

RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA,

February 28, 2023, 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 meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by Mayor Eduardo Martinez via teleconference.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Soheila Bana, Doria Robinson, Vice Mayor Gayle McLaughlin, and Mayor Eduardo Martinez. **Absent:** Councilmember Melvin Willis was absent the entire meeting. Councilmembers Claudia Jimenez and Cesar Zepeda arrived after roll call.

C. CLOSED SESSION

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

- Ferreira-Dias v. City of Richmond, et al.
- DKD of Hilltop, Inc., et al. v. City of Richmond

C.2 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR (Government Code Section 54956.8)

- Property: South 45th Street to the west, Wall Avenue to the south, Interstate 80 to the east, and the BART tracks to the north
- Agency negotiators: Anita Luck, Lina Velasco, Jesus Morales and Nannette Beacham
- Negotiating parties: Miraflores Community Devco, LLC
- Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment
- Property: 1324 Canal Boulevard (General Warehouse, Port of Richmond)
Agency negotiator: Dave Aleshire, Lizeht Zepeda and Nannette Beacham
- Negotiating parties: Richmond Grown Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment

C.3 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (Government Code Section 54957.6)

- Agency Representatives: Sharrone Taylor and Jack Hughes
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

The meeting adjourned at 4:07 p.m. Closed Session adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

F. SPECIAL MEETING OF THE RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL

The Special Meeting was called to order at 5:38 p.m.

G. ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Soheila Bana, Doria Robinson, Vice Mayor Gayle McLaughlin, and Mayor Eduardo Martinez. **Absent:** Councilmember Melvin Willis was absent the entire meeting. Councilmembers Claudia Jimenez and Cesar Zepeda arrived after roll call.

H. STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

I. AGENDA REVIEW

None.

J. West Contra Costa Unified School District Update

RECEIVE an update from West Contra Costa Unified School District (WCCUSD) Superintendent Kenneth Chris Hurst and WCCUSD staff on strategic planning, academics, safety, and operations – City Manager’s Office (Shasa Curl/LaShonda White 510-620-6512).

Dr. Kenneth Hurst, Sr., Koy Hill, Michael Booker, Dr. Robert McEntire, Ellen Mejia Hooper, Elizabeth Sanders, and Conrad Tanasychuk, presented a PowerPoint, which highlighted the following: Strategic Planning Process; Academics; STAR Reading & Math State Benchmark by Primary Ethnicity; Cohort Grad A-G Completion Rates; UC System Admission Rates; WCCUSD Schools Serving the City of Richmond; Career Pathway programs & VAPA; Community Schools Programs: Social, Emotional, & Physical Safety; Current Supports; WCCUSD Safety Monitoring Dashboard; Safety Resources; School Safety Tracker; Budget Changes; Opportunities and Risks to Fiscal Condition; Increased LCFE Funding Changes Assumptions; Changes to Expenditures 2022-23; Components of the Ending Fund Balance; Construction Projects 2023; 7-11 Committee; and Negotiations Update. Discussion ensued.

The city council requested statistics for the number of students that graduated and those that did not; the number of college counselors at each high school; the population percentages data; community organizations serving Richmond youth to use district facilities; an MOU to collaborate with the city to utilize each other's facilities; and the social & emotional risk service criteria data.

The following individuals gave comments via teleconference: Mike Peritz, Deborah Bayer, Francisco Ortiz, Jessi Taran, and Brian Bland.

Deputy City Manager LaShonda White requested that questions from councilmembers were sent to her in order to follow up with the school district.

K. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

L. REGULAR MEETING OF THE RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Mayor Eduardo Martinez.

M. ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Soheila Bana, Claudia Jimenez, Doria Robinson, Cesar Zepeda, Vice Mayor Gayle McLaughlin, and Mayor Eduardo Martinez. **Absent:** Councilmember Melvin Willis was absent the entire meeting.

N. PUBLIC COMMENT INSTRUCTIONAL VIDEO

The Public Comment Instructional Video was shown.

O. STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

P. AGENDA REVIEW

Study and Action Session Item V.9 - *Presentation on impending impact of sea level rise was moved to be heard immediately following approval of the Consent Calendar and Item U.1 - Resolution terminating the Declaration of the COVID-19 Local Emergency* was removed from the consent calendar and moved to be heard following Item V.9.

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

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(paragraph (1) of Subdivision [d] of Government Code Section 54956.9)

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City Council voted unanimously and gave direction to the city attorney to negotiate settlement agreements for both cases.

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A status report was given, and direction was given for further negotiations.

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

City Manager Shasa Curl reported the following: the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Mobile Disaster Recovery Center would be located at the Civic Center parking lot on March 1, 2023, to assist those impacted by the recent storms. Other locations would be at Community Presbyterian Church at 200 E. Leland Road Pittsburg, California, and at 510 La Gonda Way, Danville, California 94526 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily from February 15 to March 16, 2023. More information could be obtained at www.disasterassistance.gov, by calling 800-621-3362, or the City Manager's Office at 510- 620-6512; and Richmond residents are eligible to bring up to three mattresses per month to be recycled at no cost. Mattresses or box springs can be dropped off Wednesday through Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at 101 Pittsburg Avenue, Richmond. Proof of residency required ID or utility bill. For information on Household Hazardous Waste disposal visit, www.ci.richmond.ca.us/1720/Hazardous-Waste.

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

Police Chief Bisa French reported the following crime trends during the month of February 2023: 62 assaults, 19 robberies, 2 sexual assaults, 27 burglaries, 122 thefts, 65 vehicle thefts, 1 arson; 185 vehicles were towed; responded to four side shows; responded to 143 vehicle collisions; and conducted nine DUI investigations.

Significant investigations: a major injury collision on February 15th on the 34th block of Richmond Parkway which required trained traffic investigators due to the seriousness of the injuries involved; a shooting on February 17th in Crescent Park which caused a vehicle to crash into the rear of a home; a fatal hit and run on February 18th at the intersection of Cutting Avenue and Carlson Boulevard.

Vacancy information: eight police officers, two professional staff, two records specialists, and one parking enforcement staff were hired.

T. OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The following individuals gave comments via teleconference:

Jessi Taran stated there would not be a need to hire an investigator in the police department if cameras were in place throughout the city.

Mark Wassberg gave comments regarding communists and terrorist regimes.

Deborah Bayer stated that federal assistance should also be provided to chronically unhoused persons.

Tarnel Abbott stated that part of the plan for Point Molate included soccer fields. Ms. Abbot also urged the city to staff the Richmond Public Library so it could open on Saturdays and that the contract was renewed to enable the library to purchase books.

Joseph Puleo gave comments regarding public right of ways and the benefits of fencing in certain areas.

Leisa Johnson stated that the Internal Revenue Service and Franchise tax filing deadlines for California was extended to May 15, 2023, and to October 16, 2023, mainly for those who suffered losses due to the recent floods.

Rolanda Wilson from the Red Cross gave comments regarding the installation of smoke alarms in Richmond homes in partnership with the Richmond Fire Department during Red Cross Month.

U. CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Vice Mayor Gayle McLaughlin

Seconded by Councilmember Claudia Jimenez

Ayes (6): Mayor Eduardo Martinez, Councilmember Cesar Zepeda, Councilmember Doria Robinson, Councilmember Soheila Bana, Vice Mayor Gayle McLaughlin, and Councilmember Claudia Jimenez

Absent (1): Councilmember Melvin Willis

Passed (6 to 0)

U.1 City Attorney's Office

U.1.a Adoption of Resolution Terminating the Declaration of the Existence of a Local Emergency in Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic, Consistent with Government Code Section 8630(d)

ADOPT a resolution terminating the Declaration of the Existence of a Local Emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, consistent with Government Code Section 8630(d) – City Manager’s Office/City Attorney’s Office (Shasa Curl/Dave Aleshire 510-620-6509).

City Attorney Dave Aleshire gave an overview. Discussion ensued.

The city council requested more information about the effect of the COVID-19 moratoriums such as the Eviction Moratorium and the impact of the continued use of parklets at businesses; consider the possibility of Board and Commission meetings remaining via Zoom; addition to the resolution to include direction to the Rent Board to develop a plan to support renters due to the end of the eviction moratorium; directed staff to facilitate hybrid meetings and clarify if all committee or board members could also participate from home; directed staff to report back on the mitigation of the potential impacts of the end of the termination of the local emergency by also examining what other cities were doing in accordance with Brown Act provisions.

Adopted **Resolution No. 22-23**

Motion by Councilmember Claudia Jimenez

Seconded by Councilmember Cesar Zepeda

Ayes (6): Mayor Eduardo Martinez, Councilmember Cesar Zepeda, Councilmember Doria Robinson, Councilmember Soheila Bana, Vice Mayor Gayle McLaughlin, and Councilmember Claudia Jimenez

Absent (1): Councilmember Melvin Willis

Passed (6 to 0)

U.2 Finance Department

U.2.a Budget Presentation

RECEIVE a written report from the City Manager, Capital Improvement Projects, Internal Services (Information Technology, Human Resources, Finance), Economic Development, City Clerk, City Council, Mayor's Office - Finance Department (Shasa Curl/Delmy Cuellar 510-620-6790). **This item was continued from the February 7, 2023, and February 21, 2023, meetings.**

U.2.b Budget Presentations

RECEIVE a written report from Community Services (Children and Youth, Employment & Training, Environmental and Community Investment Agreement Grant Administration, Library, Office of Neighborhood Safety, Recreation, Transportation), Community Development (Building, Code Enforcement, Housing Policy, Planning, Successor Agency to the former Redevelopment Agency), and City Attorney's Office – Finance Department (Shasa Curl/Delmy Cuellar 510-620-6790). **This item was continued from the February 21, 2023, meeting.**

U.3 Library and Community Services

U.3.a Alliance Graphics Contract

APPROVE a contract with Alliance Graphics in an amount not to exceed \$40,000, for graphic arts products and materials, with a term beginning February 28, 2023, through June 30, 2025 – Community Services Department (Tamara Walker/Fred Lucero 510-621-1562).

U.4 Mayor's Office

U.4.a Proclamation declaring March as American Red Cross Month

PROCLAMATION declaring March as American Red Cross Month - Mayor Eduardo Martinez (510-620-6503) and Councilmember Soheila Bana (510-620-6743).

U.4.b Proclamation recognizing February 28, 2023, as Rare Diseases Day in Richmond, California.

PROCLAMATION recognizing February 28, 2023, as Rare Diseases Day in Richmond, California - Mayor Eduardo Martinez (510-620-6503) and Councilmember Soheila Bana (510-620-6743).

U.5 Public Works

U.5.a Proposed Contract with Chain Link Fence & Supply, Inc.

APPROVE a contract in the amount of \$24,509 for the fencing project at Point Molate, with a term from February 21, 2023, through June 30, 2023

– Public Works Department (Daniel Chavarria 510-620-5478/Greg Hardesty 510-620-6920).

V. STUDY AND ACTION SESSION

V.1 Three-year Agreement with Flock Group, Inc.

APPROVE a three-year agreement with Flock Group, Inc. for the acquisition, support, and maintenance of a Fixed Automated License Plate Reader System, in an amount not to exceed \$249,600, for a term beginning March 1, 2023, through February 28, 2026, and with two one-year renewal options based on the same terms - Police Department (Chief Bisa French 510-621-1802). This item was continued from the February 21, 2023, meeting.

Police Chief Bisa French gave an overview. Laura Ann Holland of Flock Safety presented a PowerPoint, which highlighted the following: How the Technology works; Mitigating Risk; Protecting Privacy; Transparency & Insights. Discussion ensued.

Mike Katz-Lacabe and Tony Sustak gave comments via teleconference.

City Council requested a Sharing of Information MOU with other agencies that would mandate their adherence to the city's Sanctuary City Policy.

(11:01 p.m. - A motion made by Councilmember Jimenez, seconded by Councilmember Zepeda, extended the meeting until 11:30 p.m., passed unanimously with Councilmember Willis absent).

A motion was made, and approval of the agreement was passed.

Motion by Councilmember Soheila Bana

Seconded by Councilmember Cesar Zepeda

Ayes (6): Mayor Eduardo Martinez, Councilmember Cesar Zepeda, Councilmember Doria Robinson, Councilmember Soheila Bana, Vice Mayor Gayle McLaughlin, and Councilmember Claudia Jimenez

Absent (1): Councilmember Melvin Willis

Passed (6 to 0)

V.2 Report by the West Contra Costa Fire Safe Council

RECEIVE a presentation from West Contra Costa Fire Safe Council (WCCFSC) regarding its mission, objectives, and achievements – Fire Department (Chief Angel Montoya 510-307-8041). This item was continued from the December 20, 2022, and January 24, 2023, meetings.

This item was continued to the March 7, 2023, City Council meeting.

V.3 Community Crisis Response Program Update

RECEIVE an update regarding the development of a Community Crisis Response Program – Community Services Department (LaShonda White/Patrick Seals 510-620-6512). This item was continued from the January 24, 2023, meeting.

Deputy City Manager LaShonda White gave an overview. David Harris from Urban Strategies presented a PowerPoint, which highlighted the following: Community Response Elements; Engagement Explores Residents Experiences; Key Stakeholder Meetings and Briefings: Richmond Survey. Discussion ensued.

The following individuals gave comments via teleconference: Jessi Taran, Leisa Johnson, Deborah Small, and Jamin Pursell.

City council requested a timeline of when the program would be launched. Recommendations would be presented to the City Council by early May along with a presentation from the Matrix group.

V.4 Chevron Hydrogen Project Legal Services Agreement

APPROVE a legal services agreement with Aleshire & Wynder for legal representation related to a proposed Chevron Hydrogen Fuel project, with the term expiration date of June 30, 2024, and for a total amount not to exceed \$85,000 to be paid by fees collected from the project applicant - City Attorney's Office (James Atencio 510-620-6509). This item was continued from the February 21, 2023, meeting.

This item was continued to the March 7, 2023, City Council meeting.

V.5 Fourth Contract Amendment with the Segal Group (Western States) DBA Segal

APPROVE a fourth contract amendment in the amount of \$20,000 with The Segal Group, Inc., for a total amount not to exceed \$350,000, to provide consultation services regarding implementation of the classification and compensation study, with a term extending through December 31, 2023 - Human Resources Department (Nickie Mastay/Sharrone Taylor 510-620-6602). This item was continued from the February 21, 2023, meeting.

Interim Human Resources Director Sharonne Taylor gave an overview. Discussion ensued.

Motion by Vice Mayor Gayle McLaughlin
Seconded by Councilmember Soheila Bana

Ayes (7): Mayor Eduardo Martinez, Councilmember Melvin Willis, Councilmember Cesar Zepeda, Councilmember Doria Robinson, Councilmember Soheila Bana, Vice Mayor Gayle McLaughlin, and Councilmember Claudia Jimenez

Passed (7 to 0)

V.6 Contract with Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc. (WJE) for Historic Resource Evaluations

APPROVE a sole-source contract with Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc. (WJE), in an amount not to exceed \$250,000, for a term ending June 30, 2024, to provide evaluation and related design services of certain historic structures at Winehaven Historic District and Shipyard No. 3 Historic District – Public Works Department (Daniel Chavarria 510-620-5478/Lina Velasco 510-620-6841). This item was continued from the February 21, 2023, meeting.

This item was continued to the March 7, 2023, City Council meeting.

V.7 THIS ITEM HAS BEEN CONTINUED TO THE MARCH 7, 2023, CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

Finance Committee and Support Staff

APPROVE the creation of the Finance Committee and the hiring of the one staff person within the Mayor's Office to support the Finance Committee. The deadline to create the Finance committee that includes the City staff will be March 21, 2023 – Mayor's Office (Mayor Eduardo Martinez 510-620-6503). **This item was continued from the February 21, 2023, meeting.**

V.8 Contract with The Pivotal Group Consultants, Inc.

APPROVE a contract and draft scope of work with The Pivotal Group Consultants, Inc. to host a City Council teambuilding retreat, and assist in developing and implementing a City-wide strategic plan, in an amount not to exceed \$288,796, with a term expiration of June 30, 2025. City staff will return on March 28, 2023, with an updated scope of work for review and consideration – City Manager's Office (Shasa Curl 510-620-6512).

This item was continued to the March 7, 2023, City Council meeting.

V.9 Presentation on the impending impact of sea level rise based on scientific data and how Richmond can prepare.

RECEIVE a presentation from Dr. Kristina Hill, Associate Professor of Environmental Planning and Urban Design and Director of the Institute for Urban and Regional Development at UC Berkeley to further our understanding of the latest science regarding sea level rise and its impact on our city - Vice Mayor Gayle McLaughlin (510-620-6366).

Vice Mayor McLaughlin gave an overview. Dr. Kristina Hill made a presentation, which highlighted the following: Impacts on Richmond; Netherlands Water Plan 2.0; State of California Sea Level Rise Guidance; Icefin Robot Probe; Sea Level Rise at the Liquid Gold Superfund Site; Groundwater Hazard; and Contamination in Soil.

Mark Wassberg, Jessi Taran, Paul Carman, Stuart Flashman, Tarnel Abbott, Visa K., Jamin Pursell, and Tony Sustak. Discussion ensued.

Dr. Hill's presentation and notes would be added to the city's environmental webpage as well as recommended as an addition to the city's Environmental Action Plan.

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

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 p.m., to meet again on March 7, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

Clerk of the City of Richmond

Mayor

From: [Cordell Hindler](#)
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Hello Mayor Martinez, Council Members and Staff,

The Comments for the Record:

for the March 28th Agenda, The Council Should Invite Danny Wan To Provide a Presentation on The Port of Oakland Plan to Recover from the Pandemic

Also To Have Lesa McIntosh to Provide a Presentation on EBMUD

Sincerely
Cordell

From: [Sharon Teresa Louisell](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept User](#); [Soheila Bana](#)
Cc: [Neelam Patil](#)
Subject: Eco-conscious comment / suggestion / request
Date: Friday, February 24, 2023 7:31:11 PM

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Dear Richmond City Council,
My name is Sharon Teresa "Tarina" Louisell and I am a Therapist in Richmond High School.

I submit this comment because we are facing an eco-emergency, with 40% of plant and animal species at risk of extinction in the United States.

<https://www.deccanherald.com/science-and-environment/nearly-40-of-plants-animals-in-us-at-risk-of-extinction-report-1188398.html>

I believe in thinking globally, yet acting locally; and planting one or more native forests (aka Miyawaki forests) in Richmond can help reverse this emergency. It's surprisingly easy!

Furthermore, "for every 1% increase in tree cover, there is a 0.4% (0.1 to 0.7%) decrease in violent crime":

[Is green space associated with reduced crime? A national-scale study from the Global South - ScienceDirect](#)

Also, "the greener a city is, the fewer homicides it saw over a 30-year period":

[Can Green Spaces Reduce Violence? | Psychology Today](#)

Specifically regarding the City of Richmond, a native forest will balance health inequities.

In Richmond, asthma rates are almost double than the national average due to "carbon emissions trap(ping) the oxygen molecules that are in our air into the CO₂— which means there's less oxygen for life to breathe": [REACH | Collaborative Learning for Equity and Respiratory Health Lab \(ucsf.edu\)](#)

[How will future warming and CO2 emissions affect oxygen concentrations? | MIT Climate Portal](#)

Miyawaki forests balance this imbalance through sequestering the carbon molecules into its soil.

In Europe there was found to be an "offset (of) one year of carbon emissions per 100 m² lot of planted Miyawaki forest".

[Urban-Forests-report-The-Miyawaki-method---Data-concepts.pdf](#)

Currently CAL Fire is providing grants for such forests, including pulling up black top.

<https://www.fire.ca.gov/grants/>

I can't help but notice that the Adult School on Carlson Blvd. near Interstate 80 sits on a massive amount of black top that I have almost never seen utilized.

My friend Neelam Patil was featured in TIME magazine last year, due to her planting of native forests in Berkeley schools, so if agreed and allowed, this process can be overseen responsibly.

<https://time.com/6181167/neelam-patil-innovative-teachers-2022/>

I've shared you on a google doc with more research I personally did re: Miyawaki forests:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1CrJXIIH0ejYZ_Uhx02NywcfBlkhBhNnYHj2P8gEZYVg/edit?usp=sharing

I'm hoping this can be discussed in the meeting planned for Tuesday, March 7th, 2023.

Please do reach me?

Thank you so much for your attention here! We are in this world together.

Sharon Teresa "Tarina"

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Sharon Teresa Louisell, MSW, ACSW (she, her, hers)

c. 510.230.9192

"Imagination is everything. It is the preview of Life's coming attractions". -Albert Einstein

From: [Kathleen Wimer](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept User](#)
Cc: [Eduardo Martinez](#); [Gayle McLaughlin](#); [Melvin Willis](#); [Claudia Jimenez](#); [Doria Robinson](#); [Cesar Zepeda](#); [Soheila Bana](#)
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Dear Mayor Martinez and Council Members,

Almost all of the "What we did" and "What we plan" statements included in these Budget Presentations reflect inputs of these sorts (not to pick on any particular city department): "Engage in regional and federal efforts," "Explore grant opportunities." What matters is the outcome resulting from staff inputs. For what reason, to accomplish what city objectives will staff engage in regional and federal efforts? The same vis-a-vis grant opportunities. What outcomes do staff wish to produce for which grants, in what amount, will be necessary and for which they will leave no stone unturned to find the funds to produce?

Few of these budget updates include any bottom line. They do not describe what will be better, what outcomes will result because of the inputs the public presumes staff gives every day, all the time.

I hope the mayor and council can begin work with the city manager on outcome-driven budget proposals which will be matched by mid-year or better, quarterly, reports with more specificity. For example, it would be nice to hear this kind of outcome projected by (again, not to pick on any particular department) the Department of Economic Development, "Facilitated operation of X number of new businesses in Richmond that employ X number of Richmond residents and add x \$million to the city's general fund."

It is hard to imagine how the Mayor and Council Members can be held accountable for the city's success or failures unless the information available to you depicts actual results against projections stated in terms of precise, measurable, agreeable aims and planned outcomes.

Sincerely,
Kathleen Wimer
Richmond Resident



Meeting Date	Agenda Item	Name	Email	Comment	Position	Status
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2/28/2023 4:00 PM	West Contra Costa Unified School District Update	Kathleen Wimer		<p>1.) Graph at beginning of report shows “We are here” as of Fall/Winter 2022. This is Fall/Winter 2023. Is this an error? If this is where we are; where do we go next? 2.) The math and reading STAR (for what does that stand?) benchmarks are below acceptable levels. Only for “Multiple” ethnicities and for “White” do levels exceed 60%. What’s being done to improve learning attainment levels? 3.) What’s the difference between completion rates and A - G percentage rates? Completion rates are low. What’s being done to retain students</p>	-	Appro

through to completion? 4.) Admission rates to the UC system are supplied and appear respectable. Information is meaningless without comparison to application rates.

2/28/2023 4:00 PM	Proposed Contract with Chain Link Fence & Supply, Inc.	Joe Puleo	joepuleo@hotmail.com	It should be possible to reuse the existing chain link fabric at the Bio/swale. Was this option and the cost savings considered?	No Position	Appro
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