

RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, June 14, 2022

Community Services Building
440 Civic Center Plaza
Richmond, CA 94804

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

The Richmond City Council Special Open Session was called to order at 1:03 p.m. by Mayor Thomas K. Butt via teleconference.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Gayle McLaughlin, Melvin Willis, Vice Mayor Eduardo Martinez, and Mayor Thomas K. Butt. **Absent:** Councilmembers Nathaniel Bates, Claudia Jimenez, and Demnlus Johnson III arrived after the Open Session adjourned to Closed Session.

C. CLOSED SESSION

C.1 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT (Government Code Section 54957.6)

Title: City Attorney

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

Winehaven Legacy LLC v. City of Richmond, et al.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT BEFORE CLOSED SESSION

There were no public speakers via teleconference.

E. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

The Open Session adjourned to Closed Session at 1:04 p.m. Closed Session adjourned and reconvened back to Open Session at 5:50 p.m. with all members present.

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

Senior Assistant City Attorney Heather McLaughlin stated there were no reportable actions taken.

G. ADJOURNMENT

The Open Session adjourned at 6:01 p.m., in memory of Clarence Hughes, Henry Clark, and Gerald Montgomery.

Clerk of the City of Richmond

Mayor

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Dear City Council Members, City Attorney David Alshire, and City Manager Shasa Curl,

Once again I would like to thank City Council members McLaughlin, Willis, Jimenez, Martinez and Johnson for voting not to sell Point Molate to SunCal. In doing so, you have saved Richmond from a development project that would certainly have drained Richmond's General Fund, and caused taxpayers to pay for the required 24/7 fire station for just 1400 luxury homes.

I also want to thank City Attorney Alshire and City staff for recognizing that this project would negatively affect the City fiscally and recommended against the sale.

I also want to address the constant gaslighting by the Mayor regarding this project. He knows very well he authored the \$400 rights to sell Point Molate within five years in his backdoor settlement deal, yet continues to lie about it saying he didn't author it. He created this entire mess, but refuses to take the blame. He chose the developer, SunCal, that has a history of suing cities, flipping properties, and filing for at least 26 bankruptcies.

Tom Butt lies, bullies, attacks his constituents who don't agree with him, and refuses to take responsibility for his own failings. He invited SunCal to sue the City by trying to bait Council Members McLaughlin and Jimenez, asking them publicly what their plans were for Point Molate so that SunCal would have valid reasons to sue the City. I ask, what mayor does this to his own city? The answer is Mayor Tom Butt does this to his City.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Jeanne Kortz
Richmond Resident

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Good Afternoon Mayor Butt, Council Members and Staff,

for the Next City Attorney, is that He/ she will display Professionalism

and would represent the City at Hearings

Sincerely
Cordell