

RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA,

April 26, 2022, 4:00 p.m.
Community Services Building
440 Civic Center Plaza
Richmond, CA 94804

A. OPEN SESSION TO HEAR PUBLIC COMMENT BEFORE CLOSED SESSION

The Open Session was called to order at 4:00 by Mayor Thomas K. Butt via teleconference.

B. ROLL CALL

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

C. CLOSED SESSION

C.1 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Government Code Section 54957)

- Title: City Clerk
- Title: City Manager

C.2 LIABILITY CLAIMS (Government Code Section 54956.9)

- Rodney Williams
- Evette Feigel

C.3 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION (paragraph (1) of Subdivision [d] of Government Code Section 54956.9)

- SPRAWLDEF et al. v. City of Richmond
- The Guidiville Rancheria of California, et al. v. The United States of America, et. al.
- North Coast Rivers Alliance et al./Point Molate Alliance et al. v. City of Richmond
- City of Richmond v. Thomas K. Butt

C.4 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)

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

- One case

C.6 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (Government Code Section 54957.6)

- Agency Representatives: Jaclyn Gross and Anil Comelo

Employee organizations:

1. SEIU Local 1021 Full Time Unit and Part Time Unit
2. IFPTE Local 21 Mid-Level Management Unit and Executive Management Units
3. Richmond Police Officers Association RPOA
4. Richmond Police Management Association RPMA
5. IAFF Local 188
6. Richmond Fire Management Association RFMA

D. PUBLIC COMMENT BEFORE CLOSED SESSION

None.

E. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Open Session adjourned to Closed Session at 4:02 p.m. Closed Session adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

F. REGULAR MEETING OF THE RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL

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

G. ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Nathaniel Bates, Claudia Jimenez, Demnlus Johnson III, Gayle McLaughlin, Melvin Willis, Vice Mayor Eduardo Martinez, and Mayor Thomas K. Butt. **Absent:** None.

H. PUBLIC COMMENT INSTRUCTIONAL VIDEO

The Public Comment Instructional Video was shown.

I. STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

J. AGENDA REVIEW

None.

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

Interim City Attorney Dave Aleshire stated that there was a unanimous vote to proceed with settlement negotiations regarding the liability claims for Rodney Williams and Evette Feigel and direction was given to continue negotiations with labor negotiators.

L. REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER (public comment allowed under Open Forum)

City Manager Shasa Curl announced that the Solano and Contra Costa County Food Banks would continue to provide Bi-monthly food box distribution at Civic Center parking lot drive through on Thursday, April 28, 2022, from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, please contact Denee Evans at 510- 621-1718. Ms. Curl also announced the availability of the Sewer Lateral Grant Program. More information could be obtained by contacting 510-620-6594.

M. CRIME REPORT FROM POLICE CHIEF - 4th Tuesday (public comment allowed under Open Forum)

Captain Al Walle reported that between March 22, 2022, and March 25, 2022, officers responded to 7,062 calls for service; two homicides; 29 aggravated assaults; 29 robberies; eight sexual assaults; 54 burglaries; three arsons; and 47 shots fired calls.

N. OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Mark Wassberg spoke against policies and decisions made by the current city council.

Genie Stowers gave comments against agenda Item O.2. to approve a Military Equipment Funding Acquisition.

Naomi Williams gave comments regarding the recent naming of the Juneteenth Underpass in honor of Jerold Hatchett.

Jan Mignone thanked the police department for its assistance in the relocation of a homeless person who lived near the Richmond Veteran's Hall.

Shawn Dunning stated that people would not call the police because they may not respond to the call and suggested a study be conducted to determine how many crimes go unreported.

O. ITEMS CONTINUED FROM APRIL 19, 2022

O.1 Ordinance Adjusting the Boundaries of Council Districts

ADOPT an ordinance (second reading) of the City Council of the City of Richmond adjusting the boundaries of the six City Council Districts and adopting a new official Council District Map No. 201, for the City of Richmond based on the results of the 2020 decennial census and amending RMC section 2.16.050 – City Clerk’s Office (Pamela Christian 510-620-6513). This item was continued from the April 19, 2022, meeting.

City Clerk Pamela Christian gave an overview. Jan Mignone, Mark Wassberg, Doris Mason, Madeline Law, Karla Perez, Naomi Williams, Norma gave comments via teleconference. Discussion ensued.

Motion by Councilmember Claudia Jimenez
Seconded by Councilmember Gayle McLaughlin

Ayes (4): Councilmember Claudia Jimenez, Councilmember Gayle McLaughlin, Councilmember Melvin Willis, and Vice Mayor Eduardo Martinez

Noes (3): Councilmember Nathaniel Bates, Councilmember Demnlus Johnson III, and Mayor Thomas K. Butt

Passed (4 to 3)

Substitute:

Motion by Councilmember Nathaniel Bates
Seconded by Councilmember Demnlus Johnson III

Substitute Motion to approve Map 102C.

Ayes (3): Councilmember Nathaniel Bates, Councilmember Demnlus Johnson III, and Mayor Thomas K. Butt

Noes (4): Councilmember Claudia Jimenez, Councilmember Gayle McLaughlin, Councilmember Melvin Willis, and Vice Mayor Eduardo Martinez

Failed (3 to 4)

O.2 Ordinance to Approve a Military Equipment Funding Acquisition and Use Policy.

INTRODUCE an ordinance (first reading) pursuant to state law (Assembly Bill 481), to approve a Military Equipment Funding, Acquisition, and Use Policy - City Attorney’s Office/Police Department (Dave Aleshire 510-620-6509/Louie Tirona 510-620-6655). This item was continued from the April 19, 2022, meeting.

Senior Assistant City Attorney Shannon Moore gave an overview. Discussion ensued. Mark Wassberg, Don Gosney, Emily Ross, and Marisol Cantu gave comments via teleconference. A motion was made by Councilmember Bates to introduce the ordinance. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Motion by Councilmember Demnlus Johnson III

Seconded by Councilmember Nathaniel Bates

The item was continued to allow staff to incorporate and study suggestions made and return at a future time with a draft ordinance for consideration.

Ayes (4): Councilmember Nathaniel Bates, Councilmember Demnlus Johnson III, Councilmember Melvin Willis, and Mayor Thomas K. Butt

Noes (1): Vice Mayor Eduardo Martinez

Abstentions (2): Councilmember Claudia Jimenez, and Councilmember Gayle McLaughlin

Passed (4 to 1)

P. CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Councilmember Nathaniel Bates

Seconded by Councilmember Demnlus Johnson III

Ayes (7): Councilmember Nathaniel Bates, Councilmember Claudia Jimenez, Councilmember Demnlus Johnson III, Councilmember Gayle McLaughlin, Councilmember Melvin Willis, Vice Mayor Eduardo Martinez, and Mayor Thomas K. Butt

Passed (7 to 0)

P.1 City Clerk's Office

P.1.a City Council Meeting Minutes

APPROVE the minutes of the regular April 5, 2022, Richmond City Council meeting - City Clerk's Office (Pamela Christian 510-620-6513).

P.2 Finance Department

P.2.a Contract with Charles River Associates

AUTHORIZE first amendment to the contract with Charles River Associates in an amount not to exceed \$90,000 for a new total of \$130,000 for expert financial advice and analysis as it relates to the City's Pension Obligation Bonds (POBs), and an independent review of its swaps, derivatives, and bonds - Finance Department. (Anil Comelo/Delmy Cuellar 510-620-6600).

P.2.b Approve Contracts to Provide Underwriter, Swap Advisor, Bond Counsel, and Disclosure Counsel Services for the Pension Obligation Bonds.

APPROVE contracts with Loop Capital Markets and Hilltop Securities to provide Co-underwriter Services in an amount of 0.30 percent of the principal amount (approximately \$480,000), and Legal Service Agreements in an amount not to exceed \$75,000 each with Jones Hall for

Bond Counsel and \$55,000 with Best Best & Krieger for Disclosure Counsel services - Finance Department (Anil Comelo/Delmy Cuellar 510-620-6600).

P.3 Human Resources

P.3.a Compensation Adjustment for the City Clerk

APPROVE a salary adjustment for the City Clerk effective March 1, 2022, from \$12,201.20/month to

\$13,421.32/month (a 10 percent increase) – Human Resources Department (Anil Comelo 510-620-6600).

Q. BUDGET SESSION

Q.1 Budget Presentations

RECEIVE budget presentation from City Attorney, City Clerk, City Manager, and Economic Development Departments – Finance Department (Delmy Cuellar/Mubeen Qader 510-412-2077).

The City Council received budget presentations from the City Attorney, City Clerk, City Manager, and Economic Development Departments.

Councilmembers requested the following information and follow-up: a report regarding the actuarial study related to the budget Cost Pool calculations; obtain outreach and community input on how the remaining \$17.1M American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds and how they would be spent; identify where funds would come from for the public bank; and reinstatement of the LEAP Literacy Fair.

Q.2 Receive Update on the Refinancing of the Pension Obligation Bonds (Pobs), and Peer Review Findings of Charles Rivers Associates.

RECEIVE update on the refinancing of the 2005 Pension Obligation Bonds (POBs) and Peer Review Findings - Finance Department (Anil Comelo/Delmy Cuellar 510-620-6600).

Interim Deputy City Manager Anil Comelo gave an overview. Bradley Wendt of Charles Rivers Associates presented a PowerPoint which highlighted the following: Independent Peer Review; Financing Snapshot; City's Bond Issue; City's Interest Rate Swap; Financing Options; Market Outreach; and Issue New Pension Bonds. Discussion ensued.

R. PUBLIC HEARINGS

CONTINUED TO MAY 3, 2022, a public hearing to approve fees for the Master Fee Schedule - Finance Department (Delmy Cuellar 510-620-6740).

S. STUDY AND ACTION SESSION

S.1 Improve Staff Morale

RECEIVE a presentation on ideas to maximize communication, raise employee morale, and to acknowledge the dedication of staff; and provide direction to staff. Councilmember Melvin Willis (510-412-2050) and Councilmember Claudia Jiménez (510) 620-6565. This item was continued from the March 22, 2022, meeting.

Continued to the May 24, 2022, City Council meeting.

S.2 Recognition of National Poetry Month

RECEIVE poetry reading from Poet Laureates David Flores and Adriana Avalos in honor of National Poetry Month – Councilmember Melvin Willis (510-412-2050).

Continued to the May 24, 2022, City Council meeting.

S.3 The Safe Return Project Celebrates its 10th Anniversary

PROCLAMATION recognizing the Safe Return Project for Ten Years of Service to Empowering the Formerly Incarcerated - Councilmember Claudia Jiménez (510-629-6565).

Councilmember Jimenez gave an overview.

(10:54 p.m. - A motion by Councilmember Willis to extend the meeting until the conclusion of Item S.3. died for lack of a second. A motion by Councilmember Jimenez, seconded by Councilmember Johnson III, to extend the meeting to discuss items S.3, S.4, and S.5 or until 11:30, passed by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Bates, Johnson III, Jimenez, McLaughlin, and Vice Mayor Martinez. Noes: Councilmember Willis and Mayor Butt. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

Safe return Project members Carlos Fernandez Adey Teshager, and Aaron Williams received the proclamation and presented a PowerPoint, which highlighted the following: Recidivism; Prison Admissions; Realignment Legislation (AB109); Civic Engagement; Setting People Free; Contra Costa Racial Justice Coalition; Policy Change; Collective Impact; Richard B. Empowerment Pathways Fellowship 2018; Grass Roots Organizing; and Safe Return Research.

S.4 Commemorating 50 Years of Service by Sojourner Truth Presbyterian Church

PROCLAMATION recognizing Sojourner Truth Presbyterian Church for 50 Years of Service to the Community – Councilmember Claudia Jimenez (510-620-6565).

Councilmember Jimenez gave an overview. Pastor Kamal Hassan received the proclamation.

S.5 Update on the Contra Costa County Animal and Sheltering Services

RECEIVE a report from the Animal Rights Coalition on the animal and sheltering services by the Contra Costa County Animal Services Department – Councilmember Nathaniel Bates (510-620-6743).

Continued to the May 3, 2022, City Council meeting.

S.6 Update on Cost Recovery and Revenue Enhancement

RECEIVE an update on the Cost Recovery and Revenue Enhancement tracking document and Options for Long-term Fiscal Sustainability; and PROVIDE input to City staff – City Manager’s Office (Shasa Curl/LaShonda White 620-6512).

Continued to the May 3, 2022, City Council meeting.

S.7 Update on the Transportation Division

RECEIVE a presentation from the Transportation Division to update the City Council and the community on the status of current and upcoming projects - City Council Office (Councilmember Demnlus Johnson III 510-620-6568).

Continued to the May 3, 2022, City Council meeting.

S.8 Process to clean up the City

RECEIVE a report and provide direction to staff for a process and procedure to clean up and maintain the cleanliness of the city - Councilmember Nathaniel Bates (510-620-6743).

Continued to the May 17, 2022, City Council meeting.

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

U. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:24 p.m. to meet again on May 3, 2022.

Clerk of the City of Richmond

Mayor

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Good Evening Mayor Butt, council and Staff,

I have some comments related to the Closed Session

1. Pamela Christian has done an incredible job making sure that the Agenda packets are out in a Timely Manner
2. Shasa Curl has done a Sensational Job, she has always keep the Council updated

Sincerely
Cordell

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good Evening Mayor Butt, Council and staff, I have some comments for the Record

1. for the May 24th Agenda, the Council should Invite Sabrina Landreth to Provide an Update on how CO-VID has impacted Park Services
2. Also to have DR Hurst to provide a report on the district

Sincerely
Cordell

From: [WILLIAM DABNEY](#)
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This is to express disappointment and concern that the Council is adopting boundaries for Council Districts which go against the interests of the community. BY disenfranchising the minority community, and diluting the votes of those who have lived in the urban core of Richmond, you are disrespecting many of us who have helped to build this city. Please register my regrets on this matter that we have a Council that votes its own interests rather than listening to the interests of the people.
Bob Dabney

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This is to register discontent with the council decision to re-draw the Council District boundaries in such a way as to lessen the impact of minority voters, in Richmond. We have utilized the process that the city established by going through our neighborhood councils and identifying the boundaries that we most felt would reflect the district's capacity to meet the needs of its constituents. To disregard the very process that the City established to hear from its residents, and then to disregard what the residents themselves have requested is appalling.

We are going to work to elect representatives that are independent and can respond to the needs of the people in their districts, not tell the people what their needs are and what is best for them.

Cheryl Maier

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good Evening Mayor Butt, Council and Staff,

I must commend the City Attorney's, City Clerk's and City Manager's Offices on their Presentations

Sincerely
Cordell

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Good Evening Mayor Butt, Council and Staff,

I want to thank Councilmembers Willis and Jimenez for bringing this very important Matter on the Agenda.

I do appreciate the staff for what they do for Richmond,

when I have a concern on an agenda item, I would email the staff person to explain why the item is on the Agenda

Sincerely
Cordell

From: [Bonnie Andrews, BRE #01085442](#)
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Please forward my letter to the Council and post it to the agenda for the above meeting 4/26.

Bonnie Andrews | Realtor
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April 25, 2022

Dear Mayor Butt and Councilmembers:

Letter for Agenda 4-26-22, Item S. 5

After reviewing the proposed changes in Animal Services I am completely in shock. I am a resident of El Sobrante, have worked at a vet clinic for 17 years, and volunteered many of the past years for rescue groups in our area including the Martinez Animal Shelter volunteer program with Sue Underwood. When Dr. Bachman was there, I have nothing but good memories, he was compassionate and cared so much about the animals, he always went the extra mile to help an animal be saved. As the years have past I have seen nothing but the animal shelter go down hill, our dedicated volunteers have left and the closing of the Pinole Shelter, lack of staffing to help with incidences with animals, and the care of the animals. I have continued to hear the name Beth Ward, but a lot is not great, no one wants to rock the boat with her in fear of being retaliated on. I cannot personally say as I do not know her. I recently heard that her salary is 300k with benefits and her associates is also high, shame on all of you. How can a county pay that type of salary (for one open shelter) and close a shelter that is so important to so many animals. It would appear that the financial advisor is not doing their job and the focus of helping the community animals has been lost.

First I would like to address the closing of the Pinole Shelter, on this side which services many cities, some that are not as wealthy as others, there is an increase of abandoned animals, people moving and leaving their animals or just releasing them, there is no where to take them, and most of these animal owners are not going to drive to Martinez, most don't have transportation or gas. You have created an extremely dangerous area for us to live in with these abandoned animals and unthinkable situations for the animals. The stress you have put on the rescue groups who are trying so hard to take up the slack is enormous, and I guarantee you they are not making 300k a year with benefits. They have kept their focus on trying to save the animals, help pay for medical, spay and neutering. The shelter had stopped taking in community cats, I asked what I should tell people that were trapping and trying to help the population by spaying and neutering, I was told to release them. Really, the shelter that gets funding and has a surplus for the general fund each year, cannot accommodate the needs of our county. I am questioning whoever is in charge and making these decisions is not taking the needs of our animals seriously. I work in the complex that the Pinole Shelter is in, and I watch daily people drive their, get out of their cars to see that it is closed and leave. What happens to the welfare of those animals who were going to be surrendered anyway, I can guarantee you that most of them did not make it to Martinez!

Second, as I read the time limits for the county to respond to priority 1-3 calls is ridiculous, hire more field employees, by the time they are able to get there, an animal has already been suffering way to long, a child or someone has already gotten bit, or the animal is gone, there should be transportation for birds, there needs to be in place quick response for wild animals so that they are not dying for hours or days because we do not have staffing.

Third, there needs to be more assistance with spays and neuters for rescues or clients with these animals. The reproduction of kittens and puppies is on the rise with not being able to have enough openings for surgeries. The waiting time is allowing more dogs and cats to get pregnant; I do not remember the shelter ever turning animals away, this is a disgrace for our county. We use to have a shelter that had happy volunteers, openings for all animals, medical care, this is not how people talk about the shelter anymore.

I am asking that the Pinole Shelter be opened back up, we must have a facility in our area. Medical attention must be given to animals in need, and there must be adequate staffing to field calls. I am asking for an audit for Animal Services Budget and see why we are not staffing appropriately for the needs of the county animals and an outside person with experience be consulted to have a program put in place that will help all of our animals in need. It appears that the people running these programs are either lacking the experience in this field, or have been unable to fulfill the requirement of putting a program in place that will help the animals in need.

Thank you,

Bonnie Andrews

From: [Katrinka Ruk](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept User](#); [Tom Butt - external](#); [Eduardo Martinez](#); [Nat Bates](#); [Demnlus Johnson](#); [claudia jimenez](#); [Melvin Willis](#); [Gayle McLaughlin](#)
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To: City Clerk, Richmond

Cc: Council Members, City Manager

S.6 Update on Cost Recovery and Revenue Enhancement

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->RECEIVE an update on the Cost Recovery and Revenue Enhancement tracking document and Options for Long-term Fiscal Sustainability; and PROVIDE input to City staff – City Manager’s Office (Shasa Curl/LaShonda White 620-6512).

This letter is being submitted on behalf of the Council of Business & Industries. Whereas we support the city being fiscally responsible, that the city ensures city services meet the expectations of the community and businesses that operate in the city, and, that the budget is balanced – however, focusing only on revenue enhancements is not being responsible to property owners, residents and businesses. In addition, the city needs to focus on cost containment and we have yet to see an analysis of such.

The majority of the twelve recommended “Revenue Enhancement Options” will

impact property owners, residents and businesses. According to the agenda report, estimated revenues from this group (excluding the ECIA) will result in \$15.5 Million of the \$27.3 Million estimate.

It is concerning that such an important discussion should be delegated to the end of city council agenda that is already very impacted. In addition, the material that is posted on the website – particularly “Proposed Revenue Generators” – which appears to have a great deal of information, is unreadable due to the font size.

We understand that more information will be brought back to the council, please consider providing comment regarding the following:

1) The Agenda Report notes that Management Partners were authorized to “gather best practices from around the country that might be good options for Richmond to Consider”- what local, similar cities were contacted and what was their input.

2) The Agenda Report states that the consultant will look at feedback from stakeholders and unions – has any feedback been requested from residents, the business community, and Economic Development Commission?

3) The recommendations include two parcel taxes and two additional taxes related to properties – has the city considered the impact that these will have on property owners, particularly retirees and seniors. With approximately 111,700 residents, 85,930 are classified as adults of which 14,690 are identified as seniors (www.worldpopulationreview.com). My current property taxes include 43% for parcel taxes and bonds. Many seniors are on fixed incomes; some property owners use their rentals to support their retirement. Have you reached out to property owners to determine if they can take on this additional tax burden?

4) Regarding the option to redevelop port land for alternative revenue-generating uses, port property is designated for port usages. We would be happy to work with the city to recruit port industries to Richmond.

5) The option to increase the cost recovery on planning, building services - how does Richmond compare with other similar cities? Increasing city permitting fees beyond what other similar cities charge will not incentivize developers to consider projects in this city.

We are still recovering from the pandemic – individuals and businesses. Any additional taxes and fees need to be fully vetted and shared with the public prior to final decisions being made. This should be done in parallel with cost reductions.

Thank you for your consideration.

Katrinka Ruk

Executive Director
Cc: COI and Chamber

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Meeting Date	Agenda Item	Name	Email	Comment	Position	Statu
<input type="checkbox"/> City Council						
4/26/2022 4:00 PM	Update on the Transportation Division	Jim Fouché	fouche@sonoma.edu	I am commenting on Item S.7 Update on Transportation Department I would like to express my view that Electric Vehicle charging in the Marina Bay Neighborhood of the City of Richmond is not adequate, especially for those of us living in Multi-Family Housing. I am in favor of an additional unit (s) of Solar powered EV Charging. Multi-Family housing units offer significant opportunities to expand Electric Vehicle usage in the City of Richmond. Such units also support EV access to underserved populations. Solar powered EV chargers are	For	Appro

especially desirable in terms of reducing dependence on vehicles that pollute our environment. I applaud the efforts of the Transportation Department of the City of Richmond to improve access of our citizens to clean, non-polluting fuel, especially for residents in Multi-family housing. These residents face severe obstacles to charging electric vehicles which are an increasing segment of private and public transportation. Electric vehicle charging infrastructure is a high priority of our current President and Governor and, thankfully, the City of Richmond. Questions of me can be sent via email to fouche@sonoma.edu or mail to my

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110, Richmond
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From: [Susan Lustig](#)
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Agenda Item: Clean Up The City - agenda item #S8

1. The unhoused and the trees:

I am asking that the City of Richmond take more responsibility to remove the blight along our roads and to liaison with Caltrans and any other appropriate organizations in order to move the unhoused individuals from our highway off ramps, public thoroughfares, and the trees to a safe and healthy location. And to somehow prevent them from returning, which has been their process to date. They leave, and they return. And the blight and destruction starts all over again.

The number of unhoused individuals living outdoors in our neighborhoods in and under the trees, using them as support stakes for their tents, blankets, and household items is increasing. It is dangerous and unhealthy. In my neighborhood near 580 and Meade the bottom third of a huge pine tree has been lit on fire and completely burned. Since then, the number of people living at the base of the tree has increased and two large tents are now in use. This is at the railroad overpass at the frontage road. See photo of street sign at Regatta and Meade. The blight is increasing daily. (See photos)

On Marina Bay Parkway at the westbound 580 exit a bicycle hangs on a tree branch for all to see. On that corner, tree branches have been cut off in order to connect tents and blankets to the trees. In other words, the trees are being destroyed. Trash is everywhere.

2. Blight:

On the east side of 580 between Regatta and Marina Bay Parkway at 34th and Hoffman, huge piles of trash are strewn all along the frontage road! Someone living there is burning a fire, smoke permeates the air. If this trash catches on fire it will be a catastrophe for the buildings across the street and the homes nearby. (See photos)

At the 580 westbound Harbor Way exit, there are more people living there than the last time I drove by. More trash and furniture scattered around.

I know there are many other areas in Richmond with these same issues that need attention. It is an emergency situation. The ones I mention are one mile from my home where I ride my bicycle and drive to get on the freeway.

3. New Marina Way bike path:

I have been using the new bike path on Marina Way. And as of today, it is covered with shattered bits

of glass, dirt and rocks. Hard to ride your bike along it. Requesting regular street sweeping.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my concerns. I hope they will be taken seriously so Richmond can become a beautiful place to live.

Sincerely,

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