the Healthy Retail Ordinance can begin to address.

As members of the Richmond community, we implore you to consider the health of our shared community and support policies that can only benefit us in the end. Your support for this ordinance will be a valuable step towards a healthier and more vibrant Richmond future.

On Behalf of BBK,

Sheryl Lane

Executive Director - Building Blocks for Kids (BBK)



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To: Richmond City Council

Re: Healthy Retail – Nutrition Standards at Checkout and Soda in the Soda Aisle

To the Richmond City Council Members:

By means of this letter, we want to express our full support for the Healthy Retail Ordinance and to urge you to think about the importance of acting fast to make policies that are needed in public health. We are the Contra Costa Youth Health Coalition, CourAGE (See Our Advocacy, Generation, and Education). CourAGE is a youth-centered and -directed group that plays a leadership role in addressing health-related issues in the county. By improving the minimum nutritional standards for food sold in grocery stores' checkout areas and at aisle endcaps, Healthy Retail hopes to reduce the frequency of marketing which targets youth of color especially, and thus the likelihood of impulse purchasing, which leads to unhealthy food consumption. We believe that the Healthy Retail intervention can directly, quickly and effectively improve health and nutrition access for families and children in Richmond.

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Thank you,

CourAGE Youth Health Coalition

November 11, 2021

Re: Healthy Retail – Minimum Nutrition Standards at Checkout and Soda Aisles

Hello Richmond City Councilmembers:

We are a group of De Anza High School students and residents. We are writing to express our strong support for the healthy retail ordinance. For the past two years, a group of young advocates has led the data collection and outreach efforts to pass the **Healthy Retail Ordinance** that would require nutritional standards for the food and drinks sold near check out registers and reduce the frequency of sugary beverage promotion throughout stores.

For high school students, there is a lack of food options during lunchtime on campus, of which few are healthy food. Most of the food students do not like so they wait after school to make their way to the nearest liquor store to buy snacks. Because of this many students flee over to the local liquor store to buy something from the checkout aisle which creates a huge line where many kids wait to pay and are tempted to buy more snacks while waiting.

The placement of unhealthy products is strategic, tempting us who didn't intend to buy a candy bar, but as we wait idly, it makes its way into the cart. These items are not just tantalizing for adults, but make grocery shopping a challenge for parents of young kids who beg for the snacks they see before them. It affects high school students much more with having to starve most of the day because they did not eat their school lunch. They grab what seems more appetizing to eat and by the time they are at the checkout lane they see all this junk food and they just grab it since it's tempting because it's right in their face. All of this processed fat and sugar is ending up in people who may not otherwise purchase these products. The cumulative impact of these unhealthy snacks in the checkout lanes is more serious than a sugar crash or cheat day. It is detrimental to our health and our performance since this is the only way most of us can eat throughout the day.

With the coronavirus pandemic, health disparities are becoming all the more prevalent, and those who have pre-existing health conditions such as diabetes, are being affected disproportionately by the virus. Lower-income communities and communities of color are also being hit hard by the pandemic. That is why now it is more important than ever to maintain a healthy lifestyle. However, prepared healthy meals often are expensive and working families do not always have time to cook every night. By replacing the junk food in the checkout lanes with healthier snacks like yogurt, fruit, veggies and hummus. Also, keep soda in it's aisle so it's not tempting to get while in line to checkout since people would want something to refresh themselves with, we can replace soda with unsweetened tea, 100% juice, or water. Also to make impulse purchases less likely, the stores should refrain from setting up freestanding displays and marketing the sodas throughout the store. Community members will be able to choose affordable healthy food. All of this tremendous work over the past 2 years has been working towards the implementation of this ordinance, that will create a healthier shopping experience and community.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and support the youth of Richmond.

**Signed by:**

*Elvira Martin Bautista*

*Anjelika Khadka*

*Selena Din*

*Judith Franco*

*Aamna Asghar*

*Natalia Giddings*

*Shragdhara Shakya*

*Amanda Olsen*

*Iolanda Ferreira*

*Giovanna ferreira*

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*Bhavnish Kaur*

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*Anthony Freeman*

*Jocelyn Alexander*

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*Caitlyn Tottoc*

*Zamarion Peterson Wilson*

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Dr. Teresa Elena Muñoz

January 18, 2022

To: Richmond City Council

Re: Healthy Checkout – Nutrition Standards at Checkout and Soda in the Soda Aisle

To the Richmond City Council Members:

I am a medical doctor at Kaiser Permanente. I have been following the work and data analysis performed and delivered by Healthy Options at Point of Sale (HOPS) advocates in the work for the Healthy Retail Ordinance.

I am writing as a physician to express my full support for the ordinance and urge you to think about the importance of acting fast to make policies that are needed in public health. You and I share the responsibility of keeping our communities healthy. Local policies are crucial to the wellbeing of our community, especially now when a global pandemic has exacerbated health disparities making it obvious that our low-income and ethnic minority communities carry the burden of disease.

Checkouts and aisle end caps are where we see frequent purchases of low nutrient, high sugar, and high sodium foods. This is because marketers understand human psychology and use it to influence our actions. Millions of dollars are spent every year to persuade our purchases. The food industry also spends millions of dollars to understand what additives stimulate reward centers in our brains and thus make us want to consume more of their products. Children and teens are most vulnerable to this manipulation. They are also important targets for industries because the habits we create as children are likely to stay with us our entire lives.

Having healthy food available and affordable in stores allows people to make healthier choices. When healthy foods are not available, people settle for foods that are higher in calories and lower in nutritional value. Creating and supporting healthy food environments will improve our public's health.

It is well understood that consumption of low nutrient, high-calorie foods leads to obesity. In the United States childhood obesity is a serious problem affecting more than 13 million children and adolescents. Obesity is associated with heart disease, the leading cause of death in the United States, as well as with type 2 diabetes, and high blood pressure.

Hispanics and non-Hispanic Black people have a higher obesity prevalence than non-Hispanic whites. The prevalence of obesity also decreases with increasing levels of education.

The COVID-19 global pandemic has highlighted these inequities that have existed for centuries. Data shows that COVID19 affects African Americans and Latinos communities disproportionately. Not only do these ethnic minorities make up a major part of our essential workforce but as mentioned above they also suffer from conditions such as obesity, diabetes, hypertension. Those with chronic health conditions are more likely to suffer from a severe COVID infection and die. It saddens me to know that most cases of obesity, heart disease, diabetes, are preventable and occur as a result of poor lifestyle choices including poor nutrition. Therefore, had we addressed these issues, far less may have died from COVID.

The policies YOU create to benefit public health will SAVE LIVES. The ideas I have presented are not new or difficult to understand. They are well supported by science. As leaders in the community, it is our duty to create a healthier environment for our population. This ordinance would be one of the first in the nation and in the world, and it will make a big impact locally and globally.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Teresa Munoz', followed by the letters 'MD' in a smaller, simpler font.

Teresa Munoz MD

Discovering the Realities of Our Community (DROC)  
11175 San Pablo Ave El Cerrito, Ca 94530

To: Richmond City Council

Re: Healthy Retail – Nutrition Standards at Checkout and Soda in the Soda Aisle

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DROC



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November 22, 2021

**To: Richmond City Council**

**Re: Healthy Retail – Nutrition Standards at Checkout and Soda in the Soda Aisle**

Dear Richmond City Council Members:

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Laura deTar  
Executive Director

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**Signed:**

*Marlene Guillen*

*Yanely Tamayo*

*Pilar Gonzalez*

*Jossely Guillen*

*Kaylee Barron*

*Evelyn Arqueta*

*Erwyn Ramirez*

*Malinalli Popocatl*

*Diego Alvarez*

*Laylah Cruz*

*Maritza Estrada*

*Jackie Aguayo*

*Estela Gonzalez*

*Samantha Rodriguez*



Healthy + Active  
Before 5

To: Richmond City Council

Re: Healthy Retail – Nutrition Standards at Checkout and Soda in the Soda Aisle

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Each generation in Richmond is experiencing greater risk factors, such as reduced physical activity, stress and psychological distress, and overconsumption of unhealthy foods. The foods available to children in grocery stores and corner stores may seem to be becoming more diverse, when actually, from a nutritional point of view, this array of food sources are low in fiber, high in fat, sugar and sodium. Research shows that consuming excess sugar and sodium can lead to a high incidence in diet-related diseases including childhood dental cavities, high rates of cardiovascular diseases, metabolic syndrome, high triglyceride levels, risk of heart disease and type 2 diabetes.

Take type 2 diabetes as an example, which is highly informed by lifestyle and comes with long-term and cumulative effects. The traditional view is that the majority of patients with type 2 diabetes are middle-aged and elderly people, but in recent years, type 2 diabetes has become increasingly popular at younger ages. Especially among low income and communities of color, the risk of 2 diabetes is much higher, in part because they are targeted by aggressive promotion of processed foods and simultaneously limited in access to nutritious affordable foods.

We are all part of a community that wants a better future for the youth of Richmond. We urge you to provide healthy, convenient, and affordable foods at checkout for the benefit of us and the coming generations.

Thank you,

Ali Uscilka

Director, Healthy & Active Before 5

To: Richmond City Council

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To the Richmond City Council Members:

It is with great pleasure that we, the University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE) in Contra Costa, express our full support for the Healthy Retail ordinance to protect public health.

At UCCE we take pride in the extension, development, and application of knowledge in nutrition and health. Our programs inspire and empower youth and adults to lead healthier lives by educating them about healthy food choices and eating habits, stretching their food dollars, and handling food safely. We address problems such as food insecurity, childhood obesity, and chronic disease with partners on the University of California campuses and with local schools, community agencies, and retailers. By improving the minimum nutritional standards for food sold in grocery stores' checkout areas and limiting the marketing of sugary beverages, Healthy Retail hopes to reduce the frequency of impulse purchases. We believe that the Healthy Retail intervention can directly, quickly, and effectively improve health and nutrition access for families and children in Richmond.

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Take type 2 diabetes as an example, which is highly informed by lifestyle and comes with long-term and cumulative effects. In recent years, type 2 diabetes has become increasingly prevalent at younger ages especially in low-income and communities of color, which are targeted by aggressive promotion of processed foods.

We are part of a community that wants a better future for the youth of Richmond. We urge you to require healthy, convenient, and affordable foods at checkout for the benefit of us and the coming generations.

Sincerely,



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Yes Nature to Neighborhoods

January 19, 2022

To: Richmond City Council

Re: Healthy Checkout – Minimum Nutrition Standards and at Checkout

To the Richmond City Council Members:

By means of this letter, we at Yes Nature to Neighborhoods' Youth Engagement Team want to express our support for Healthy Options at Point of Sale. At YN2N in partnership with nature, nurture leaders who champion the wellbeing of our community. Our vision is for Richmond youth, adults and families to lead healthy, connected lives; motivate change in their neighborhoods; and inspire a safe, thriving community.

It is essential for our community to be exposed to healthier options when they go to supermarkets, especially when accompanied by their children. HOPS brings up an issue that we can no longer ignore. While some stores throughout the city sell a variety of healthy food, and the potential for urban farming is yet largely untapped, the truth is that unhealthy food and beverages dominate checkout and endcap displays, and are priced and promoted to encourage impulse-purchasing. As a consequence, many, especially the youth, have a high consumption of calories, saturated fats, and added salts and sugars. It is there, where parents have a hard time when shopping with their young ones. It is evident that consuming excess sugar and sodium can lead to a high incidence in ill-diet-related diseases including childhood dental cavities, high rates of cardiovascular diseases and type 2 diabetes, affecting mainly those under-resourced communities more vulnerable to marketing dynamics and with lesser options in accessing safe and fresh food.

For these reasons Yes Nature to Neighborhoods is encouraging Richmond City Council to pass a strong ordinance that will set minimum nutritional standards at checkout and keep sugary beverages in the beverage aisle.

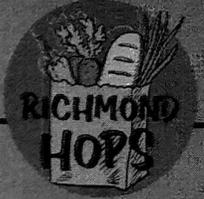
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# Petición de apoyo para un Área de Pago Saludable en Richmond



Al firmar esta petición, se le urge a la Alcaldesa y al Consejo Municipal de Richmond que establezcan estándares mínimos de nutrición en el área de pago. Aumentando el acceso de alimentos y bebidas saludables, convenientes y de precios pagables en las tiendas de Richmond.

Debemos tener en cuenta que las familias y los niños de Richmond frecuentan las tiendas donde se les dirigen productos baratos, listos para comer, altos en grasas, azúcar, sodio y calorías que contribuyen a diversas enfermedades graves. Incluyendo caries dentales, enfermedad cardíaca y diabetes.

Nuestra comunidad puede aumentar los resultados positivos de salud y proteger a nuestra juventud al establecer estándares nutricionales para los artículos que se venden al momento de pago.

Aug 3-4, 2021

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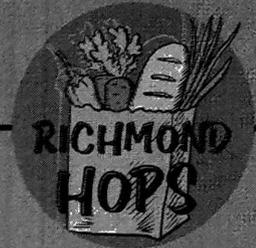
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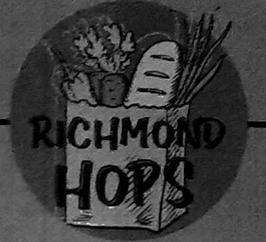
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Joel Silva	San Pablo	CA	94806		Joel Silva	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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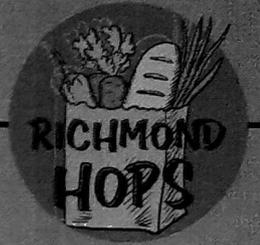
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## Q3 Please add any additional thoughts you have about Healthy Checkout:

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1	I think this is an amazing organization for the community and in our environment to work on making our residency's healthier!! :)	11/12/2021 4:57 PM
2	Great!!! Our health matters the same as white folks. It would also help my eating habits.	11/11/2021 5:25 PM
3	I hope to learn more about healthy checkout.	6/9/2021 4:31 PM
4	Please support youth initiatives!	6/4/2021 11:50 AM
5	I think this is an amazing thing!	6/1/2021 5:33 PM
6	lets go!	6/1/2021 5:32 PM
7	We need healthier options in Richmond, El Cerrito and San Pablo	5/26/2021 4:09 PM
8	Sounds great!!	5/26/2021 4:02 PM
9	I am a part of HOPS	5/13/2021 4:32 PM
10	I am so glad you are doing something about the terrible "food" choices presented to us at most checkout stations.	5/13/2021 7:04 AM
11	Such great work, keep it up!	5/12/2021 8:49 PM
12	Thanks to the DeAnza students for their presentation at the El Sobrante Municipal Advisory Council!	5/12/2021 8:41 PM
13	The food deserts. The quick shops	5/12/2021 8:40 PM
14	Follow up about success/failure with program in Berkeley.	5/12/2021 8:39 PM
15	Increase access for all	5/12/2021 8:39 PM

**From:** [Jacquelyne Vera](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk Dept User](#)  
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Hello,

As a resident of Richmond, I am in support of a healthy check out area. Stores will still be allowed to sell junk food. It just won't be around the check out area. This will help promote healthier decision making while at check out and help make our community more healthy.,

Best,  
Jacquelyne Marlene Espejo Vera  
Alcohol & Marijuana Policy Coordinator  
Pronouns: She/Her/Hers  
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I am writing in support of agenda item U.4 Healthy Retail

It is important for us to set minimum nutrition standards requiring that products sold at checkout contain no more than 5g added sugar and 200mg of sodium, and to keep soda in the soda aisle, in food vending stores.

I live in the flatlands in Richmond and we have a number of small grocery stores where many people shop. Convenience stores and grocery stores provide more than 70% of Americans' calories. While stores sell a variety of healthy food, unhealthy food and beverages dominate checkout, ends of aisles, and entrance displays. And many people come to these stores with their children.

55% of California adults have diabetes or pre-diabetes, especially among communities of color, and 1 in 2 children of color in the US will be diagnosed with Type 2 diabetes in their life. These serious health disparities are due, in part, to inequalities in environmental factors that influence diets and health, including the disproportionate marketing of unhealthy foods to youth of color and the lack of availability of healthy food in retail food stores.

More than 3 out of every 4 Richmond parents support changing this by requiring minimum nutrition standards and I am one of them.

Richmond has led the way in reducing the impact of tobacco on our residents. Let's keep up the good work by passing this ordinance.

Julie Freestone

510-237-9323

**From:** [Mayra Lopez](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk Dept User](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comments Agenda Item #U.4  
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Hi there,

Please see the letter of support attached. Thank you.

**Mayra Lopez, MPH**

Program Manager  
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January 25, 2021

Honorable Mayor Butt and Richmond City Council Members,

As part of a collaborative effort to address chronic diseases such as diabetes and heart disease within Contra Costa County, the Healthy Stores Healthy Communities (HSHC) Taskforce supports the efforts of Richmond HOPS in making the retail environment a healthier place for Richmond residents.

The HSHC Taskforce is a team of public health programs including Nutrition Promotion, Tobacco Prevention, Alcohol and Other Drug Services, and the HIV/STD Prevention Program.

According to data collected from HSHC 2019, Contra Costa County has soft drinks available at check out at 53% compared to the CA state at 43.6%. Additionally, there are 49.2% unhealthy drink storefront ads at 49.2% compared to CA state at 41.2%.

These statistics support the need to have policy-oriented solutions at the retail level which will reduce the accessibility of impulse purchases.

Thank you.

On behalf of the HSHC Taskforce,

*Mayra Lopez*

Mayra Lopez  
Program Manager  
Tobacco Prevention Program  
Contra Costa Health Services-Department of Public Health

**From:** [Darnice Linton](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk Dept User](#)  
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**Attachments:** [Linton Darnice CA-JXZ-X3V L02 OP Councilmbr Jimenez final 2.pdf](#)

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Here is a letter that I am sending to the City Council regarding unfairness and treatment on collecting my payments from HCEB/Dani Longo

Thank you

Darnice Linton

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November 11, 2021

**Via Email Only**

Claudia\_Jimenez@ci.richmond.ca.us

Claudia Jimenez, Council Member  
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450 Civic Center Plaza  
Richmond, CA 94804

Re: Darnice Linton  
Demand for Refund  
Our File No.: CA-JXZ-X3V

Dear Council Member Jimenez:

Please be advised that we have consulted with Mr. Darnice Linton in order to assist him in attempting to resolve a dispute involving Housing Consortium of the East Bay (“HCEB”), a company that provides services to constituents in the City of Richmond.

Specifically, Mr. Linton advises that in or about April 2021, he met with Dani Longo the manager of HCEB. Ms. Longo held a meeting and explained the services that HCEB would provide to residents of the Rydin Road Encampment in Richmond. Mr. Linton and the other residents were excited to received financial assistance. Mr. Linton advises that based on the information provided and presentation made, he communicated with Ms. Longo regarding repairs needed on his 1996 Chevy Astro Van.

Ms. Longo informed Mr. Linton that HCEB would assist the repairs and the DMV expenses. Relying on the representations made, Mr. Linton paid the DMV fees and brought the invoice to Ms. Longo for reimbursement. Ms. Longo informed Mr. Linton it would be processed, and he would receive reimbursement, but to date Mr. Linton has not received any reimbursement.

Moreover, Mr. Linton advises that his vehicle needed repairs. Ms. Longo instructed Mr. Linton to obtain an estimate for said repairs and to submit to HCEB, which he did. Having not received a response, Mr. Linton went to speak to representatives of HCEB. Mr. Linton met with Ms. Longo and Mr. Carson and was explicitly told that a check would be issued by HCEB for the repairs and instructed him to come later that week and pick-up said funds. Relying on the representations made, Mr. Linton made arrangements to have his vehicle repaired. When Mr. Linton returned to pick up the promised check, he was now told that other participants are “in front of him” and needed to wait to receive the funds. Why would HCEB promise someone assistance and then decline it?

Moreover, the agents of HCEB informed him that he now needed to obtain a signed W-9 form from the repair shop. It was unclear why such important information was not provided to Mr. Linton earlier. More than two weeks has passed since his initial conversation with Ms. Longo. Understandably Mr. Linton was frustrated. After much effort, Mr. Linton was finally able to convince the mechanic to prepare the W-9 paperwork, as requested by HCEB.

Mr. Linton complied with HCEB's requests and when he requested that the funds that were promised to him be issued, the representative of HCEB would push back. It appears that HCEB would provide excuses as to the issuance of the funds promised. Mr. Linton relied on the information provided, followed HCEB's instructions and then HCEB refused to reimburse him the funds or pay for the repairs.

It is unclear what is HCEB's motive. HCEB came to the encampment and made representations to the citizens, which they relied on to their detriment. Mr. Linton tried to find out why HCEB was not complying with their promises. Instead, Mr. Linton was first ignored. Then, when Mr. Linton tried to complain to others outside the HCEB organization about the situation, he was removed from the program. It appears that HCEB's actions are in direct retaliation to Mr. Linton for voicing his complaints.

Pursuant to California Civil Code §1709, one who willfully deceives another with intent to induce him or her to alter his or her position to his or her injury or risk is liable for any damages which he thereby suffers. Furthermore, pursuant to California Civil Code §1572 et seq., fraud may otherwise be accomplished by committing a party to a contract, or with his or her connivance, with intent to deceive another party or induce him or her to enter in a contract by a falsehood, or omission of such fact that a reasonable person would consider material in making the decision to accept an agreement. However, in the alternative to any contract issue, pursuant to California Civil Code §1708, every person is bound, without contract to abstain from injuring the person or property of another, or infringing upon any his or her rights.

Correspondence has been written to HCEB (see attached), which has been ignored. Mr. Linton nor our office has received an informative response.

Your prompt attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

PARKER · STANBURY LLP

By 

CLAUDIA M. PALENCIA

Encls.

cc: Mr. Linton

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September 20, 2021

**VIA E-MAIL AND FAX ONLY**

Darin Lounds (Executive Director)  
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[dlounds@hceb.org](mailto:dlounds@hceb.org)  
Fax No.: (510) 832-1743

Dear Mr. Lounds:

Re: Darnice Linton  
Demand for Refund  
Amount Due: \$1,743.88  
Our File No.: CA-JXZ-X3V

Please be advised that we have consulted with Mr. Darnice Linton in order to assist him in attempting to resolve a dispute involving your company, and his demand for a refund.

Essentially, Mr. Linton informs us that your personnel promised him services and/or reimbursements. However, he further informs us that, not only have you failed to provide him with services or reimbursements, you have dropped him after he complained. This is highly unacceptable to him as he reports to us the following:

*"Department Of Motor Vehicles.*

*After waiting for 2 days, the registration had expired on June 22, 2021. I had to come out-of-pocket and pay DMV \$374.29 dollars and twenty-nine cents, which includes bi-annual smog check which comes to \$50.00 dollars even.*

*Around mid-July, I went to Petro Plus Garage Auto Repair Shop located at 1401 Market Ave San Pablo, California 94806, because I had no idea why the engine was vibrating and shaking the vehicle.*

*Mechanical problems were escalating with the vehicle such as motor mounts front and back as well as transmission mounts needed to be replaced as well as an engine tune-up.*

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*The mechanic made a discovery after examining the vehicle, and explained the vehicle needed Struts, Shocks, Motor and Mounts replaced.*

*An estimate/bill of \$1,500.00 dollars that's not including engine repairs. The payment of \$1,500.00 haven't received yet.*

*A tow truck came and picked up the vehicle and I went with the driver to Express Auto Clinic, 3810 Broadway Oakland, California 94611.*

*The mechanic(s) kept the vehicle over the night and ran some diagnostic test and changed the battery but couldn't find anything wrong that's preventing the engine from starting.*

*On July 27th, that morning, one of mechanics contacted me by phone and let me know that I can come pick up my vehicle, which I did. The bill was \$300.97.*

*On August 27th, Gustavo Velado, the owner of GV Automotive, worked on the 1996 Chevy Astro Van and a tune-up was done on the van. The bill came to \$631.47.*

*The mechanic made a discovery after examining the vehicle, and explained the vehicle needed Struts, Shocks, Motor and transmission Mounts replacement at a cost of \$1,207.84, instead of the \$1,500.00 Petro Plus Garage Auto Repair Shop wanted to charge.*

*Also, the transmission is leaking because of escalation of vibration from engine that needs the above repair work such as Struts, Shocks, Motor and transmission Mounts. (Not good.)*

*On September 6th, I went and purchased a bed and bed frame from Palace Furniture. The cost was \$438.315.*

*Total Bill: \$1,743.88.*

*I want Mr. Darin Lounds take responsibility for his employee(s) for committing fraud, promissory estoppel and retaliation against me."*

Therefore, at this time, in order to avoid further legal action, Mr. Linton hereby demands that you immediately and fully reimburse him \$1,743.88.

Please consider this letter a formal dispute on behalf of Mr. Linton that you immediately investigate the facts and circumstances concerning this matter and agree to provide him with an appropriate response to his concerns.

Mr. Linton has been made fully aware of his legal rights and your obligations and potential liabilities under the law, and he has expressed an intention to pursue any and all available legal remedies against you should this letter fail to generate an appropriate response. Said response should include, at a minimum, a full refund in the amount of \$1,743.88.

Please forward certified funds in the full amount of \$1,743.88 directly to Damice Linton, within ten (10) days of your receipt of this letter, in order to avoid further legal action.

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Thank you for your anticipated cooperation and professional courtesy. Should you have any questions or require additional information, you may respond to the undersigned via e-mail at [LA@PARKSTAN.com](mailto:LA@PARKSTAN.com).

Very truly yours,

PARKER · STANBURY LLP

By 

HANS W. CHEN

HWC:sml

cc: Damice Linton – *via e-mail*

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1. The issues that have been brought to the City Council remain unaddressed.
  - Inadequate and expensive security
  - Lack of sanitation for porta potties
  - Inoperable hand washing stations
  - Residents have not received the services promised (including assistance with vehicle registration, tune ups, help with social security, and obtaining birth records)
2. Residents still have no decision-making power regarding the programs that directly impact their lives. Despite meetings with some council members and the Mayor's delegation going to Rydin Road.
3. The situation at Rydin Road is becoming increasingly dangerous with fires, overdoses, and many residents are extremely sick. Residents need extensive case management.
4. After 1 month there is no accountability for the HCEB contract. We don't know where the money has been spent.
5. The Mayor and Council member Nat Bates have abandoned the Ad Hoc Committee.
6. The residents of Rydin Road have been harmed by the City's lack of accountability to ensure that contracted services are provided. A

restorative justice process is needed.

7. The request by council for \$50K flex funds has been approved but not all Rydin Residents (or former residents) have been given the forms to access these funds.

## What we Desire:

1. Break down services and contracts into manageable separate responsibilities:
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As a 38 year resident of Richmond I have become appalled by the lack of responsiveness to address the needs of our unhoused neighbors. I understand City Council has already agreed on numerous proposals and promises have been made to incite hope and expectation for remedies for our Rydin Road and Castro residents, but many of these same promises have already been broken and thousands of \$\$\$ have gone un-accounted for. Pls plan to hold your Contractors accountable to transparency about how they spend tax-payer \$\$\$.

Kindly address the needs of our unhoused residents, less by speculating, more by listening to what they express as their needs. Kindly consider an awareness campaign to make the application process more easily accessible for folk currently living in their autos / RVs and residing in rooms paid with a Motel voucher.

Please let the community know what we can do to encourage implementation of the Scattered Sites Plan that looks so good on paper. I was very disappointed to learn that the Waypoint Christian Church in my neighborhood was pressured to the NIMBY minority to withdraw their request for a host-permit even before having the neighborhood forum to publicly address their concerns! I myself was looking forward to welcoming four new households to the neighborhood!

I hoping there's much more we can do to encourage Richmond community buy-in to proposals to mitigate the current blight of homeless encampments and our City Council will lead the way in brainstorming AND then implementing creative solutions!

Thank you for all the hard work you do to try to make Richmond a conscientiously better place!

Sincerely,  
Florence Davis

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Sent from Gmail Mobile

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Dear City Council Members,

I am writing to express my concern regarding Item U5: Report on Unhoused interventions. Our advocacy group has been working with Rydin Road residents for almost two months to address the unmet needs and horrible conditions at the encampment. The issues we have brought up concerning security, unsanitary porta potties, inoperable hand washing stations, and a request for accountability of HCEB budget expenditures have yet to be addressed.

In addition, Rydin Road is becoming increasingly dangerous and the medical condition of many of the residents is getting worse. It is also very disappointing that Mayor Butt and Council member Bates have resigned from the Ad Hoc Committee that they initiated--leaving only Councilmember Martinez to support the residents. We know the unhoused situation is difficult to manage. However, it doesn't help when those in office abandon the cause.

Richmond can do better. We suggest the following:

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In solidarity,

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Dear City Clerk,

Can you please include the below comments for Item U-5 as part of the supplementary minutes?

Thank you,  
Leisa

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Dear Mayor and Councilmembers,

I am calling in support of all parents, children, teachers, school staff and neighborhood communities.

This is about finding an appropriate and safe location to house our unhoused individuals. Any successful homeless program must consider the individuals being housed in conjunction with the location. The location for this population should also be in much closer proximity to critically needed supportive services to ensure these individuals get adequate mental health and substance abuse treatment, job training so they can ultimately secure stable housing.

Last year, the County transferred 6 registered sex offenders from outside of Richmond to the SureStay without informing anyone – the school, teachers, parents or nearby community. The school is right across the street, a mere 350 ft away, with an adjacent park where children routinely play.

Many parents from our black and brown communities bring their kids to this school because they thought it was a safe location.

All six (6) of those registered sex offenders had committed one or more acts against children under the age of 14. Some of those charges included sexual battery, rape by force or fear, rape of a victim unconscious of the nature of the act, and continuous sexual abuse of a child. Some were at moderate-to-high risk of recidivism.

The County stated in writing that they would immediately move all 6 registered sex offenders after this was discovered. That did not happen per the DOJ website.

This afternoon, the County admitted in writing that at least one individual should have **never** even been relocated to the SureStay as well as other disconcerting statements, including that they actually moved seven registered offenders there, not six.

That also means this individual was not visible to the public on the DOJ website.

One is too many.

In the County's letter today, they demonstrated that they cannot properly and accurately vet individuals they relocate to the SureStay.

Trust is earned. We have heard broken promise after broken promise, and our trust has been lost.

The county has already failed to protect our children.

Some members of the Council need to recognize that you cannot say that you just won't allow sex offenders at the SureStay. The law does not allow that per the CA Supreme Ct.

This risk is too large and what transpired at the SureStay is unacceptable.

Councilmember Jimenez - You may feel it is appropriate to put your own child at risk, but you do not have the right to make that decision for any other parent or child. Ever.

Councilmembers Johnson and Willis – Both of you voted to not put a RV Safe Parking Program in a predominantly Black and Brown community because you said it wasn't fair. We hope that you will equally support the communities concerns and pleas to not endanger the safety of our children at Washington Elementary School, the vast majority of whom are people of color.

My sister and niece were both raped as minors. They are survivors who live with that trauma every day of their life and fear the day their offender is released. There is palpable pain behind every tear, smile and laugh to this day. This is personal to me. And every parent has a right to be upset as all of the offenders that were relocated to the SureStay were found guilty of sexual offenses against minors. There is no way the community can be 100% assured that this will never happen again.

I oppose the City's proposal to explore with any developer, either as a sole acquisition or partnership with the City or County, to acquire the SureStay hotel via an application for Project HomeKey given the city's track record on subsidized housing and broken trust that is irreparable at this point where this location is concerned.

I implore the City Council to hear the parents, teachers, staff and community to do the right thing and please instruct city staff tonight to find an alternative and more appropriate location that is not close to any school or park where children gather & play and that any such location be close to necessary supportive services.

This location is not it and to not recognize that, when members of your own city staff do, is dismissive of your constituents.

Thank you.

Leisa

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Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

I hope this email finds each of you and your loved ones safe as the regional grapples with omicron.

Grateful to see some reflection and action on the issues raised by Richmond residents, particularly vehicle and RV houses neighbors. However, two areas appear to still remain quite unaddressed:

- **Public Safety and Health:** Continuing issues with adequacy of security, lack of sanitation (portapotty pick up/cleaning and inoperable handwashing units), mental/physical health (COVID, ODs, etc.), and fires.
- **Public Participation and Leadership:** Continuing lack of transparency with awarded funding spending (HCEB contract review versus audit provides an opportunity for learning and restorative justice) and multiple unsustainable committee structures (different leaders and stakeholders on/leaving different committees without a throughline and communications needed to solve complex issues).

With this spirit of progress in mind, the following areas emerge as remaining opportunities for public safety and community sustainability:

- **Contract with Problem-Solving Specialists versus Generalists:** Split the difficult work of health and housing case management, security for unhoused and their pets, and vehicle/vital documentation and issue resolution into smaller contracts allowing for specialized expertise.
- **Flex Awarded Funding to Practical, Evidence-Based Responses:** Cash for residents keys to incentivize relinquishment of inoperable and unsafe RVs/cars and replacement with storage PODs/units while prototyping universal basic income to support a safe and sustainable path to housing and family-sustaining wages.
- **Continue Cross-Community Communications and Decision Making:** Ensure the city committees are linked to each other and the council's decision-making, as well as inclusive of residents.

Thank you for considering! Looking forward to human-centered practical solutions for this

complex and heartbreaking suffering.

Yours truly, Maeve

36th and McBryde, Richmond, CA

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Maeve Katherine Bergman, JD, LLM, **MBA**

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I am concerned about a lack of sanitation around port-a-pottys and inoperable hand washing stations at the Rydin Road unhoused encampment. I am also told residents are not receiving services that have been promised and that residents are sick and in desperate need of case management.

I am wondering where the HCEB money is being spent- there is a concerning lack of transparency which should be addressed to make sure these problems can be fixed.

Thank you for your time

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Paula Boyd](#)  
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Attention City Clerk & City Council:

I am concerned regarding the lack of responsiveness of the City Council to issues that were previously brought to your attention concerning Rydin Road. Your inaction and neglect has only exasperated the problems faced by the unhoused. The needs of the unhoused in our community deserve the same level of action, commitment, resources and respect as the needs of the housed and/or any other member of the community. Specifically, I am deeply concerned regarding the following:

1.  
That the issues that have been brought to the City Council remain unaddressed.
  - Inadequate and expensive security
  - Lack of sanitation for porta potties
  - Inoperable handwashing stations
  - Residents have not received the services promised (including assistance with vehicle registration, tune ups, help with social security, and obtaining birth records)
  
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Residents still have no decision making power regarding the programs that directly impact their lives. Despite meetings with some council members and the Mayor's delegation going to Rydin

Road.

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The situation at Rydin Road is becoming increasingly dangerous with fires, over doses, and many residents are extremely sick. Residents need extensive case management.

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After 1 month there is no accountability for the HCEB contract. We don't know where the money has been spent.

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The Mayor and Councilmember Nat Bates abandoned the Ad Hoc Committee.

6.

The residents of Rydin Road have been harmed by the City's lack of accountability to ensure that contracted services are provided. A restorative justice process is needed.

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To the members of the Richmond City Council,

I am writing to express my concern regarding agenda Item U5: Report on Unhoused interventions. Our advocacy group has been working with Rydin Road residents for almost two months. Many of the residents claim that they were not provided access to the council meetings previously in order to address the unmet needs and horrible conditions at the encampment. Since the last meeting of Dec 21st, 2021, the issues we have brought up concerning security, unsanitary porta-potties, inoperable hand washing stations, and a request for accountability of HCEB budget expenditures have yet to be addressed.

Rydin Road is becoming increasingly dangerous and the medical condition of many of the residents is getting worse. It is also very disappointing and embarrassing that Mayor Butt and Councilmember Bates have resigned from the Ad Hoc Committee that they initiated. It appears that these two talk a big game in the council meeting but when the real work needs to be done, they fold like cheap suits. We know the unhoused situation is difficult to manage. However, it doesn't help when those in office do not abide by their duty.

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6. Above everything else, the Council needs to be transparent.

Unfortunately, these deficiencies and schemes have gone on too long. All residents of Richmond deserve better representation. I pray this council to find it in them the temerity to do better.

Respectfully,

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**Ramon Quintana**

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The world needs positive change. Positive change needs funding.

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I hope that this email finds you and your loved ones well.

Items that have been raised to the City Council remain unresolved:

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Please continue to include residents of Rydin in your meetings and decision-making process

Thank you for your time, your positive efforts, and your consideration.

Sincerely  
Terry Dunn