

RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, September 12, 2023

Community Services Building
440 Civic Center Plaza
Richmond, CA 94804

A. OPEN SESSION TO HEAR PUBLIC COMMENT BEFORE CLOSED SESSION

The Richmond City Council Evening Open Session was called to order at 4:31 p.m. by Mayor Eduardo Martinez.

B. ROLL CALL

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

C. CLOSED SESSION

C.1 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

- City Designated Representative: Dave Aleshire, City Attorney
Unrepresented employee: City Manager

C.2 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Government Code Section 54957)

- Title: City Manager

C.3 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR (Government Code Section 54956.8)

- Property: 425 24th Street, Richmond, CA 94804 (Homekey Program at Motel 6 location)
Agency Negotiators: Nannette Beacham, Lina Velasco, Jesus Morales
Negotiating Parties: Novin Development, Corp, Journey Hospitality, Inc.
Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment
- Property: Metro Walk Phase II at Richmond Transit Village
Agency Negotiators: Lina Velasco, Nannette Beacham
Negotiating Parties: Pacific West Communities, Inc., San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District
Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment (12th Amendment/Disposition and Development Agreement)

**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)**

- One Case

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

- Two Cases

**D. PUBLIC COMMENT BEFORE CLOSED SESSION (limited to items on the Closed
Session agenda only)**

Eric Smith gave comments in person and Mike Velazquez gave comments via teleconference, regarding Item C.1.

E. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

The Open Session adjourned to Closed Session at 4:37 p.m. Closed Session adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

F. REGULAR MEETING OF THE RICHMOND HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Regular Meeting of the Richmond Housing Authority Board of Commissioners was called to order at 7:26 p.m. by Chairperson Eduardo Martinez.

G. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Martinez led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

H. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Soheila Bana, Claudia Jimenez, Doria Robinson, Cesar Zepeda, Vice Chair Gayle McLaughlin, Chair Eduardo Martinez, and Housing Authority Tenant Commissioner Jaycine Scott. **Absent:** Commissioner Melvin Willis was absent for the entire meeting.

I. STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

J. REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Interim Richmond Housing Authority Executive Director Gabino Arredondo presented a PowerPoint regarding an update on the Nevin Plaza rehabilitation project.

K. AGENDA REVIEW

None.

L. HOUSING AUTHORITY OPEN FORUM

Sharon Sanders expressed concerns regarding the homelessness crisis and stated that she did not see very many councilmembers in the community. Ms. Sanders urged the council to prioritize housing for the homeless.

Mark Wassberg expressed concerns regarding security at the Hacienda Senior Apartments. Mr. Wassberg reported that he was a victim of theft at the property and urged the council to resolve the security issues.

M. HOUSING AUTHORITY CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Housing Authority Tenant Commissioner Scott
Seconded by Vice Chair McLaughlin

To approve all items on the Housing Authority Consent Calendar.

Ayes (7): Commissioner Bana, Commissioner Jimenez, Commissioner Robinson, Commissioner Willis, Commissioner Zepeda, Vice Chair McLaughlin, Chair Martinez, and Housing Authority Tenant Commissioner Scott.

Absent (1): Commissioner Willis.

Passed (7 to 1)

M.1 Emergency Contract with Nichols Consulting Engineers, CHTD (NCE) for Part 58 Environmental Review

ADOPT a resolution authorizing an emergency contract with Nichols Consulting Engineers (NCE) for \$13,600 plus a 10 percent contingency of \$1,360, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$14,960, with a term ending August 1, 2024, to complete a Part 58 Environmental Review - Richmond Housing Authority (Gabino Arredondo 510-620-6606).

Adopted Resolution No. 2189

M.2 Housing Authority Meeting Minutes

APPROVE the minutes of the April 18, 2023, Special Meeting; June 6, 2023, Regular Meeting; June 20 and June 27, 2023, Joint Special Meetings of the Richmond Housing Authority - City Clerk's Office (Pamela Christian 510-620-6513).

M.3 Contract Amendment with Doherty's Truck & Auto Rental

ADOPT a resolution approving a first contract amendment with Doherty's Truck & Auto Rental increasing the contract amount by \$30,858, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$40,858, with a term extending through June 30, 2025, for the rental of a truck used for maintenance and unit turnover activities – Richmond Housing Authority (Gabino Arredondo 510-620-6606).

Adopted Resolution No. 2190

N. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

O. REGULAR MEETING OF THE RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL

The Regular Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order at 7:36 p.m. by Mayor Martinez.

P. ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Bana, Jimenez, Robinson, Zepeda, Vice Mayor McLaughlin, and Mayor Martinez. **Absent:** Councilmember Willis was absent for the entire meeting.

Q. STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

R. AGENDA REVIEW

Items Y.4 (Sea Level Rise and Shoreline Development) and Y.5 (Wildfire Prevention Memorandum of Understanding) were continued to the September 19, 2023, City Council meeting.

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

City Attorney Dave Aleshire gave the following report:

Item C.1 (employee labor negotiations) was not discussed. There was no reportable action taken regarding the unrepresented employee matter.

Item C.2 (City Manager performance evaluation) was completed.

Item C.3 (real property negotiations) the Home Key Program matter was discussed and direction was given for further negotiation. The Metro Walk matter was not discussed.

Items C.4 and C.5 (anticipated litigations) were not discussed.

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

City Manager Shasa Curl presented a PowerPoint that highlighted the following upcoming events: Richmond High School Modernization Community Meeting on September 13, 2023; Movies in the Plaza on September 15, 2023; Community Safety Academy on September 28 through November 18, 2023; and Pajama Storytime at the West Side Branch Library on September 11 and October 16, 2023.

T.1 NEW EMPLOYEE REPORT - 1st Tuesday

None.

U. REPORTS OF OFFICERS: REFERRALS TO STAFF, AND GENERAL REPORTS (INCLUDING AB 1234 REPORTS)(limited to two minutes per Councilmember)(public comments allowed under Open Forum)

Councilmember Bana called for a moment of silence in memory of all victims of the following recent natural disasters: wildfires in Maui, Hawaii; earthquake in Morocco; and flood in Libya. Councilmember Bana reported that she attended the Asian Pacific Islander Leadership Conference in Sacramento, California.

Councilmember Zepeda announced that dinner for the council was provided by Bubaloo Cafe in Richmond and urged the community to support small businesses.

Councilmember Zepeda announced that Mexican Independence Day was upcoming and the Mexican flag was being raised for the first time at the Civic Center Plaza on September 14, 2023.

Vice Mayor McLaughlin announced that the Tiny Youth Village Ground Honoring and a Bench Memorial in honor of long-time Planning Commissioner and environmentalist, Carol Teltchick, were on September 30, 2023. The vice mayor also announced that she was working with staff to bring a farmers market to Marina Bay Park.

Councilmember Jimenez reported that she and Mayor Martinez hosted the California Energy Commission during its tour of the Richmond Port seeking offshore wind power opportunities. Councilmember Jimenez also reported that she attended the North and East Neighborhood Picnic and acknowledged organizations and others for their participation. Councilmember Jimenez announced that the Annual Dimm-Key Neighborhood Watch Party was on September 23, 2023. Councilmember Jimenez also announced that a Traffic-Calming Community Forum with the city's Public Works Department was on September 30, 2023.

Councilmember Robinson announced Thrive Thursdays weekly health and wellness event at Martin Luther King, Jr. Park. Councilmember Robinson invited the community to join the Urban Forest Advisory Commission to celebrate Arbor Day at Lucas Park on October 21, 2023. Councilmember Robinson reported on the following Recreation and Parks Commission's activities: identified possible locations for soccer fields across Richmond parks; heard from pickleball players requesting more courts in Richmond; working to make sure the city's recreational assets such as scoreboards were functional; and had a discussion regarding the need for more field space in parks. Councilmember Robinson urged the community to attend the city's Recreation and Parks Commission meetings scheduled every first Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the Richmond Memorial Auditorium (Bermuda Room).

Mayor Martinez announced that the West Contra Costa Community School System Change Collaboration met at Contra Costa County Supervisor John Gioia's office on September 9, 2023, regarding how to move forward with transitions to community schools. Mayor Martinez acknowledged Point Richmond Music Festival sponsors. Mayor Martinez also acknowledged councilmembers Bana and Zepeda for attending the Contra Costa Mayor's Conference with him.

V. ABATEMENT REPORT FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR - 1st Tuesday (public comment allowed under Open Forum)

Deputy Director of Public Works Operations and Maintenance Tawfic Halaby presented a PowerPoint that highlighted the following activities from the month of July through August 2023: dumpster days; illegal dumping; encampment abatement; private property cleanup and board ups; total tonnage collected; weed abatement; graffiti removal; abatement staff hours; illegal dumping costs and hot spots; and partnerships. Discussion ensued. The council requested additional data to determine if the dumpster days were making an impact on illegal dumping.

W. OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

(public comment on items that remained on the Consent Calendar or items that were not on the agenda – was limited to 2 minutes unless otherwise specified - Back and forth dialogue with the Council was prohibited)

Jamin Pursell acknowledged Councilmember Zepeda for his Banned Book Readings series and Councilmember Robinson for hosting the Thrive Thursdays event. Mr. Pursell acknowledged Mayor Martinez and Vice Mayor McLaughlin for coming out to Crescent Park to address toxic shoreline issues. Mr. Pursell expressed concerns regarding the lack of advertising support provided to neighborhood councils for the city's Dumpster Days program. Mr. Pursell reminded the council of its funding allocation for portable bathrooms at the El Sobrante Stroll and encouraged the community to attend the event on September 17, 2023.

Mark Wassberg gave comments regarding homicides in Richmond and violence in the African-American neighborhoods.

Christine Trujillo and Wesley Alexander urged the council to allocate American Rescue Plan Act funds for increased city staff, community needs, and small business owners to improve economic recovery.

Patricia Perez and Debra Marks gave comments regarding police reforms she and her family were advocating. Ms. Perez invited community members and city officials to a memorial service in honor of Pedie Perez on September 16, 2023. Ms. Marks announced there was a pending city art project to memorialize Pedie Perez. Ms. Marks gave comments in support of new police reforms and the Richmond Police Department's Cultural Sensitivity Training.

Sally Hindman, Adrian Carmago, Stephen Horsley, and Enrique Salas gave comments in support of Item X.3.a. regarding a lease amendment with the Richmond Police Activities League to allow for the Richmond Tiny Home Village, farm, and garden project.

Sherry Padgett gave comments regarding the Richmond Zeneca development site agreement approved by the prior City Council. Ms. Padgett raised a question regarding the fulfillment of legal indemnity requirements.

Naomi Williams invited the council to a Commission on Aging senior event on September 27, 2023. Ms. Williams requested information regarding future plans for Richmond's historic International Hotel destroyed by fire.

X. CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

(All items placed under the Consent Calendar were considered to be routine and noncontroversial. The items were enacted upon together with a motion and second, without discussion, of any member of the City Council, and each item was deemed to have received the action recommended.)

Motion by Councilmember Bana

Seconded by Vice Mayor McLaughlin

To approve all items on the Consent Calendar.

Ayes (6): Councilmember Bana, Councilmember Jimenez, Councilmember Robinson, Councilmember Zepeda, Vice Mayor McLaughlin, and Mayor Martinez

Absent (1): Councilmember Willis

Passed (6 to 1)

X.1 City Attorney's Office

X.1.a Sixth Amendment of the Downey Brand Legal Services Agreement

APPROVE the sixth amendment to the legal services agreement with Downey Brand, in the amount of \$100,000, to represent the City in pending appeals and any further proceedings in the current *Point Molate Alliance, et al. v. City of Richmond* litigation involving the Point Molate property and the City's prior CEQA and land use entitlement process(es), for a total contract amount of \$1,225,000 – City Attorney's Office (Dave Aleshire 510-620-6509).

X.1.b First Amendment to the Legal Services Agreement with Bennett, Gelini, and Gelini

APPROVE a first amendment to the legal services agreement with Bennett, Gelini, and Gelini increasing the compensation by an amount not to exceed \$100,000, for a total contract amount of \$109,990, with a term ending June 30, 2025 – City Attorney's Office (Dave Aleshire/Alan Cohen 510-620-6709).

X.2 City Clerk's Office

X.2.a City Council Meeting Minutes

APPROVE the minutes of the April 18, May 23, June 6, June 20, June 27, and July 11, 2023, regular City Council meetings; and the July 19, 2023, special City Council meeting - City Clerk's Office (Pamela Christian 510-620-6513).

X.3 City Council

X.3.a Richmond Police Activities League (RPAL) lease amendment

DIRECT staff to negotiate and finalize the final form of a Richmond Police Activities League (RPAL) lease amendment at 175 23rd St. within 14 days to allow for the Richmond Tiny Home Village, Farm, and Garden Project to be built once permits and approvals are obtained - Vice Mayor Gayle McLaughlin (510-620-6636)

X.4 Community Development

X.4.a Encampment Resolution Funding Round 2

ACCEPT and APPROPRIATE a \$8,602,587 Encampment Resolution Funding Round 2 award from the Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency's (BCSH) California Interagency Council on Homelessness (Cal ICH) to connect at least 115 unhoused city residents with urgently needed services and pathways to housing to resolve encampments in the City, including those located along Interstates 80 and 580 – Community Development Department (Lina Velasco 510-620-6841/Jesus Morales 510-620-6649).

Adopted Resolution No. 86-23

X.4.b Sole-Source Contract with Just Cities, LLC

APPROVE a sole-source contract with Just Cities, LLC in the amount of \$150,000 for development of a Housing Equity Roadmap that builds upon the recently completed Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Analysis prepared in the 6th Cycle Housing Element, for a term beginning September 12, 2023, and ending December 31, 2025 – Community Development Department (Lina Velasco 510-620-6841/Jesus Morales 510-620-6649).

X.4.c Contract Amendment No. 3 with Hatchuel Tabernik & Associates (HTA) for On-Call Grant Writing and Project Evaluation Services for Awarded Grants

APPROVE contract amendment no. 3 with Hatchuel Tabernik & Associates (HTA) for \$100,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$140,000, to provide on-call grant writing for the Housing Division for homelessness services and supports, for a term extending through June 30, 2025 – Community Development Department (Lina Velasco 510-620-6841/Jesus Morales 510-620-6649).

X.4.d City of Richmond Response to Grand Jury Report No. 2306, Affordable Housing: A Plan Without a Home

APPROVE the City of Richmond response to the 2022-2023 Contra Costa Civil Grand Jury Report No. 2306 entitled "Affordable Housing: A Plan Without a Home" and submittal of the response to the Grand Jury – City Manager's Office/Community Development Department (Shasa Curl/Lina Velasco 510-620-6841). This item was continued from the July 11, 2023, meeting.

X.4.e Contract Amendment No. 1 with United Site Services for Portable Toilets

APPROVE a first amendment to the contract with United Site Services to increase the contract amount by \$150,000, for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$225,000, with a contract term ending June 30, 2025, with two

one-year options to renew at a combined total of \$150,000 for the two option years – Public Works Department/Community Development Department (Daniel Chavarria 510-620-5478/Greg Hardesty 510-620-6920/Lina Velasco 510-620-6841).

X.4.f Homekey Project Purchase Sale Agreement Amendment and Assignment

ADOPT a resolution authorizing the acquisition of property to implement a Homekey Project at 425 24th Street if a grant is awarded – Community Development Department (Lina Velasco 510-620-6841/Jesus Morales 510-620-6649).

Adopted Resolution No. 87-23

X.5 Fire Department

X.5.a Computer Aided Dispatch System Services and Equipment for Fire Department

APPROVE a second amendment to the contract with Mark43, Inc. in the amount of \$188,800, for a new total contract not to exceed amount of \$2,615,800 to upgrade the Richmond Fire Department’s Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system software and for annual service costs; APPROVE a purchase order with DuraTech USA, Inc. in the amount of \$175,000 including a \$1,787.21 contingency to purchase related computer hardware and accessories; APPROVE a contract with Stommel, Inc. dba Lehr in the amount of \$192,062.50, with a term beginning September 16, 2023, through December 31, 2023, to install the hardware and accessories to Fire Department vehicles; and ADOPT a resolution amending the Fire Department’s Fiscal Year 2023-24 budget and appropriating \$438,862.50 to cover the costs of the upgrade – Fire Department (Chief Angel Montoya 510-307-8041/Deputy Chief Aaron Osorio 510-307-8021).

Adopted Resolution No. 88-23

X.6 Library and Community Services

X.6.a Grant Award from the East Bay Community Foundation

ADOPT a resolution to ACCEPT and APPROPRIATE a \$30,000 grant award from the East Bay Community Foundation for the Office of Neighborhood Safety (ONS) Operation Peacemaker Fellowship program - Community Services Department (Sam Vaughn 510-620-5404).

Adopted Resolution No. 89-23

X.6.b First Contract Amendment with Universal Safety & CPR Solutions to provide training and certifications for RichmondBUILD and YouthBUILD participants

APPROVE a first amendment to the contract with Universal Safety & CPR Solutions increasing the contract by \$126,000, for a total not-to-exceed contract amount of \$157,000, and extending the term from June 30, 2025, to March 30, 2028, to provide various trainings and certifications as outlined in the Environmental Protection Agency 500 grant at the RichmondBUILD facility – Community Services Department (Tamara Walker 510-307-8006/Fred Lucero 510-621-1562).

X.6.c Standard Contract with Trans Metro, Inc. for On-Call paratransit services and Outreach

APPROVE the standard contract with Trans Metro, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$250,000, from September 12, 2023, through September 30, 2024, to support community outreach and existing paratransit van services for seniors and disabled individuals residing in Richmond and incorporated and unincorporated areas in West County per Measure J guidelines – Community Services Department (LaShonda White 510-620-6828/ Lori Reese 510-620-6869).

X.6.d Sports Officiating Services for Danny Walker

APPROVE a contract with Danny Walker in an amount not to exceed \$70,000, beginning July 1, 2023, and ending on June 30, 2025, to provide sports officiating services – Community Services Department (Ranjana Maharaj 510-620-6972/Tetteh Kisseh 510-620-6919).

X.6.e Memorandum of Understanding with Youth Tennis Advantage for Instructional Programs at Nicholl Park and Martin Luther King, Jr. Tennis Courts

APPROVE the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Richmond and Youth Tennis Advantage, for a term from July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2028, to provide tennis instructions at Nicholl Park and Martin Luther King, Jr. tennis courts at no cost to the participants and the City of Richmond – Community Services Department (Ranjana Maharaj 510-620-6972/ Tetteh Kisseh 510-620-6919).

X.6.f Clean Mobility Options Electric Shuttle Calstart Funding Agreement Amendment 1

APPROVE a first amendment to the funding agreement between the City of Richmond and the State of California Air Resources Board (CARB) Clean Mobility Options Project Voucher Pilot Program to increase the funding agreement by \$500,000, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$1,500,000, in support of the expansion of the Richmond Moves shuttle program; ACCEPT and APPROPRIATE \$500,000 from CARB; and APPROVE a third contract amendment with Nomad Transit, LLC (dba Via Transportation, Inc.) adding an amount of \$450,000, for a total amount not to exceed \$2,100,731, to expand the Richmond Moves shuttle operations through July 7, 2024 – Community Services Department (LaShonda White 510-620-6828/Denée Evans 510-621-1718).

X.6.g California State Library English as a Second Language Services Project Grant Award

ADOPT a resolution to ACCEPT and APPROPRIATE into the Fiscal Year 2023-24 budget a California State Library grant, in the amount of \$69,602, to support English as a Second Language educational services offered at the Library's literacy services program, Literacy for Every Adult Program (LEAP) – Community Services Department (Kate Eppler 510-620-5452/Abigail Sims-Evelyn 510-307-8082).

Adopted Resolution No. 90-23

- X.6.h Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, Title II (WIOA II) Grant Award for \$65,296

ADOPT a resolution to ACCEPT and appropriate the WIOA II grant award of \$65,296, to support educational programs offered at the library's literacy services program, Literacy for Every Adult Program – Community Services Department (Kate Eppler 510-620-5452/Abigail Sims-Evelyn 510-307-8082).

Adopted Resolution No. 91-23

X.7 Mayor's Office

- X.7.a Urban Forest Advisory Committee

APPOINT Janet Flint to the Urban Forest Advisory Committee with a term that expires on November 17, 2026 – Mayor's Office (Mayor Eduardo Martinez 510-620-6503).

- X.7.b Human Rights and Human Relations Committee

REAPPOINT Victoria Sawicki to the Human Rights and Human Relations Committee, Seat 3, Term Expires March, 30, 2026 - Mayor's Office (Mayor Eduardo Martinez 510-620-6503).

- X.7.c Economic Development Commission Appointment

APPOINT Crashelle Jackson to the Richmond Economic Development Commission, term expires, March 30, 2025 – Mayor's Office (Mayor Eduardo Martinez 510-620-6503).

- X.7.d Richmond Youth Council Appointment

APPOINT Jocelyn Nichole Hernandez Trueba to the Richmond Youth Council, term expires, October 1, 2024 – Mayor's Office (Mayor Eduardo Martinez 510-620-6503).

- X.7.e International Travel Approval to Zhoushan, China to ratify the 2024-2026 Mutual Agreement and celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Sister City relationship.

AUTHORIZE travel for Mayor Eduardo Martinez, Councilmember Cesar Zepeda, and the Mayor's Chief of Staff Shiva Mishek to Zhoushan, Republic of China, to celebrate the Sister Cities 30th Friendship Anniversary; attend the fifth annual International Island Tourism Conference; and update the Mutual Agreement between Sister Cities Richmond and Zhoushan— Mayor's Office (Mayor Eduardo Martinez 510-620-6502) and Councilmember Cesar Zepeda (510-620-6593).

X.8 Police Department

- X.8.a First Contract Amendment with Bay Area Marine Services, LLC.

APPROVE a first contract amendment with Bay Area Marine Services, LLC. to continue providing repair and maintenance services to Richmond Police Department's Marine Unit, increasing the contract by \$30,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$80,000, with a term beginning August 1, 2022, and ending July 31, 2025 – Police Department (Chief Bisa French 510-621-1802).

X.8.b Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office for 2022 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant

ADOPT a resolution to ACCEPT and APPROPRIATE \$80,619 in funding from the 2022 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program for the purchase of police safety equipment; and AUTHORIZE the city manager to execute and accept the Memorandum of Understanding with the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office – Police Department (Chief Bisa French 510-621-1802).

Adopted Resolution No. 92-23

X.9 Public Works

X.9.a Agreement Execution Authority for Certain Agreements with the California Department of Transportation (CalTrans)

ADOPT a resolution that grants the authority to the Director of Public Works and the City Engineer to execute Master Agreements, Program Supplemental Agreements, Fund Exchange Agreements, Fund Transfer Agreements, and any amendments thereto with the California Department of Transportation for transportation projects funded by Federal and/or State sources – Public Works Department (Daniel Chavarria 510-620-5478/ Robert Armijo 510-620-5477).

Adopted Resolution No. 93-23

Y. NEW BUSINESS

Y.1 Community Crisis Response Program Update

RECEIVE a draft report and presentation from Urban Strategies Council regarding Community Crisis Response Program (CCRP) model options; and PROVIDE DIRECTION to City staff – Community Services Department (LaShonda White 510-620-6828/ Patrick Seals 510-307-8016). This item was continued from the July 11, 2023, meeting.

Deputy City Manager Community Services LaShonda White introduced the matter and presented a PowerPoint that highlighted the CCRP background, timelines, and current status. David Harris and Anne Janks of Urban Strategies Council presented community engagement; development process; community response elements; common dispatched calls; potential pilot implementation structural options; and budget assumptions. The proposed options were as follows: (1) non-profit, (2) existing city office, (3) new city department, (4) nonprofit hybrid model, and (5) partnership with the county). Mrs. White advised that the budget salary projections were low and did not include potential salary changes or cost pool. Mrs. White outlined ongoing stakeholder and community engagement including recommendations for a community advisory board. Project Manager Patrick Seals presented the next steps. Discussion ensued. The council expressed concerns regarding costs, liability, training, and safety of the program staff. The council requested the following: legal review regarding liability concerns; data from other cities that implemented similar programs; grant funding; refined budget estimates; interns from Contra Costa College; electric vehicles; different phone number from 911; status of job descriptions; percentages of calls that could be diverted to the program; and additional information regarding the proposed Community Advisory Board. The following individuals gave comments in person: Jamin Pursell, Don Gosney, Mark Wassberg, Andrew Melendez, Jocelyn Hernandez, Karina Salmeron, Angela Aranda, Yaymi Perez,

and Carole Johnson. The following individuals gave comments via teleconference: Ben Therriault, Marisol Cantu, Petronila Fernandes, Sahai Burrowes, Leisa Johnson, and Sara Cantor. Further discussion ensued. The council requested future discussions regarding neighborhood councils and block captains.

Motion by Councilmember Jimenez
Seconded by Vice Mayor McLaughlin

To direct staff in partnership with Urban Strategies Council to move forward with Option 2 (institute the Community Crisis Response Program within an existing city department), specifically within the Office of Neighborhood Safety (ONS); bring the ONS director to the table to propose new community crisis response program division structural options by November 2023 presenting a proposal for the program design implementation plan and timelines for launch by August 2024; and draft job descriptions to ensure they are approved and posted publicly by December 15, 2023.

A friendly amendment made by Vice Mayor McLaughlin to have staff work with the Reimagining Public Safety Community Task Force to develop the proposal for the structure of the Community Advisory Board including purpose, powers, and composition was accepted.

Ayes (5): Councilmember Jimenez, Councilmember Robinson, Councilmember Zepeda, Vice Mayor McLaughlin, and Mayor Martinez

Noes (1): Councilmember Bana

Absent (1): Councilmember Willis

Passed (5 to 2)

Further discussion ensued. The council suggested that the program could be combined or worked as a sister-organization with ONS and the first step could be to hire a program manager. The council requested continued coordination with the county's programs. The council acknowledged that a meet and confer with the city's labor bargaining units regarding job descriptions was part of the implementation process.

(At 10:50 p.m. - a motion by Vice Mayor McLaughlin, seconded by Councilmember Jimenez, to extend the meeting until 11:30 p.m., passed by the unanimous vote of the City Council).

Y.2 Emergency Services Data Analysis Report by Matrix Consultants

RECEIVE a report from Matrix Consulting Group regarding their emergency services data analysis – City Manager’s Office/Human Resources Department (Shasa Curl/Nickie Mastay/Sharrone Taylor 510-620-6803). This item was continued from the July 11, 2023, meeting.

Deputy City Manager Internal Services Nickie Mastay introduced the matter. Richard Brady of Matrix Consulting Group presented a PowerPoint that highlighted the following: scope of work and approach; police analysis; patrol principles and proactivity levels; alternative response; investigations; other opportunities; fire service performance; overtime issue; emergency operations and communications; fire service opportunities; and overall conclusions. Discussion ensued. The council requested the following information: hiring data for additional dispatchers; information regarding emergency services turnout time; and the budget for proposed additional emergency services. *(At 11:30 p.m., a motion made by Vice Mayor McLaughlin, seconded by Councilmember*

Jimenez, to suspend the rules and extend the meeting to hear public comment for Item Y.2, passed by the unanimous vote of the City Council). Jamin Pursell and Ben Therriault gave comments in person. The following speakers gave comments via teleconference: Steve Bischoff, Marisol Cantu, Eli Moore, Emily Ross, and Leisa Johnson.

Y.3 Fiscal Year 2022-2023 City-Wide Accomplishments

RECEIVE a presentation from the city manager on the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 City-wide accomplishments – City Manager’s Office (Shasa Curl 510-620-6512). This item was continued from the July 11, 2023, meeting.

Continued to the September 19, 2023, City Council meeting.

Y.4 Sea Level Rise and Shoreline Development

RECEIVE a presentation from Jessica Fain, Director of Planning, San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission, on sea level rise preparation, shoreline development, and BCDC regulations - Councilmember Bana (510-620-6743)

Continued to the September 19, 2023, City Council meeting.

Y.5 Wildfire Prevention Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

RECEIVE a presentation; and ADOPT a resolution authorizing the City of Richmond to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) among jurisdictions in the East Bay Hills to form a wildfire coordinating group to improve regionwide collaboration on wildfire mitigation activities and reduce wildfire risk throughout the East Bay Hills – Vice Mayor McLaughlin (510-620-6636).

Continued to the September 19, 2023, City Council meeting.

Z. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:46 p.m., to meet again on September 19, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

Clerk of the City of Richmond

Mayor

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Hello Mayor Martinez, Council Members And Staff,

I Am Submitting the Following Comments In Regarding Closed Session

1. I AM Glad That the Class & Comp Study Is Being Released To Compare On what Other Cities are paying Their Employees
2. Also Shasa Curl Has Done a Terrific Job as City Manager
3. Her Staff and Department Heads Enjoyed Working alongside the City Manager

Sincerely
Cordell

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

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the slide presentation submitted by Jessica Fain of the Bay Area Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC). Ms. Fain is scheduled to speak tonight under Item Y.4. The slide presentation includes such subjects as BCDC history and sea level rise scenarios, and it calls for regional solutions. An entity called BayAdapt is presented as the answer to the need for regional solutions to Sea Level Rise (SLR). BayAdapt promises to “support socially vulnerable communities” and to “practice inclusive, community-led governance and decision-making” and to “pick the right strategy for the right place at the right time.”

Though the exact relationship is not described, from the BayAdapt website, it looks as if BayAdapt might be an offshoot of BCDC. Is BayAdapt a governmental agency? Or is it an independent nonprofit organization? What are its legal capabilities, especially in comparison with those of BCDC? Will BayAdapt be able to manage the direction of the Bay Area’s response to sea level rise?

Does the formation of BayAdapt expand the reach of BCDC? BCDC is currently tasked with managing a 100 foot shoreline band, as well as wetlands and the Bay, for the benefit of the public and the environment. BayAdapt would have a much broader reach. Perhaps this is appropriate, given the regional effects of SLR. But perhaps the local cities, especially those with environmental justice issues, are more familiar with what might benefit their residents and the local environment. Though this is not described, I am assuming that BayAdapt is planning to apply for governmental grant funding available to address SLR, perhaps in direct competition with local cities and counties. Or does Bay Adapt plan to assist EJ communities like Richmond to craft their own responses and obtain funding for local projects or pilots?

How were the members of the BayAdapt Leadership Advisory Group chosen? It looks as if a major qualification is present or past service as a BCDC Commissioner. At least seven of the 32 members of the BayAdapt Leadership Advisory Group are current or past BCDC Commissioners. BCDC commissioners are appointed by the governor and various other entities, such as counties and the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG). In the past, in my opinion, this has resulted in a bias toward development, rather than protection of public access and the environment. For example, Commissioner Wasserman, the current chair of BCDC, who is also a member of BayAdapt’s Leadership Advisory Group, is a real estate attorney who appears to specialize in land use by developers. If memory serves, Wasserman voted in favor of allowing the massive residential development that had been proposed for Point Molate. Fortunately, John Gioia’s motion to table the issue prevailed by a small margin. BayAdapt does list two absolutely stellar individuals among its Leadership Advisory Group: Ms. Margaret Gordon of West Oakland and Ms. Terri Green of Marin City. Both of these outstanding women have long worked for healthy environments in their environmental justice communities. I did not find a representative from Richmond, with its 32 miles of Bay shoreline.

Contamination on the shoreline is a huge issue in the face of SLR. I am concerned that commercial interests might drive BayAdapt to accept partial cleanups so that land can be developed, sentencing vulnerable communities to the effects of environmental contamination, such as those that have been documented at Hunters Point and in West Oakland and Marin City and, in Richmond, at the Zeneca site (to give only a few examples). When I looked through the slide presentation, I was astonished that I was unable to find ANY reference at all to the dangers of toxic waste being mobilized by SLR. Though ground water rise (GWR) is mentioned, its ability to carry contaminants to new locations is not. In my opinion, SLR and GWR mobilization of toxic contamination from past (and current) industrial dumping is a major emergency because both the bay waters and shoreline neighborhoods are at risk. For example, from the projections shown on the slides, it looks as if the Chevron refinery is under water as SLR goes

above 1 foot. Many people suspect the refinery area to have massive contamination.

How does BayAdapt propose to interact with DTSC (the Department of Toxic Substances Control), which is insisting on an inadequate remedy for over 100 years of contamination at the Zeneca site? In my opinion, the Bay and its residents and the planet need allies that will provide scientifically valid pushback to DTSC, since so far, DTSC's plans for SLR will end up causing massive contamination of both the shoreline and the Bay. What might be the relationship between BayAdapt and DTSC? Competitors? Collaborators pushing through inadequate cleanup plans? Or perhaps BayAdapt might assume a watchdog role?

I hope that the Richmond City Council asks lots of questions and generally takes a "wait and see" attitude toward BayAdapt.

Thank you for your kind consideration of these thoughts,
Sally Tobin

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Hello Mayor Martinez, Council Members and Staff.

I AM Submitting The Following Comments Into the Record:

1. For the October 24th Agenda, The Council Should Invite Supervisor John Gioia and Lisa Motoyama to Provide a Presentation On The Plan to Address Homelessness
2. also To Have Danny Wan to Provide a Report on the Port of Oakland
3. To Consider Reinstating the Standing Committees to Address the Finances of the City

Sincerely
Cordell

From: [wesley](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept User](#)
Cc: director@richmondmainstreet.org; [Amanda Eicher](#); [Erica Yanez](#); [Roxanne Carrillo Garza](#)
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We want ARPA funds used to 1) staff Our City to optimum levels and 2) the remaining funds used to provide relief to businesses and nonprofits that navigated the pandemic which is why the City received ARPA from the federal government. Thank you.

Wesley Alexander

CEO | **CoBiz**

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From: [Savitri Khalsa](#)
To: [Shasa Curl](#); [City Clerk Dept User](#)
Subject: City Council Consent Item X.3.a; No to Tiny Home Village
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Dear Manager Curl & City Clerk

I'm writing today regarding the following item on the September 12, 2023 Richmond City Council Consent Calendar. I request this item be pulled from the city's consent calendar.

[X.3.a](#)
[Richmond Police Activities League \(RPAL\) lease amendment](#)

[DIRECT staff to negotiate and finalize the final form of a Richmond Police Activities League \(RPAL\) lease amendment at 175 23rd St. within 14 days to allow for the Richmond Tiny Home Village, Farm, and Garden Project to be built once permits and approvals are obtained - Vice Mayor Gayle McLaughlin \(510-620-6636\)](#)

I do not support this proposed "Tiny Village" at this location for a number of reasons.

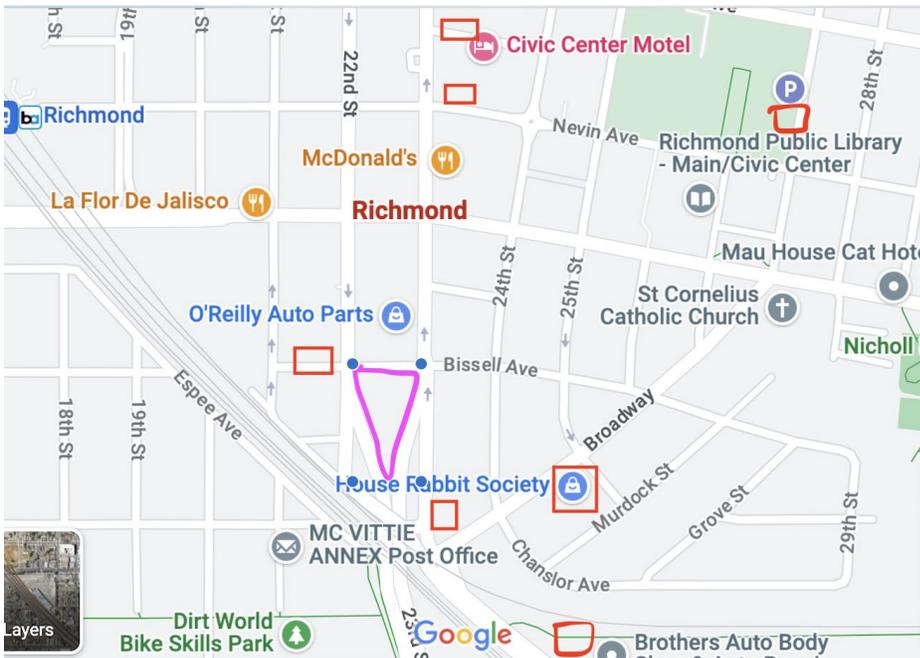
I closely follow much of what is happening regarding homeless encampments within the city and am very encouraged by the closures of the Rydin Road and Castro Encampments. I applaud the city's efforts.

I support the acceptance of further awards for funding strategies to best support homeless individuals along the 580 and 80 corridors. I also support the purchase and transition of the Motel 6 HomeKey project.

One reason I do not support the Richmond Tiny Village, Farm and Garden Project is that I feel this project will foster more homeless encampments within the downtown area. We instead need to build real housing and businesses in this area, so that this city can thrive in it's center.

As it is right now, I regularly report and request the clearance of encampments & illegally parked Rvs/vehicles within this area of town with little action from the city. What will happen if this tiny RPAL land area is a sanctioned site? Just as it is in most city encampments, more vehicles and campers will arrive and camp along adjacent streets.

If you don't believe me, just take a drive around Broadway, Nevin & 24th, Prebble & 24th, and the Greenway near Carlson Blvd as they are now. Here's a map with just some of the locations noted.



Another reason, I do not support this project, is that ALL the homeless/low income housing are now going into the same geographic area. It's wonderful Nevin Plaza is getting repaired and Hacienda Heights is so lovely now, but this tiny village project is a mistake. People, especially vulnerable young adults, need to live inside with running water and facilities.

Additionally, the document prepared by Tiny Village group greatly exaggerates the number of youth in Richmond aged 18-24 that would qualify for this program. It says, under the banner "[CRISIS](#)," that as many as 125 Richmond youth are unsheltered each day in Richmond. In fact, [Contra County's 2023 Point-in-Time](#) report says that of the 487 Richmond homeless individuals counted in the survey, only 5% or 24 individuals out of the 487 are 18-24 years old. Clearly, 88% of the 487 homeless individuals or 428 individuals do not qualify for this housing, and so, why is Richmond considering doing this?

There are other elements of this proposal that concern me. What about long term funding? What will the city do if funding does not arrive? Management of the site will be by whom and by what standards success? Daniel Barth and SOS? RPAL? These groups do not have the capacity. Both organizations are already mostly funded by the city's budget.

Thank you for considering my thoughts on this agenda item. I would like to have it pulled from the city council agenda for a greater discussion.

Thank you,
Savitri Khalsa
Richmond resident

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Savitri Kaur Khalsa

From: [Alice LoCicero](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept User](#)
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Dear Council Members,

I am a Richmond resident, and I am writing to thank Richmond City Council and Staff for the foresight and wisdom to fund and support preparations for a Community Crisis Response Program, to be discussed at this evening's meeting.

In my previous work in Massachusetts, I responded to multiple disasters and individual crises as part of a regional medical response group, as a trained critical incident debriefing and stress responder, as part of a multicultural team trained in Psychological First Aid. I also trained many community workers in Psychological First Aid. I noticed over many years that people in crisis may appear to be challenging, delusional, and disruptive, but they are often responding with acute stress to events outside their control, and the best way for them to be helped back to their usual level of behavior is through patient and ongoing support and compassion from trained responders. Among the services that often helped were empathic listening, reconnecting people with their personal networks, as well as with city and county networks of service and support. In instances where we were present, we found that law enforcement officers welcomed our help, and referred affected parties to us.

The national movement to reassign non-violent crises from police to trained crisis responders is a welcome shift and a win-win-win, as it frees up police for calls they are best-trained to manage, and allows for people who need support to be assisted by well-trained responders, who can help them (re)connect with their own network as well as with city and county services to solve problems and dilemmas that do not require law enforcement.

My years of experience with crisis response has led me to a strong belief that the CCRP should be housed in an existing city department, and funded on a long term basis, in order to optimize the possibility that it will evolve to best support the needs of residents, that its work will become integrated with, and enhance other city services, and that the CCRP will be prepared to address small and large scale incidents, and, ultimately, to contribute to an overall culture and atmosphere of care and collaboration.

Best wishes,

Alice LoCicero
47 Sandpoint Dr
Richmond

From: [Amber Hatfield](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept User](#)
Cc: [Reimagine Richmond](#)
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Dear Mayor Martinez and City Council Members:

My name is Amber Hatfield and I have been a resident of Richmond for 8 years in District 3. I would like to thank you for considering available options for implementing a successful Community Crisis Response Program in our city. Offering people a way to reach out for help with non-violent incidents and mental health issues without involving armed police is an investment in a better future. I firmly believe that we cannot solve the issues facing our communities with guns, violence and incarceration. We must take immediate action to reverse centuries of harm and invest in humane responses that can promote healing and restoration by de-escalating desperate situations.

In considering the proposed models for the CCRP this evening, I respectfully urge you to fully embrace this first step toward a proactive approach to public safety by choosing to house the CCRP in an existing city department that aligns with its values and mission. Introducing the CCRP as a city program, rather than outsourcing to a nonprofit or other outside party, will ensure that the program is fully endorsed by city leadership. It will demonstrate the City of Richmond's commitment to a community-driven approach to public safety. I also urge you to create a Community Advisory Committee made up of systems-impacted individuals with lived experience, including undocumented people and youth whose perspectives will be crucial to the overall success of the program.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Amber Hatfield

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To the Richmond Mayor and City Council,

My name is **Ana Fragozo** and I'm a Richmond resident who wants to thank the City Council and the Mayor for allocating \$1M to the Community Crisis Response Program (CCRP). This will be a community-driven model to reduce the overreliance on police by responding to low-level calls including mental health and other non-violent incidents.

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I stand firm in advocating for the CCRP to be housed under an existing city department that aligns with its values and mission. Introducing the CCRP as an arm of the City, rather than outsourcing to a nonprofit or other outside party, will demonstrate Richmond's commitment to a community-driven approach to public safety. Please invest in the Community Crisis Response Program to create a community safety system for all, not just a few.

Thank you,
Ana Fragozo

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To the Richmond Mayor and City Council,

My name is Armond Lee. I'm a Richmond resident who wants to thank the City Council and the Mayor for allocating \$1M to the Community Crisis Response Program (CCRP). This will be a community-driven model to reduce the overreliance on police by responding to low-level calls including mental health and other non-violent incidents.

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In Community,
Armond C. Lee

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My name is Benjamin Martinez and I'm a Richmond resident who wants to thank the City Council and the Mayor for allocating \$1M to the Community Crisis Response Program (CCRP). This will be a community-driven model to reduce the overreliance on police by responding to low-level calls including mental health and other non-violent incidents.

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Thank you,
Benjamin

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To the Richmond Mayor and City Council,

My name is Davjane Tillis and I'm a Richmond resident who wants to thank the City Council and the Mayor for allocating \$1M to the Community Crisis Response Program (CCRP). This will be a community-driven model to reduce the overreliance on police by responding to low-level calls including mental health and other non-violent incidents.

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Thank You,
Davjane Tillis

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My name is Elizabeth Garcia and I'm a Richmond resident who wants to thank the City Council and the Mayor for allocating \$1M to the Community Crisis Response Program (CCRP). This will be a community-driven model to reduce the overreliance on police by responding to low-level calls including mental health and other non-violent incidents.

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Thank you,
Elizabeth Garcia

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Thank you,
Hamilton Bohannon

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My name is Jaqueline and I'm a Richmond resident who wants to thank the City Council and the Mayor for allocating \$1M to the Community Crisis Response Program (CCRP). This will be a community-driven model to reduce the overreliance on police by responding to low-level calls including mental health and other non-violent incidents. By establishing CCRP, the city will utilize community responders with strong connections to Richmond and de-escalation training to respond in a holistic and non-stigmatizing manner. This will improve the health and well-being of our community by dispatching community responders to 911 calls. Our community knows police do not equate to safety which is why we need an alternative response program. By prioritizing care over criminalization, the CCRP will help the community heal from the racist impacts of policing and incarceration. I stand firm in advocating for the CCRP to be housed under an existing city department that aligns with its values and mission. Introducing the CCRP as an arm of the City, rather than outsourcing to a nonprofit or other outside party, will demonstrate Richmond's commitment to a community-driven approach to public safety. Please invest in the Community Crisis Response Program to create a community safety system for all, not just a few.

Thank you,
Jaqueline

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Thank you,

Jennifer Lara

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To the Richmond Mayor and City Council, My name is Jose Martinez and I'm a Richmond resident who wants to thank the City Council and the Mayor for allocating \$1M to the Community Crisis Response Program (CCRP). This will be a community-driven model to reduce the overreliance on police by responding to low-level calls including mental health and other non-violent incidents. By establishing CCRP, the city will utilize community responders with strong connections to Richmond and de-escalation training to respond in a holistic and non-stigmatizing manner. This will improve the health and well-being of our community by dispatching community responders to 911 calls. Our community knows police do not equate to safety which is why we need an alternative response program. By prioritizing care over criminalization, the CCRP will help the community heal from the racist impacts of policing and incarceration. I stand firm in advocating for the CCRP to be housed under an existing city department that aligns with its values and mission. Introducing the CCRP as an arm of the City, rather than outsourcing to a nonprofit or other outside party, will demonstrate Richmond's commitment to a community-driven approach to public safety. Please invest in the Community Crisis Response Program to create a community safety system for all, not just a few.

Thank you, Jose Martinez

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To the Richmond Mayor and City Council,

My name is Justin Vilaysouk and I'm a Richmond High School student who wants to thank the City Council and the Mayor for allocating \$1M to the Community Crisis Response Program (CCRP). This will be a community-driven model to reduce the overreliance on police by responding to low-level calls including mental health and other non-violent incidents.

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Thank you,
Justin Vilaysouk

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My name is Kaelen Van Cura and I am a Richmond resident. I wanted to thank Mayor Martinez and the City Council for allocating one million dollars towards a Community Crisis Response Program. I strongly feel that it is vital for Richmond to have a trained non-police team to respond to mental health crises and low level incidents to keep our communities safe. Throwing people in crisis into jail is easy, but it's also expensive and does not solve the root problem. Having people trained in de-escalation techniques to respond to these low level calls is a smarter and ultimately more cost-effective way to care for our Richmond residents. This crisis response team should be housed in a city department, rather than outsourced to an outside entity because caring for the community should be an essential function of the city government. Thank you for your consideration.

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Thank you,

Karla Lara

From: [Kory Herbert](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept User](#)
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Thank you kindly,

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To: [City Clerk Dept User](#)
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Hi my name is Mariana, a Richmond resident and Kennedy High student. I support the implementation of the Community Crisis Response Program because it will help shift the narrative of always relying on the police for low level and nonviolent calls. Data shows that 39% of the 911 calls are low level or nonviolent. If CCRP were to respond to these types of calls, it would improve the quality of life, health, and well being of our community. CCRP will provide immediate, direct, and long term solutions. As a youth myself, when I hear that the police are being called during an incident, it arises fear in me. The police do more harm than good. As I grow up in this community, I would like to see other alternatives that will meet our health and safety needs. That is why I am advocating for CCRP to be housed in an existing department that aligns with its values and mission.

From: [Reimagine Richmond](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept User](#)
Subject: Public Comments for Agenda Item Y-1
Date: Tuesday, September 12, 2023 12:51:16 PM
Attachments: [Letter of Support for Community Crisis Response.pdf](#)

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To the City Clerk, Council members, and Mayor of Richmond,

We are sharing Reimagine Richmond's letter of support for Agenda Item Y-1: the Community Crisis Response Program Report. Reimagine Richmond has spent the last three years advocating for a non-police mental health crisis response program to be a part of the City. **Therefore, Reimagine Richmond is advocating for Option 2: CCRP to be housed in an existing city department.**

We encourage you to find an existing department that believes in the values and mission of the new response program. **We highly advocate that the city begin preparation where it can.** This much-needed program comes at a time **when imagination, community, and education should be prioritized to ensure the success of the program.**

Please see our attached letter signed by other community-based organizations and non-profits.

In community,
Reimagine Richmond

To the Richmond Mayor and City Council,

[Reimagine Richmond](#) and residents have put countless hours into researching and developing health-centered and equity-focused systems of care that promote community safety such as the [Community Crisis Response Program \(CCRP\)](#), and now is the time to move intentionally with the community at the helm. CCRP, housed within a City department to demonstrate Richmond's commitment to the community's well-being, will provide a different model. It will reduce the overreliance on police by offering a non-police crisis response team to respond to low-level calls including mental health and other non-violent incidents. Through this program, Richmond has the opportunity to move away from the failed mass criminalization system that has inflicted harm on so many residents, particularly Black and Brown residents. It would create a system of care by responding holistically and humanely to crises that are currently being aggravated by the policing system.

Unfortunately, the report provided by [Matrix Consulting](#) does the exact opposite and doubles down on antiquated, racist policing systems. Matrix Consulting has called for an increase of 70 new police officers without a budgetary analysis that can potentially cost the city at least \$15 million per year. Despite its lack of budgetary and comprehensive 911 analysis, the Richmond Police Department (RPD) and the Richmond Police Officers Association are utilizing the report to call for more police officers. This can be harmful to the community because it is based on fear, not rational, especially as Richmond is at [an all-time low in crime rates](#).

Reimagine Richmond conducted a general analysis of the RPD 911 data from [Transparent Richmond](#) and found that over 39% of the calls were related to traffic, mental or physical health issues, or quality of life issues such as wellness checks. These are the types of calls that can be dispatched to CCRP. RR has been conducting community workshops that evaluate crisis response options, and residents have overwhelmingly favored using non-police personnel for a wide variety of incidents that are typically assigned to RPD. Overwhelmingly, residents have advocated for a trained community responder to de-escalate situations and a community care liaison to direct referrals in a preventative approach to 911 calls. Residents want a community-driven model for 911 calls.

Many other cities around the US have created public models of crisis response such as Albuquerque, Philadelphia, and Minneapolis. In Albuquerque, a program was created called the [Community Safety Department](#), which operates independently from the police department and employs a public health approach. Recently in Philadelphia, a program was launched in which 125 civilian "[public safety enforcement officers](#)" will be responsible for handling traffic enforcement and addressing issues such as abandoned cars on the streets. And in Minneapolis, they are [launching an initiative](#) in which non-police city employees will take theft and property damage reports and collect evidence. The implementation of a city-run CCRP will help move us forward in reimagining a community safety system for all, not just a few.

We support the investment of the Community Crisis Response Program into a city department with community leadership and union power. Reimagine Richmond advocates for the CCRP because it aligns with our mission to push our city to invest in the life-affirming resources and services Richmond needs. We believe in creating systems of care over the criminalization by the police.

In community,



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From: [Sarahi Bonilla Silva](#)
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Victoria Espino

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Thank you,

Yadira Marquez

From: [Cordell Hindler](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept User](#)
Subject: Public Comments-Y.3 New Business
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Sincerely
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