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hello Mayor Martinez, Council Members and Staff,

I Under Goal 5;

I I Would Like to See Some Additional Staff In the Economic Development Division

Also I Would Like to See Having A Firm To Assist Human Resources In Revising Job Classifications

Sincerely
Cordell

From: [Marisol Cantu](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept User](#)
Subject: 1) Public Comments
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Hello City Council members, Mayor, and City Clerk,

My name is Marisol Cantu, I am a current ESL professor at Contra Costa College, 3rd generation Richmond resident and CCC alum, and a member of the City of Richmond's Reimagining Public Safety Community Task Force. I am writing to ask that you prioritize funding for the 'Community Crisis Response Program', a non-police crisis program. In 2021, the previous city council recognized that need and made an initial investment into the Community Crisis Response Program with over 130 public comments made by Richmond residents supporting this program, including some police who recognized they are not equipped to handle mental health crises. The council listened to its constituents and now needs to honor this commitment by prioritizing funding in the budget.

In 2022, Urban Strategies Council (USC), was hired by the City of Richmond to conduct research and analysis of various community Crisis Response Program options. USC has been conducting comprehensive data gathering through interviews, meetings, and surveys designed to collect diverse points of view to help understand existing barriers to services. USC will soon be delivering its report to the city council with options for program design. The city needs to be ready to implement its own program in 2024 if not sooner.

Of the six goal areas the City Council has collectively decided upon, we believe the Community Crisis Response Program serves three:

1. Improve the quality of life and community health
2. Improve public safety
3. Strengthen the City's internal infrastructure and processes

Thank you for your service and commitment to the city of Richmond.
Marisol Cantu