

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Public Notice of a Regular Meeting

Please be advised that the City of Richmond Economic Development Commission will hold its regular meeting on **April 13, 2022 - 11:30 a.m. -1:00 p.m.**



ALL COMMISSIONER MEMBERS WILL PARTICIPATE VIA TELECONFERENCE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19) ADVISORY

Due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, Contra Costa County and Governor Gavin Newsom have issued multiple orders requiring sheltering in place, social distancing, and reduction of person-to-person contact. Accordingly, Governor Gavin Newsom has issued executive orders that allow cities to hold public meetings via teleconferencing. Both

<https://www.coronavirus.cchealth.org/> and <http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/3914/Richmond-Coronavirus-Info> provide updated coronavirus information.

DUE TO THE SHELTER IN PLACE ORDERS, participation in the Economic Development Commission will be by teleconference only. Public comment will be confined to items appearing on the agenda and will be limited to the method provided below. Consistent with Executive Order N-29-20, this meeting will utilize teleconferencing only. The following provides information on how the public can participate in this meeting.

How to watch the meeting from home: By Computer, Tablet or Mobile Device

The meeting may be accessed by using the following Zoom meeting link

1. <https://zoom.us/j/93877687441?pwd=TUJlY2pDMnRpV2lKTXpEUHpubXVQdz09>
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Public comments may be submitted:

1. Via email to thomas_omolo@ci.richmond.ca.us. Email **MUST** contain in the subject line 1) open forum for public comments – not on the agenda or 2) public comments – agenda item # ___ **[include the agenda item number]**. All comments must be submitted on or before Wednesday, April 13, by 10:00 am.

The City cannot guarantee that its network and/or the site will be uninterrupted. To ensure that the City Council receives your comments, you are strongly encouraged to submit your comments in writing in advance of the meeting.

Record of all public comments:

All public comments will be considered a public record, put into the official meeting record. All public comments will be available after the meeting as supplemental materials and will be posted as an attachment to the meeting minutes when the minutes are posted.

Accessibility for Individuals with Disabilities

Upon request, the City will provide for written agenda materials in appropriate alternative formats, or disability-related modification or accommodation, including auxiliary aids or services and sign language interpreters, to enable individuals with disabilities to participate in and provide comments at/related to

public meetings. Please submit a request, including your name, phone number and/or email address, and a description of the modification, accommodation, auxiliary aid, service or alternative format requested at least two days before the meeting. Requests should be emailed to thomas_omolo@ci.richmond.ca.us or submitted by phone at 510-620-6606. Requests will be granted whenever possible and resolved in favor of accessibility.

Effect of Advisory on In-person public participation

During the pendency of the Executive Order N-29-20, the language in this Advisory portion of the agenda supersedes any language below in the meeting procedures contemplating in-person public comment.

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- AGENDA -

CHAIR

Ayoka Medlock-Nurse

VICE-CHAIR

Ahmad Anderson

1. 11:30 am - Call to Order
2. Roll Call & Check in
3. Approval of Minutes
 - a. 3-9-2022 Meeting
4. Report from City Council
5. Old and/or New Business (30 minutes)
 - a. Cannabis Equity Grant – Thomas – 5 minutes
 - b. Update Economic Development Working Group – Lizeht – 10 minutes
 - i. Buy Local Campaign
 - ii. BluDot.io
 - c. SF Business Times – Lizeht – 5 minutes
 - d. Taste of Richmond – Yay or Nay.
 - e. EDC elections – Vice-Chair – 10 minutes
 - f. East Bay EDA, Innovation Award – 5 minutes – Wesley Alexander
6. Committee Reports – 20 minutes
 - a. Policy – Lead, TBD
 - b. Community Engagement – Lead, D. Wear
 - c. Taste of Richmond (Postponed 2022) – Lead, B. Evans
 - d. Cannabis – Lead, A. Ayoka
 - e. Sustainability: Businesses/Industrial Hemp & Expo/Assessment – Lead, Gloria Jean Sewell-Murphy
7. Staff Reports (15 mins)
 - a. Finance Department
 - b. City Manager's Office
 - i. Micro-Grant – Lizeht Zepeda
 - ii. BluGreen New Deal – Samantha Carr
 - c. Mayor's Office
 - i. Update on Commissioners – Dominique – 5 Minutes
8. Public Comments/Announcements/Handouts
9. Next Meeting Date: May 11, 2022
10. 1:00 pm - Adjournment

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**Tina Brown**

**Brandon Evans**

**James Lee**

**Kerby Lynch**

**Arnon Oren**

**Andrea Portillo-**

**Knowles**

**Gloria Jean Sewell-**

**Murphy**

**Diana Wear**

**Orrian Willis**

**Reza Yazdi**

**Council Liaison:**

**Demnlus Johnson III**  
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Staff:

Thomas Omolo

Gabino Arredondo

Shasa Curl

Shane Johnson

Dominique Green

56.060 - Officers.

The commission shall elect from among their own number a chairman and a vice-chairman who shall serve in such capacity for one year. In the case of a vacancy in the position of chairman or vice-chairman, the commission shall elect a successor who shall serve for the predecessor's term. The commission shall appoint a secretary who may be, but need not be, a member of the commission.

3.56.070 - Powers and duties.

The specific powers and duties of the commission are as follows:

- (a) Work with state and local agencies, governing bodies, public and private organizations as appropriate to encourage economic development in the City;
- (b) Promote the interests of commercial and industrial development in metropolitan Richmond while giving due consideration to the interests of the neighborhoods and the overall quality of life in the City;
- (c) Review and comment on the City's program of providing economic development, business information and economic promotion services to the business community;
- (d) Review and comment on opportunities for enhancing economic development through major public works projects, emerging growth industries, annexations, use of redevelopment, ports development, etc.;
- (e) Review and comment on programs which may enhance employment of Richmond residents;
- (f) Perform other tasks related to the City's economic development as requested by the City Manager or City Council.

3.56.080 - Meetings.

The commission shall hold its first meeting within thirty days after all of its members have been appointed. At such meeting, the commission shall fix the time and place of regular meetings of the commission which shall not be less frequent than once each month. All meetings of the commission shall be open to the public.

3.56.090 - Rules and records.

The commission shall adopt rules for the transaction of the business of the commission, which rules shall, among other things, include the term of the secretary of the commission, the manner of calling and giving notice of special meetings and hearings, and the appointment and powers of standing committees. The commission shall keep records which shall be open to the public of its resolutions, transactions, motions, orders, findings and determinations.