

**RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, June 4, 2024**

Community Services Building  
440 Civic Center Plaza  
Richmond, CA 94804

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

The Richmond City Council Evening Open Session was called to order at 4:32 p.m. by Mayor Eduardo Martinez.

**B. ROLL CALL**

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

**C. CLOSED SESSION**

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

- Winehaven v. City of Richmond
- Guidiville Rancheria of California, et al. v. United States of America, et al.
- North Coast Rivers Alliance et al./Point Molate Alliance et al. v. City of Richmond
- Hanlees Hilltop Buick et al. v. City of Richmond

**C.2 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.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 (limited to items on the Closed Session agenda only)**

Jonathan Livingston gave comments in person. Brian Lewis and Ira gave comments via teleconference.

**E. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

The Open Session adjourned to Closed Session at 4:38 p.m. Closed Session adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

**F. REGULAR MEETING OF THE RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL**

The Regular Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by Mayor Martinez.

**G. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Martinez led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**H. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Councilmembers Soheila Bana, Gayle McLaughlin, Doria Robinson, Melvin Willis, Cesar Zepeda, Vice Mayor Claudia Jimenez, and Mayor Eduardo Martinez.  
**Absent:** None.

**I. STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Councilmember Zepeda recused himself from the vote on Item P.1 (Approval of Engineer’s Report and Intent to Levy Assessments for Hilltop Landscape Maintenance District Fiscal Year 2024-2025).

**J. AGENDA REVIEW**

Item O.4.a (*Update Guiding Fiscal Policy and Purchasing Policy*) was continued to the June 18, 2024, meeting.

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

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*Status report was given. No reportable action was taken.*

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*Discussed. Direction was given to the City Attorney to proceed with the matter. No reportable action was taken.*

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*Status report was given. Direction was given to the negotiator.*

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

City Manager Shasa Curl presented a PowerPoint that highlighted the following: Parchester Village Community Paint scheduled for Saturdays in June and July at the Parchester Village Community Center; Bay Area Roller Derby held on June 1, 2024, at the Richmond Memorial Auditorium; Richmond Rainbow Pride held on June 2, 2024, at the Civic Center Plaza; Richmond Rising Collaborative Stakeholder Committee Meeting scheduled for June 5, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Nevin Community Center; Booker T. Anderson Community Center Grand Reopening scheduled for June 6, 2024, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Booker T. Anderson Community Center; RPAL Carnival scheduled for June 14th from 5:00 to 11:00 p.m., June 15th and June 16th from 2:00 to 11:00 p.m. at Barrett Avenue and 25th Street; Juneteenth Parade and Festival scheduled for June 22, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Nicholl Park.

**L.1 NEW EMPLOYEE REPORT - 1st Tuesday**

Director of Human Resources Sharrone Taylor presented a PowerPoint that highlighted new hires in the following departments/divisions: Library; Community Crisis Response Program; Recreation; Police; Community Development; and Public Works.

**M. 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 Zepeda reported attendance to the following: Richmond Rainbow Pride, the Contra Costa College Pride flag-raising ceremony, the Parchester Village Community Paint event, the North Richmond Sea Level Rise meeting, and the Nystrom/Coronado 6th grade graduation.

Vice Mayor Jimenez reported attending Richmond Rainbow Pride and thanked the organizers of the event. Vice Mayor Jimenez also reported attending a District 6 resident potluck.

Councilmember Bana announced that there was a National Gun Violence Awareness day event scheduled for June 7, 2024, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Civic Center Plaza. Councilmember Bana also reported that she would be visiting De Anza high school to award certificates to students who completed the Dating Matters pilot training. Councilmember Bana also reported the following: visited Via Verde where students of YES Nature to Neighborhoods were educating neighbors; and attended the MLK mural unveiling at King elementary school.

Councilmember McLaughlin reported attending Richmond Rainbow Pride and the Marina Bay Farmer's Market. Councilmember McLaughlin announced that on the second

Sundays of the month the Marina Bay Farmer's Market has special activities such as art, recreation, and musicians. Councilmember McLaughlin invited the community to the Booker T. Anderson Community Center Grand Reopening scheduled for June 6, 2024, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Booker T. Anderson Community Center.

Councilmember Robinson reported attending the MLK mural unveiling at King elementary school and also went on a tour of the Richmond Museum of History with the Black Historical Legacy Committee. Councilmember Robinson also thanked Richmond firefighters for their efforts in fighting a major housefire in District 3.

Councilmember Willis reported attending a Prologis presentation at Hilltop Community Church. Councilmember Willis also reported attending Richmond Rainbow Pride and thanked the organizers of the event.

Mayor Martinez reported attending a senior music event at De Anza High School and an art show at Aspire school.

#### **N. OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

The following individuals gave comments in person:

Cordell Hindler gave comments on smoke shops in the City and the crime rate. Mr. Hindler expressed concerns regarding overworked City staff and the living conditions at Nevin Plaza.

Liz Woods expressed concerns regarding overgrown weeds around Civic Center Plaza. Ms. Woods gave comments on safety and living condition at Nevin Plaza.

Rick Perez gave comments regarding a recent incident involving Richmond police. Mr. Perez expressed appreciation for the existing cultural training for Richmond officers and suggested that law enforcement culture also needs to be addressed.

Patricia Perez expressed concerns regarding Police brutality in the City of Richmond.

Mark Wassberg gave comments regarding gun violence prevention.

Daniel Nathan-Heiss gave comments regarding new ideas to generate revenue in the City to boost economic development.

Irania DeLamora gave comments regarding the Parchester Village Community Paint event. Ms. DeLamora suggested that there be more variety in the types of community events held in the City.

Philena Cosby gave comments regarding noise issues at Nevin Plaza.

The following individuals gave comments via teleconference:

Susan Wehrle gave comments regarding road safety issues on Solano Avenue and the need for traffic calming actions to be taken.

Arto Rinteela thanked the councilmembers that attended the Prologis presentation regarding Hilltop Mall. Mr. Rinteela announced that there would be an upcoming RNCC meeting in the Council Chambers on June 10, 2024. Mr. Rinteela gave comments regarding the Neighbor-to-Neighbor Grant.

Tiffany Elvin suggested the addition of new crosswalks, improved lighting, and enhanced sidewalks to the Solano Avenue area to address safety concerns.

## **O. CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

**Motion by** Councilmember Melvin Willis  
**Seconded by** Vice Mayor Claudia Jimenez

To approve all items on the consent calendar excluding item O.4.a (Update Guiding Fiscal Policy and Purchasing Policy).

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

Passed (7 to 0)

### **O.1 City Clerk's Office**

O.1.a Resolution calling and giving notice of municipal election on November 5, 2024

ADOPT a resolution: (1) Calling and Giving Notice of the holding of a Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, for the election of certain officers as required by the provisions of the Charter of the City of Richmond; (2) Requesting the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County to consolidate the Municipal Election with the Statewide General Election; and (3) Adopting regulations for candidates pertaining to the candidates' statements submitted to the voters, cost of the candidates' statements and other fees, word limit for candidates' statements; and actions to be taken for a tie vote – City Clerk's Office (Pamela Christian 510-620-6513).

**Adopted Resolution No. 47-24**

### **O.2 City Council**

O.2.a Observe National Gun Violence Awareness Day and Request for Funding Allocation

PROCLAMATION observing National Gun Violence Awareness Day; and DIRECT staff to APPROPRIATE a \$5,000 budget from the general fund to be used in support of activities including but not limited to a community vigil, educational outreach, and a public gathering to foster community solidarity against gun violence – Councilmember Bana (510-672-3490) and Mayor Eduardo Martinez (510-620-6503).

### **O.3 Economic Development**

O.3.a Collection of Assessments for Downtown Richmond Property and Business Improvement District (DRPBID)

ADOPT a resolution allowing the City of Richmond to levy the property tax rolls of property owners subject to assessment under the Downtown Richmond Property and Business Improvement District (DRPBID) on the annual 2024-2025 property tax rolls – Economic Development

Department (Lizeht Zepeda 510-620-6653/Antonio Banuelos 510-620-6741/Kyle Lam 510-620-6802/Nannette Beacham 510-620-1306).

**Adopted Resolution No. 48-24**

**O.4 Finance Department**

O.4.a Update Guiding Fiscal Policy and Purchasing Policy

REVIEW and ADOPT updates to the Guiding Fiscal Policy and Purchasing Policy – Finance Department (Shasa Curl/ Nickie Mastay 510-620-6609/ Andrea Miller 510-620-6790/ Mubeen Qader 510-412-2077/ Antonio Banuelos 510-620-6741).

**Continued to the June 18, 2024, City Council meeting.**

O.4.b Master Fee Schedule Update

ADOPT an ordinance (second reading) adjusting the dollar amount for proposed Developer Impact Fees using the two-and four-year phase in approach and other new user fees for services – Finance Department (Andrea Miller/Mubeen Qader/Antonio Banuelos 510-620-6741).

**Adopted Ordinance No. 06-24 N.S.**

O.4.c State Audit Supplemental Update

RECEIVE a report regarding the City’s Corrective Action Plan update to State Audit No. 2021-806 – City Manager’s Office/Finance Department (Andrea Miller 510-620-6790/Mubeen Qader 510-412-2077)

**O.5 Human Resources**

O.5.a Amend the Salary Schedule

ADOPT a resolution amending the salary schedule to add the senior permit technician classification, and to retitle and amend the salary for plan check engineer – Human Resources Department (Sharrone Taylor/Nickie Mastay 510-620-6602).

**Adopted Resolution No. 49-24**

**O.6 Library and Community Services**

O.6.a Accept and Appropriate Pacific Library Partnership Grant for Link+

ADOPT a resolution to ACCEPT and APPROPRIATE into the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Library budget a Pacific Library Partnership grant for Link+ in the amount of \$8,130 – Community Services Department (LaShonda White 510-620-6828/Kate Eppler 510-620-5452).

**Adopted Resolution No. 50-24**

O.6.b ARPA-Funded Opportunities for Soccer Fields and Other Improvements at Shields Reid Park, Martin Luther King, Jr. Park, and Wendell Park.

RECEIVE an update related to soccer field and park improvements; APPROVE the recommended park design concepts at Shields Reid Park, Martin Luther King, Jr. Park, and Wendell Park, including the installation of artificial turf at Shields Reid Park; and AUTHORIZE the Director of Public Works to award the park project bid and execute the contract with the lowest responsive/responsible bidder for the stated park projects provided that the award is within the Council-approved budget – City

Manager's Office/Community Services Department/Public Works Department (Shasa Curl 510-620-6512/LaShonda White 510-620-6828/Daniel Chavarria 510-620-5478).

**O.7 Police Department**

- O.7.a Air Purifying Respirators for Richmond Police Department Special Weapons and Tactics Team Members

APPROVE the purchase of air purifying respirators from LC Action Police Supply for an amount not to exceed \$38,338.31 – Police Department (Chief Bisa French 510-621-1802).

**O.8 Public Works**

- O.8.a Abatement Report from the Public Works Director

RECEIVE a written abatement report from the public works director - Public Works Department (Daniel Chavarria 510-620-5478).

- O.8.b Contract with Delta Grinding, Inc. for As-Needed Pavement Grinding and Sweeping Services

APPROVE a contract with Delta Grinding, Inc. in the amount of \$1,500,000 for as-needed grinder and sweeper services, for a three-year period beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2027, with two additional one-year options to extend for an amount of \$500,000 per extension year – Public Works Department (Daniel Chavarria 510-620-5478/Rob Chelemedos 510-231-3007).

- O.8.c Contract Amendment No. 1 with Verizon Connect NWF, Inc.

APPROVE a first contract amendment to the standard contract with Verizon Connect NWF, Inc., extending the term to June 30, 2026, and increasing the payment limit by \$120,000, for an aggregate amount not to exceed \$270,000 – Public Works Department (Daniel Chavarria 510-620-5478/Dee Karnes 510-231-3044).

**P. BUDGET SESSION**

**P.1 Approval of Engineer's Report and Intent to Levy Assessments for Hilltop Landscape Maintenance District Fiscal Year 2024-2025**

DISCUSS and ADOPT a resolution approving the Engineer's Report for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 for the Hilltop Landscape Maintenance District; DECLARE the City Council's intention to levy and collect annual assessments; and SET a public hearing about the proposed increased assessment for June 25, 2024, at 6:30 PM in the City Council Chambers at 440 Civic Center Plaza in the City of Richmond – Public Works Department (Daniel Chavarria 510-620-5478/ Robert Armijo 510-620-5477).

Director of Public Works Daniel Chavarria introduced the matter. President of SCI Consulting Group John Bliss presented a PowerPoint highlighting the following: background and purpose; fiscal impact; method of assessment apportionment; zone map; zone 1 overview; special and general benefits; and Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget development next steps. Cesar Zepeda gave comments in person. Discussion ensued.

Council requested a spending comparison report analyzing staffing and resources in special assessment districts versus similar nonspecial assessment district areas

specifying how much staff was assigned exclusively to each. Council also asked that this report include the areas that each group of staff was assigned to (location and number of parks), and a comparison of how much money from the general fund goes to staffing and services.

**Motion by** Councilmember Melvin Willis

**Seconded by** Councilmember Gayle McLaughlin

To adopt a resolution approving the Engineer's Report for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 for the Hilltop Landscape Maintenance District and declare the City Council's intention to levy and collect annual assessments and set a public hearing about the proposed increased assessment for June 25, 2024, and direct staff to report back to Council on how the City can improve service levels in general based on the discussion.

Ayes (5): Councilmember Soheila Bana, Councilmember Gayle McLaughlin, Councilmember Melvin Willis, Vice Mayor Claudia Jimenez and Mayor Eduardo Martinez

Abstentions (1): Councilmember Doria Robinson

Conflict (1): Councilmember Cesar Zepeda

Passed (5 to 0)

**Adopted Resolution No. 51-24**

**P.2 Approval of Engineer's Report and Intent to Levy Assessments for Marina Bay Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance District (LLMD) for Fiscal Year 2024-2025**

DISCUSS and ADOPT a resolution approving the Engineer's Report for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 for the Marina Bay Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance District (LLMD); DECLARE the City Council's intention to levy and collect annual assessments; and SET a public hearing about the proposed increased assessments for June 25, 2024, at 6:30 PM in City Council Chambers at 440 Civic Center Plaza in the City of Richmond – Public Works Department (Daniel Chavarria 510-620-5478/ Robert Armijo 510-620-5477).

Director of Public Works Daniel Chavarria introduced the matter. Principal Consultant of Willdan Financial Tony Thrasher presented a PowerPoint highlighting the following: boundary map; zones; improvements and services; Fiscal Year 2024-2025 rates; proposed budget; next steps. Discussion ensued. Council requested that staff return with similar analysis information as that requested for item P.1.

**Motion by** Councilmember Gayle McLaughlin

**Seconded by** Councilmember Melvin Willis

To adopt a resolution approving the Engineer's Report for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 for the Marina Bay Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance District (LLMD), declare the City Council's intention to levy and collect annual assessments and set a public hearing about the proposed increased assessments for June 25, 2024, and direct staff to return with an analysis including the same type of information as the requested analysis for item P.1.

Ayes (5): Councilmember Soheila Bana, Councilmember Gayle McLaughlin, Councilmember Melvin Willis, Vice Mayor Claudia Jimenez and Mayor Eduardo Martinez

Abstentions (2): Councilmember Cesar Zepeda, and Councilmember Doria Robinson

Passed (5 to 0)

**Adopted Resolution No. 52-24**

**P.3 Review and Direction on Budget Checklist and changes to Proposed Budget**

REVIEW the budget checklist for the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Proposed Operating Budget and Fiscal Year 2024-29 Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan; and PROVIDE DIRECTION to staff prior to final budget adoption – City Manager’s Office/Finance Department (Nickie Mastay 510-620-6609/Andrea Miller 510-620-6790/Mubeen Qader 510-412-2077).

Deputy Director of Finance Mubeen Qader introduced the matter. Deputy City Manager Nickie Mastay, Deputy Director of Finance Mubeen Qader, and Director of Public Works Daniel Chavarria presented a PowerPoint highlighting the following: Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget development next steps; Councilmember questions; total general fund budget; total non-general fund revenue budget; total non-general fund expenditure budget; initial Fiscal Year 24-25 budget adjustments.

Cordell Hindler gave comments in person. Heather Bristow, Kelsey Linnett, Sue VanHattum, and Arto Rinteela gave comments via teleconference. Discussion ensued.

Council suggested restructuring the current process on how projects were placed on the traffic calming list in order to give people from every neighborhood an opportunity to bring forward their traffic safety concerns for evaluation.

Council requested the following: comprehensive details on the overall cost of legal services, presented in a way where it was clear what vendor was being paid for the service and also specifying whether a consultant or internal staff was providing the service; details on the timeline for when temporary speed feedback trailers and enhancing crosswalks were going to be installed in the Solano Avenue area; details clarifying how much of the funds allocated for traffic calming in Fiscal Year 2024-2025 were additional funds or carry over from the prior Fiscal Year; update on previously approved council direction regarding the port in the next presentation; a breakdown of Public Works department positions and other Full Time Equivalent (FTEs) by division; and more information on surplus fund amounts. Council also suggested budgeting to purchase more traffic trailers.

**Q. NEW BUSINESS**

**Q.1 Final Written Report of the Raftelis Workforce Analysis and PowerPoint Presentation**

RECEIVE the final written report from Raftelis Financial Consultants regarding their workforce analysis – City Manager’s Office/Human Resources Department (Nickie Mastay/Sharrone Taylor 510-620-6602). **This item was continued from the May 28, 2024, meeting.**

**Continued to the June 18, 2024, City Council meeting.**

**Q.2 Traffic Calming Division within the Department of Public Works**

RECEIVE a presentation outlining the proposal to create a Traffic Calming Division within the Department of Public Works to address street, pedestrian, and bicycle safety concerns in the City; and DIRECT the allocation of funds to hire 2 Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs) in the Department of Public Works to manage the street calming, complete streets in an integrated and environmentally sustainable manner – Vice Mayor Claudia Jimenez (510-620-6565), Councilmembers Gayle McLaughlin (510-620-6636) and Doria Robinson (510-620-6568).

Vice Mayor Claudia Jimenez introduced the matter. Othering and Belonging Institute Transportation Planner Richard Aviles presented a PowerPoint highlighting the following: work completed thus far by the Othering and Belonging Institute; what they have heard so far; case study findings; key informant interview findings; and proposal.

Cordell Hindler gave comments in person. Heather Bristow gave comments via teleconference.

Council requested that the essence of what was presented be incorporated into what was approved along with data collection in collaboration with the Police department.

**Motion by** Councilmember Melvin Willis  
**Seconded by** Mayor Eduardo Martinez

To direct staff to allocate the funds for two Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs) in the Department of Public Works to manage street calming, complete streets in an integrated and environmentally sustainable manner.

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

Passed (7 to 0)

**R. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:48 p.m., to meet again on June 18, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

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Clerk of the City of Richmond

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Mayor

**From:** [Brian Lewis](#)  
**To:** [Eduardo Martinez](#); [Cesar Zepeda](#); [Soheila Bana](#); [Claudia Jimenez](#); [Gayle McLaughlin](#); [Lina Velasco](#); [Doria Robinson](#); [Melvin Willis](#); [Shasa Curl](#); [Dave Aleshire](#); [City Clerk Dept User](#)  
**Cc:** [jonathan livingston](#); [PRNC.pres@gmail.com](mailto:PRNC.pres@gmail.com); [Steve Chamberlin](#); [Jeffrey Vines](#); [Susan Hubbard](#); [Mike Carnall](#); [Jeff Shukis](#)  
**Subject:** Closed Session June 4th Re: The Future of Terminal One  
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*Dear Mayor Martinez and Richmond City Council,  
We think Terminal One is an important property in Richmond. The Community would welcome a hearing to discuss and learn of different options for the property, including the much improved March 21st, 2024, revised residential plan proposed by Laconia. We encourage the City Council, in the Closed Session, to agree to the proposed hearing and to schedule the hearing date as soon as possible. Sincerely, Brian Lewis, Brickyard Cove Alliance for Responsible Development (BCARD)*

On Mon, Jun 3, 2024 at 10:26 AM Steve Chamberlin <[Steve@chamb.com](mailto:Steve@chamb.com)> wrote:

Mayor, Council and City staff:

I have a Master's Degree in Planning and worked in both residential and commercial development for 40 years, I support Jonathan's position and object to any action by City leadership to embark upon a change in permitted use for the T1 property without first going through the process of amending the General Plan including the required CEQA studies. Doesn't the City already spend enough money on litigation?

Respectfully,  
Steve Chamberlin  
510-816-3177  
Sent from my iPad

On Jun 3, 2024, at 9:49 AM, jonathan livingston <[jlivingston7096@gmail.com](mailto:jlivingston7096@gmail.com)> wrote:

Dear honorable mayor Martinez and City Council.

My Name is Jonathan Livignston, I am the former chair of the City of Richmond's DRB and have been living off and on in Brickyard Cove for 60 years. When I was 8 years old Terminal one was an active maritime facility , with rail service, truck service and ship traffic. It is with this historical and civic

memory that I write to you as you all consider the future of Terminal One.

For the last 16 or so years I have been actively involved in many plans proposed on this parcel of land. Two versions of this plan came in front of the DRB and were approved with conditions; However the community has not been happy with these last two plans for a variety of reasons. When the property changed hands and the city transferred title to the developer there was a condition of sale that the developer would make best efforts to satisfy the communities concerns and conform to the city of Richmond's shoreline overlay district's recommendations. I am happy to say this has happened.

The new plans for Terminal One have been shown to the public. First, a general introduction of the plan to the community was done by BCARD and the feedback from the community was positive and unanimous. The second public review just happened last week when the same design was presented to the Point Richmond Neighborhood Council and its Land Use Committee. The PRNC had a similar positive and supportive reaction. The new plans integrate most of the big concerns that the community had with the previous plans including a park like waterfront environment similar to that of the Waterline development to the East, Sea level rise mitigations, environmental mitigations, a new market / cafe to provide food and beverage service to the public located on the Bay trail next to Miller Knox park and homes that are designed to fit into the fabric of the neighborhood and were designed for this site.

I would urge all of you to support this community based design and vote to allow the developer to continue to develop these plans and entitle the project. Point Richmond's residents, TRAC, and the majority of residents in the Brickyard Cove are tired of the existing blight, horrible intersection that is now an unfortunate left over from the DPW new sewer lift station project and .....the city needs the money.

Alternative:

I was briefed by the new port director that it is the desire of some on the CC to develop the old Terminal One wharf and site into a working port facility. He said that there are no other options - no other deep water port facilities.

There are much better alternatives available , they are in order of ease of getting permitted:

1. AAK wharf and existing warehouse - it has a deep water dock, is consistent with BCDC's seaport plan, it has rail service and is zoned for it. - will need to amend the existing lease.
2. City owned graving docks next to the Red Oak. - it has a deep water dock, is consistent with BCDC's seaport plan, it has rail service and is zoned for it. - will need to amend the existing lease. Room to build as well.
3. Sugar Dock across from Sims metals on the Santa Fe Channel. - it has a deep water dock, is consistent with BCDC's seaport plan, it has rail service and is zoned for it. - will need to exercise eminent domain rights.

*and the least attractive and most problematic would be*

4. Terminal One - The wharf is unsuitable and in serious need of structural repairs. The water is shallow in depth and not suitable for ships, no rail service and limited truck access. It will need a General Plan Change, a Zoning Change, a full EIR and BCDC will need to approve it and amend the Seaport plan. Then you will also need to deal with a fierce and informed and well organized community that does not want this use on this land.

There are three better alternatives.....

Please support the community and vote to allow T-1 to continue its development plans.

Respectfully submitted

Jonathan Livingston former DRB Chair

P.S. I have been working in Richmond for 50 years. I have more experience doing these types of projects than anyone. I also designed the Shea Homes project called " Waterline".

**From:** [Bruce Brubaker](#)  
**To:** [Shasa Curl](#); [City Clerk Dept User](#); [Dave Aleshire](#); [Cesar Zepeda](#)  
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Dear City Manager and City Clerk:

I am writing about the recent development of new plans for Terminal One. Although I am a Planning Commissioner, I am speaking here for myself. I am a Point Richmond resident and my career has been in architecture and urban design.

I do not support the new proposal. In fact, I believe this project is going in the wrong direction. This new proposal shows fewer, and larger, houses at Terminal One.

When considering this project, I ask myself the following question: during this time of acute need for new housing, why would the City allow housing development on city-owned property that 98% of Richmond residents cannot afford?

Thank you,

Bruce Brubaker  
560 Washington Avenue  
Pt. Richmond, CA 94801

**From:** [Irene Lozano](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk Dept User](#)  
**Cc:** [Shannon Moore](#); [Shasa Curl](#); [Trina Jackson-Lincoln](#); [Lina Velasco](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Support of Terminal One Laconia and Livingston Development Plan  
**Date:** Monday, June 3, 2024 1:50:13 PM

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Hello,

This is the second email I've received about Terminal One, I presume these may qualify as public comment. I will forward the other email shortly.

**Irene Lozano**

Executive Assistant to the City Manager

City Manager's Office

510-621-1264

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**From:** c.cellucci@icloud.com <c.cellucci@icloud.com>  
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**Subject:** Support of Terminal One Laconia and Livingston Development Plan

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Sincerely,  
Camille Cellucci  
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**To:** [Eduardo Martinez](#); [Cesar Zepeda](#); [Soheila Bana](#); [Claudia Jimenez](#); [Gayle McLaughlin](#); [Doria Robinson](#)  
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Respectfully,  
Randall Rasicot  
Commodore, Richmond Yacht Club

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Richmond city council and mayor,

The residents of Sandpiper Spit, represented by Brickyard Cove HOA2, fully support the latest residential development plan presented to us for the nearby "Terminal One" property, which addresses the serious flaws in the prior plan, which you also rejected. We do not support and would vigorously oppose any commercial use of the property.

Jeff Shukis  
Brickyard Cove HOA2 President

**From:** [Jeffrey Vines](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk Dept User](#)  
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I sent this earlier today, but, understand you need to receive a copy for this to be properly registered.

Thank you

Jeff Vines

Begin forwarded message:

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Your consideration is very much appreciated.

Jeff Vines

Member - Brickyard Cove Alliance for Responsible Development (BCARD)

**From:** [John Stafford](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk Dept User](#)  
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Respectfully,  
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Three separate letters. fyi.

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The most recent plans which Laconia and Jonathan Livingston have presented should be approved on so many levels.

After years of the city not receiving any revenue - only funds going out —  
“It’s Time”

Respectfully submitted --

Margi Cellucci

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Mickey McGovern

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Public comment for Terminal One.

**Irene Lozano**  
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Dear Mayor, City Atty. and Council Members —

It is important and long overdue! I enthusiastically support Jonathan Livingston's solution for Terminal One.

PLEASE MAKE IT HAPPEN!!

Martin McNair  
40 Year Resident of Richmond

**From:** [Irene Lozano](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk Dept User](#)  
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Second public comment received regarding Terminal One.

Best,

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I understand that you will hold a closed meeting on Tuesday, June 4th, to determine if the City of Richmond should reclaim the property known as Terminal One so the City can change the course of the development of that property from a housing community to an industrial plant. As someone who lives in the residential area next to The Brickyard I oppose this change.

The housing development designed by Johnathan Livingston and Laconia is a community of beautiful homes that are badly needed in California. The housing shortage here is dire! The present site is an eye sore and continues to deteriorate. Every time I drive or walk by the ugly gray buildings I wonder why this beautiful real estate property with its view of San Francisco and the Bay is neglected and wasted when we need homes so badly in California.

We should not spend years in costly litigation to put an industrial plant in a residential

community and next to a park that is used by the people who live in the community and people outside the community who frequent this park every weekend.

I object to this change! I also request that the Tuesday meeting be open to the public so we can attend and voice our objections in person! I want to know why the City thinks an industrial plant is better for the community than housing. I want to know what the City will gain from this plant that is better than the property taxes that will be collected from family homes.

Sincerely,

Mickey McGovern

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[mmcgo79856@aol.com](mailto:mmcgo79856@aol.com)  
Writer/Producer

**From:** [Philip Rosenthal](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk Dept User](#)  
**Cc:** [Shasa Curl](#); [City Clerk Dept User](#); [Dave Aleshire](#); [Cesar Zepeda](#); [jonathan livingston](#); [Leisa Johnson](#); [Rod Satre](#); [Charmain Tyler](#); [Eric Napracca](#); [Anna Siria Ortiz](#); [edie@ediesellers.com](#); [Margi Sullivan](#)  
**Subject:** Public comment, June 4, 2024 City council meeting agenda item C2  
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I am resending this statement from the Point Richmond Neighborhood Council. Although we do routinely send these out to the city staff and council members, we additionally would like to enter this letter into public record and public comment on the issue .  
Thank you so much, Philip

On Jun 3, 2024, at 11:54 AM, Philip Rosenthal <[PRNC.pres@gmail.com](mailto:PRNC.pres@gmail.com)> wrote:

Hi Shasa and City Clerk,

Please confirm receipt and distribution of this email.

The community is ready to move forward.

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***Philip Rosenthal***  
PRNC President

[\*\*prnc.pres@gmail.com\*\*](mailto:prnc.pres@gmail.com)  
***(510)593-9017***



June 3, 2024

City of Richmond

Shasa Curl, City Manager

450 Civic Center Plaza

Richmond CA

To All concerned,

The PRNC and its Land Use Design Review Committee had a public review of the newest Terminal One development plan last Wednesday, May 28th. Jonathan Livingston introduced the revised project. Below is a summary of previous community concerns from BCARD and the PRNC regarding the old project, with associated improvements to address those concerns in the revised plan.

PRNC summary:

The PRNC overwhelmingly voted to support this most recent Terminal One design presented by Mr. Livingston, with the following conditions included:

1. This project is conceptual in nature and will return to the PRNC with detailed plans that are DRB-ready.
2. The new Terminal One plans will follow "The Essential Bay Trail" design in Section 5.1 of the *San Francisco Bay Trail Design Guidelines and Toolkit*.\*
3. The Bay Trail plan that is included in this plan is conceptual in nature, and the applicant will continue to work with TRAC prior to DRB submittal.

## General overview:

The project addresses all of the major objections to the previous plans. The developer has shown us a more community-centered design philosophy and illustrated to us a commitment to addressing **the past concerns**.

## Examples:

- **Sea Level Rise.** The developer has hired a sea level rise expert that has directly advised them on the expected sea level rise, storm surge and flooding consistent with the city's standards.
- **Plan design and scale.** The old plan had too many homes that were way too close together. The new plan opens up the development and the number of units was reduced from 159 to 85 to accommodate this request.
- **Emergency vehicle access and general ingress and egress safety issues.** With approximately 50% fewer units, adverse impacts to vital public safety routes have been reduced.
- **Shoreline setback.** The new design is now held back 100 feet from the shore, whereas the previous design was much closer.
- **Environmental:** There were unanswered and problematic issues regarding imported fill. The developer has discovered an on-site adaptive reuse of the building and the redesigned buildings mitigate this concern.
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- **Architecture and design.**
  - The architecture that was presented in the old plan seemed out- of- place and bulky. The new architecture is traditional, fits in better with its surroundings, much less bulky and massive and has been custom-designed for the site. Additionally, the new plan offers much more open space, including a green belt, community garden, tot lot, and a 100- foot-wide waterfront landscaped environment.
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Other notable improvements:

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Kind Regards,

*Philip Rosenthal*

Philip Rosenthal, PRNC President

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**To:** [City Clerk Dept](#); [whill@donahue.com](mailto:whill@donahue.com)  
**Subject:** FW: The Future of Terminal One  
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Hello,

I am forwarding your comment to the City Clerk's Office for further processing.

Best,

**Irene Lozano**

Executive Assistant to the City Manager

City Manager's Office

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1325 Pelican Way  
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<b>City Council</b>						
6/4/2024 4:30 PM	OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT	Jacob		<p>Dirt world is still closed. Kids and youth have been deprived for over 6 months of a fun safe place to ride their bikes. Apparently most of the work is done except for irrigation. These "improvements" were a waste of time &amp; money. There was nothing wrong with Dirt World, people loved it as it was. Chasing unnecessary grant funding has now caused it to be permanently altered, more expensive to maintain, and closed for an extended period of time, leaving kids with no safe place to have fun on the bikes.</p>	Against	Appro

From: Alec Gwinn-Scott  
To: City Clerk, Next Issue, Claudia Jimenez, Eduardo Martinez, Gayle McLaughlin, Dana Robinson, Helen Willis, Oscar Zepeda, Soheila Bazar, Shana Cruz, David Chavasin, Robert Armitz, Josef Hauer, Traffic, Hiker, solomonsthehiker@gmail.com  
Subject: Public Comments Agenda Item #9 3 Budget Checklist  
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Thank you,  
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1(510)219-6412  
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**From:** [Dan Keady](#)  
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Thank you for your consideration,

-Dan Keady

**From:** [Heather Bristow](#)  
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**From:** John Wehrle  
**To:** Claudia Jimenez  
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Mike Reynolds

Senior Creative Director - Product Design & Development  
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- Solar powered light up pedestrian signage.

Our neighborhood will continue to lift up this issue until it is addressed by this council. Please act before someone gets hurt.

Thank you,  
Sarah Salazar

**From:** [Susan Wehrle](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk Dept User](#); [Claudia Jimenez](#); [Eduardo Martinez](#); [Gayle McLaughlin](#); [Doria Robinson](#); [Melvin Willis](#); [Cesar Zepeda](#); [Soheila Bana](#); [Shasa Curl](#); [Daniel Chavarria](#); [Robert Armijo](#); [Josef Munoz](#); [Tawfic Halaby](#)  
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775 Lassen Street  
Richmond, Ca 94805

**From:** [William David Bristow](#)  
**To:** [Daniel Chavarria](#)  
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Thank you,

Alec Gwinn-Scott  
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**From:** [Dan Keady](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk Dept User](#); [Claudia Jimenez](#); [Eduardo Martinez](#); [Gayle McLaughlin](#); [Doria Robinson](#); [Melvin Willis](#); [Cesar Zepeda](#); [Soheila Bana](#); [Shasa Curl](#); [Daniel Chavarria](#); [Robert Armijo](#); [Josef Munoz](#); [Tawfic Halaby](#); [Heather Bristow](#)  
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**To:** [City Clerk Dept User](#); [Claudia Jimenez](#); [Eduardo Martinez](#); [Gayle McLaughlin](#); [Doria Robinson](#); [Melvin Willis](#); [Cesar Zepeda](#); [Soheila Bana](#); [Shasa Curl](#); [Daniel Chavarria](#); [Robert Armijo](#); [Josef Munoz](#); [Tawfic Halaby](#); [Heather Bristow](#)  
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Hello,

I would like to submit the attached letter (pdf) to be included for public comment in regards to agenda item # Q.2 for tomorrow's 1pm meeting.

Thank you,  
Katie

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*Katie McKnight*  
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*Secretary, Executive Committee/Board Member*  
[Bay Area Young Survivors](#)

Monday, June 3, 2024

**Subject:** Public comment Agenda Item # Q.2

Dear Mayor Martinez and Richmond City Councilmembers,

My name is Katie McKnight and I'm a constituent living in the Richmond Annex (District 5). I'm writing to voice my concern over traffic on Plumas Avenue and urge you to support and implement traffic calming measures. Plumas Ave is overburdened by high-speed, high-volume traffic, compounded by flooding problems, air pollution, urban stormwater pollution, illegal dumping, and various other issues.

I've been living on Plumas Ave. for six years and in that time I've witnessed multiple wrecks (usually hit and runs), countless cars speeding the wrong way (Plumas is a one-way street), and dozens of close calls nearly getting hit by speeding vehicles as I attempt to cross my street. On dozens of occasions, I've turned onto Plumas to be met with a near head-on collision due to drivers speeding the wrong direction. Additionally, my cat, Fleck, was hit by a speeding vehicle a few years ago, and the perpetrator drove away without stopping.

We need measures implemented to slow and reduce traffic on Plumas and make the street safe for the many kids, seniors, and pets living in the neighborhood. Across the street from my house is a daycare that receives numerous young children five days a week. As I watch the kids being unloaded from their parent's cars, I shudder to think what would happen if one child momentarily slips away from their parent's grasp and turns the wrong direction. Rushed drivers often speed down Plumas to get to Carlson Blvd from Moeser Ave and San Pablo Ave toward the I-80/I-880 onramps, but Plumas is not zoned to be a high-traffic thoroughfare nor is it safe to operate as one. We have no slow signs, no speed bumps, no stop signs, no crosswalks, and no effective "one way" signs as evidenced by the number of wrong-way drivers.

In addition to the traffic situation posing an immediate threat to residents' safety and well-being, residents on Plumas Ave also experience a disproportionately heavier environmental burden. We are exposed to higher traffic and thus higher air pollution exposure. We also have floodwater that easily accumulates during rainfall events, rendering Plumas into an ephemeral creek. As the water slows and accumulates, so does the sediment, heavy metals, oils and grease from vehicles, pesticides and herbicides from landscaping, nutrients from fertilizers, and bacteria and other pathogens from animal waste, amongst other pollutants, on our street. Plumas Ave is sited on a historical creek channel, so rainwater naturally wants to accumulate, and the high amounts of impervious surfaces from surrounding streets only exacerbates this tendency. Additionally, the high traffic flows lead to more litter which leads to blocked storm drains when not cleared out. The storm drains along Plumas are often overwhelmed with even a light rainfall—evidence that the storm drain system is either undersized or not maintained as frequently as needed, or likely a combination. As the intensity, duration and frequency of storm events continue to increase with climate change like the atmospheric rivers we have seen of late, the residents of Plumas Ave are at an increased risk for damage to our homes and being injured in floods.

My home has already been flooded twice in six years despite my and my husband's best efforts to mitigate the risks using a combination of sump pumps, sandbags, an underground cistern, and our collective professional knowledge in environmental planning, landscape architecture, and construction. A critical issue is that the storm drains on our street are not working properly so floodwaters accumulate along the street and eventually jump the curb and sheet down our driveway, overwhelming all attempts to keep floodwaters at bay. We are not the first neighbors to deal with this repeated challenge nor will we be the last. Nearly every house and apartment complex on the south side of Plumas deals with this issue, some of which for decades. Add speeding cars onto a flooded street and the risk to people and property goes up exponentially.

I recognize that Richmond at large is a very overburdened city, and many challenges like living in the shadow of oil refineries, highways, railroads, and industrial waste are difficult to overcome. But two things that we *can* change are traffic patterns and water drainage. Plumas Ave is an excellent candidate for a green street to slow both floodwaters and traffic and become more pedestrian friendly. With a mix of low to middle income, long-time residents, several multifamily apartment buildings and a diverse mix of residents, alleviating some of the burdens that Plumas residents face will help advance equity in District 5. Measures like speed bumps, crosswalks, a bike lane, rain gardens, and through traffic restrictions using clear signage and issuing penalties would go a long way to making our street safer and healthier for all who live and visit Plumas Ave.

I appreciate your time and all that you do for our wonderful city. I would be very happy to collaborate on traffic mitigation and stormwater reduction efforts on Plumas. I have attached a few photos below to illustrate the points above. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Katie McKnight

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**Stormdrains are easily overwhelmed**

Flooding along Plumas Ave during a rainstorm.



Flooding in our home in 2019 due to storm drains on Plumas Ave. not draining properly.



Speeder going the wrong way down Plumas Ave., in front of an in-home daycare facility.



A speeding van crashed into my parked work truck and then sped off. The van (pictured) was found later, abandoned in a nearby neighborhood. The incident was reported to the Richmond Police Department.

**From:** [Neil Harkins](#)  
**To:** [Daniel Chavarria](#)  
**Cc:** [City Clerk Dept User](#); [Claudia Jimenez](#); [Eduardo Martinez](#); [Josef Munoz](#); [Melvin Willis](#); [Robert Armijo](#); [Shasa Curl](#); [Tawfic Halaby](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Public Comments Agenda Item #Q Budget  
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Dear **Daniel** (cc: Council and Staff),

I'm including a response some neighbors in the area have drafted:

Thank you for the thoughtful response. I think **we're at a point where neighbors need a concrete plan on how to address the dangerous walking and speeding conditions on Solano Ave.** We've had 75 comments via email and in-person, since the budget meetings in April, and on Sunday 40 of us met with Claudia Jimenez to discuss Solano and the Traffic Calming Program. And now today, we are starting another batch of comments.

You mentioned a few ideas (speed feedback trailer and enhancing crosswalks). **To clarify, there are no crosswalks to enhance**, and that is part of what we have been saying this whole time.

**While we appreciate the gesture of a speed feedback trailer, the City has already determined that this stretch of Solano Ave is part of the "Vehicle High Injury Network"**. According to the Richmond Local Roadway Safety Plan (LRSP), 56% of all motor vehicle-involved crashes occur on this network, which accounts for only 8% of Richmond roadways. Additionally, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Plan adopted by City Council in February 2023 identified Solano Ave as a "High-Priority Pedestrian Improvement Spot", with a high rating of 76 (out of 100).

**We'd like to address the problem instead of studying it further than it already has been, which will unnecessarily delay temporary solutions to an already documented dangerous corridor.**

**We are requesting two things:**

- (1) in line with recent conversations at council meetings, temporary measures to address the Solano issue until a more finalized project is planned, and
- (2) an estimated date for when our project will be presented to City Council for a vote, along with the next batch of traffic calming projects for the next fiscal year.

**These are the temporary measures we are requesting:**

- (3) new crosswalks @ Solano intersections of Ventura, Lassen, McLaughlin, and (2) enhanced crosswalks at Humboldt and the Hwy 80 freeway overpass
- In-street mounted traffic delineators (yellow post style or “State law: yield to pedestrians within crosswalk” sign style, at each crosswalk intersection along Solano)
- Red-painted corners at each intersection (to improve pedestrian and driver visibility)
- One pair of solar-powered, light-up, pedestrian crosswalk signs, designated at one of the crosswalks, to help people crossing Solano in the evenings after work

Ultimately, because we have so many residents who walk at night (which can start at 5pm for part of the year), we will eventually need one centrally-located light-up crosswalk with **illuminated lights in the street**, so pedestrians can cross Solano Ave safely.

Temporarily, one pair of solar-powered, light-up, pedestrian crosswalk signs, centrally located along the stretch of Solano Ave, will help buffer the safety issue some. This is an affordable temporary measure, as it doesn't require 120V electrical hookup.

Please let us know when Public Works will present the next batch of traffic calming projects to the City Council for a vote.

Thank you for your further consideration on this matter,  
-Neil Harkins (& other East Richmond Residents)

On Wed, May 29, 2024 at 10:23 PM Daniel Chavarria  
<[Daniel\\_Chavarria@ci.richmond.ca.us](mailto:Daniel_Chavarria@ci.richmond.ca.us)> wrote:

Dear Neil,

We appreciate you bringing the traffic situation at Solano Avenue to our attention. Your feedback is invaluable in helping us address community concerns effectively.

Currently, our team is actively focused on addressing the 15 priority locations identified by the City Council in November 2022. Concurrently, we are collaborating with a Traffic Engineering firm to assess over 350 new requests, including those related to Solano Avenue. To effectively manage the growing number of requests and ensure a sustainable solution, we are in the process of developing a comprehensive Traffic Calming Program with an allocated annual budget. This initiative will involve close collaboration between our staff, residents, and the City Council.

In line with this, the Public Works Department (PW) and Human Resources Department (HR) are working together to recruit additional engineers to enhance the Engineering Division of PW. This will enable us to dedicate an engineer to focus solely on developing and implementing the Traffic Calming Program.

Regarding the concerns raised at Solano Avenue, we are exploring immediate measures that City crews can undertake, such as installing temporary speed feedback trailers and enhancing crosswalks.

We value your input and would appreciate any further insights or suggestions you may have regarding this matter. Your continued support is instrumental in creating safer and more efficient traffic conditions in our community. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we work towards a solution.

Warm regards,

Daniel Chavarria, P.E.

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Hello Elected Richmond City Council Members,

I am writing in support of the community initiative for "traffic calming"--more specifically: speed calming--even more specifically: increased safety on Solano Ave between San Pablo and the 80 onramp.

This is a MAJOR highway onramp in a VERY residential neighborhood, and the street is fairly wide, which seems to result in drivers feeling "safer" from hitting parked cars (although I've often seen cars almost hit larger vehicles/wide trucks parked along the street), so they drive even faster to get on the highway.

In the past several years, Richmond has finally attracted more businesses on the stretch of San Pablo near Solano: Factory Bar, Waffles & Ice Cream, Tacos Tucan, El Jardin, etc in addition to longer term fixtures like Catahoula, Tres Hermanas, and more. I walk to these establishments along Solano every weekday morning (Catahoula), some lunch hours, and some weeknights (other spots). I see the speeding firsthand, as well as hear the sideshow/donuts some night. Something must be done, and we're asking you to please do it: make this stretch of road safe for pedestrians (and other cars even), by utilizing any/all of the means at your disposal: lighted painted crosswalks, signs stating fines, etc.

One member of our community group has even done some research, and found that the Richmond Local Roadway Safety Plan (LRSP) considers this section of Solano Ave to be part of the "Vehicle High Injury Network". According to their report, 56% of all motor vehicle-involved crashes occur on this network, which accounts for only 8% of Richmond roadways. It also shows one fatal and severe collision on Solano Ave. Also, "The Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Plan" adopted by City Council in February 2023 identified Solano Ave as a "High-Priority Pedestrian Improvement Spot", with a HIGH rating (76 out of 100).

I really hope all this is enough to convince you to invest in our community's safety. A young pedestrian getting seriously injured by a speeding car while walking to get ice cream on a warm summer evening is a very realistic fear, and something which you can help prevent by allocating a small amount to fund the traffic calming initiative in this location specifically.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter,

-Neil Harkins

East Richmond Concerned Resident

