

RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, August 13, 2024

Community Services Building  
440 Civic Center Plaza  
Richmond, CA 94804

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

The Richmond City Council Open Session was called to order at 5:15 p.m. by Mayor Eduardo Martinez.

City Clerk Pamela Christian announced that the city council would reconvene following closed session for the city attorney to provide a report on final decisions made during closed session. Ms. Christian also announced that Councilmember Gayle McLaughlin would be joining the meeting remotely in accordance with Assembly Bill 2449.

**B. ROLL CALL**

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

**C. CLOSED SESSION**

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

- Coalition for Richmond's Future & Daniela Dickey v. Pamela Christian, the City Clerk of the City of Richmond; Kristin B. Connelly, County Clerk, Recorder and Registrar of Voters

**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

**D. PUBLIC COMMENT BEFORE CLOSED SESSION**

The following individuals gave comments in person: Sue Wilson, Michelle Milam, Kelly Griffin, Tim Simmons, Sean Stalbaum, Tolly Graves, Josiah Brandman, Ben Therriault, Gregory Everetts, Debra Grabelle, and Josh Anijar.

The following individuals gave comments via teleconference: John Varga, Yvette Williams, Shane Johnson, Christopher Lehman, Kymberlyn Carson-Thrower, and Fred Brown Jr.

**E. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

The Open Session adjourned to Closed Session at 5:39 p.m. Closed Session adjourned at 8:42 p.m. and open session reconvened at 8:43 p.m. with all councilmembers present.

Chief Assistant City Attorney Shannon Moore reported the outcome of the closed session items as follows:

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*Direction was given to City negotiators to complete negotiations by the start time of the special meeting scheduled for August 14, 2024, and to present the final agreement.*

Mayor Martinez announced that the council would need to adjourn the special meeting scheduled for Wednesday, August 14, 2024, by 2:00 p.m. in order to give the city clerk enough time to provide the County Elections Division with the proper documentation to remove a measure from the November 5, 2024, ballot if approved.

Open session adjourned at 8:45 p.m. to meet again on Wednesday, August 14, 2024, at 12:00 p.m.

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Clerk of the City of Richmond

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Mayor