

**RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA,**

January 21, 2025, 4:30 p.m.  
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 meeting was called to order at 4:36 p.m. by Mayor Eduardo Martinez.

**B. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Councilmembers Jamelia Brown, Claudia Jimenez, Doria Robinson, Sue Wilson, Cesar Zepeda, and Mayor Eduardo Martinez. **Absent:** Councilmember Soheila Bana arrived after adjourning to Closed Session.

**C. CLOSED SESSION**

**C.1 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of Subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9)**

- One case

**C.2 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION (paragraph (1) of Subdivision [d] of Government Code Section 54956.9)**

- Guillermo Gomez v. John Temple, et al.

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

- Agency Representatives: Sharrone Taylor, Jack Hughes, Lisa Charbonneau

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

**C.4 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Government Code Section 54957)**

- Title: City Attorney

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

Cordell Hindler gave comments in support of the city attorney performance evaluation and for the labor negotiations.

**E. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

The meeting adjourned at 4:38 p.m. Closed Session adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

**F. SPECIAL MEETING OF THE RICHMOND HOUSING AUTHORITY**

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Chairperson Eduardo Martinez.

**G. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairperson Eduardo Martinez led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**H. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Commissioners Jamelia Brown, Claudia Jimenez, Doria Robinson, Sue Wilson, Cesar Zepeda, and Chairperson Eduardo Martinez. **Absent:** Commissioner Soheila Bana arrived after the roll was called. Housing Tenant Commissioner Jaycine Scott was absent the entire meeting.

**I. STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None.

**J. REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Executive Director, Antoinette Terrell presented a PowerPoint, which highlighted the following: RHA Requests for Proposals; Nystrom Village update; and Nevin Plaza I and II update.

Commissioners stated that there should be an increase in city subsidies so units could be repaired faster, and that staff provide a report at the next meeting regarding the length of time needed to renovate all of the units so that they are available as soon as possible to receive the low-income housing vouchers.

**K. AGENDA REVIEW**

None.

**L. HOUSING AUTHORITY PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**M. HOUSING AUTHORITY CONSENT CALENDAR**

**M.1 As Needed Legal Services Contract with Edrington, Schrimmer, and Murphy LLP.**

ADOPT a resolution authorizing a legal services contract with Edrington, Shirmer & Murphy LLP for as needed lease enforcement and unlawful detainer services in the amount of \$400,000 for a three-year term, starting January 21, 2025, and ending January 21, 2028, with an option to extend for two additional one-year terms at \$100,000 per year for a total amount not to exceed \$600,000 - Richmond Housing Authority (Antoinette Terrell 510-620-6784/Gregory Palomino (510-621-1361).

**Motion by** Commissioner Cesar Zepeda

**Seconded by** Chairperson Eduardo Martinez

Ayes (7): Commissioners Soheila Bana, Jamelia Brown, Claudia Jimenez, Doria Robinson, Sue Wilson, Cesar Zepeda, and Chairperson Eduardo Martinez.

Absent (1): Housing Tenant Commissioner Jaycine Scott.

Passed

Adopted **Resolution No. 2206.**

**N. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:53 p.m. by Mayor Eduardo Martinez.

**P. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Councilmembers Soheila Bana, Jamelia Brown, Claudia Jimenez, Doria Robinson, Sue Wilson, Cesar Zepeda, and Mayor Eduardo Martinez. **Absent:** None.

**Q. STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None.

**R. ELECTION OF THE NEW VICE MAYOR FOR 2025**

**R.1 Election of the new vice mayor for 2025**

The Richmond City Council shall elect from among its members a vice mayor to serve for 2025. In the absence or disability of the mayor, the vice mayor shall serve as the mayor. The vice mayor shall also represent the mayor upon the mayor's request. The vice mayor shall serve for a term of one year - Mayor's Office (Mayor Eduardo Martinez 510-620-6503). **PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM MAY BE ALLOWED UNDER OPEN FORUM**

A motion was made to nominate Councilmember Zepeda as Vice Mayor.

**Motion by** Councilmember Claudia Jimenez

**Seconded by** Councilmember Doria Robinson

Ayes (7): Soheila Bana, Jamelia Brown, Claudia Jimenez, Doria Robinson, Sue Wilson, Cesar Zepeda, and Mayor Eduardo Martinez

Passed

**S. AGENDA REVIEW**

Item *W.2.b - Request for Richmond Fire, including Emergency Services, Public Works, Police, and City Attorney's Office to participate in an ad-hoc committee on Wildfire Preparedness*; Item *W.7.a - Approve a third contract amendment with Flock Group Inc.*, and Item *W.8.c - Resolution to request Metropolitan Transportation Commission to allocate Transportation Development Act Article 3 Pedestrian/Bicycle Project funding for the Downtown Point Richmond Bicycle Connectivity Project* were removed from the consent calendar for discussion.

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

**C.1 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of Subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9)**

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A status report was given and no reportable action was taken.

**C.2 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION (paragraph (1) of Subdivision [d] of Government Code Section 54956.9)**

- Guillermo Gomez v. John Temple, et al.

**Item was not discussed.**

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**A status report was given and the item was continued to a future meeting.**

**C.4 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Government Code Section 54957)**

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**Item was not discussed.**

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

City Manager Shasa Curl presented the report.

Link to report: [CITY MANAGER REPORT](#)

**V. 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)**

Cordell Hindler gave comments in support of the Richmond Main Street activities. Mr. Hindler also suggested that speakers that make presentations to the city council should be moved up sooner on the agenda and requested that the Standing Committees be reinstated.

Don Gosney gave comments regarding the recent 80% wage increase for the mayor and city council.

Sherri Norris gave comments regarding housing issues she experienced.

Mark Wassberg gave comments regarding side shows in the city.

Jamin Pursell thanked staff for organizing the swearing-in ceremony and urged the community to be strong and continue to work together.

Emily Ross welcomed the newly elected Councilmembers Jamelia Brown and Sue Wilson.

Terri Hinte gave comments regarding the need for fireworks enforcement and that staff should follow the directives they were previously given regarding fireworks.

Ghaliyah Roberts-Palmer gave comments in opposition to the potential opening of the D&D Liquor store near Market Square Mall due to the potential negative impacts to the surrounding neighborhood.

## W. 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.)

The motion to approve the consent calendar did not include the following items:

Item *W.2.b - Request for Richmond Fire, including Emergency Services, Public Works, Police, and City Attorney's Office to participate in an ad-hoc committee on Wildfire Preparedness*; Item *W.7.a - Approve a third contract amendment with Flock Group Inc.*, and Item *W.8.c - Resolution to request Metropolitan Transportation Commission to allocate Transportation Development Act Article 3 Pedestrian/Bicycle Project funding for the Downtown Point Richmond Bicycle Connectivity Project.*

**Motion by** Councilmember Doria Robinson

**Seconded by** Councilmember Sue Wilson

Ayes (7): Councilmembers Soheila Bana, Jamelia Brown, Claudia Jimenez, Doria Robinson, Sue Wilson, Vice Mayor Cesar Zepeda, and Mayor Eduardo Martinez

Passed

### W.1 City Clerk's Office

#### W.1.a Meeting Minutes

APPROVE the minutes of the December 17, 2024, regular City Council meeting - City Clerk's Office (Pamela Christian 510-620-6513).

### W.2 City Council

#### W.2.a Resolution to prohibit the purchase of products made with Prison Labor

ADOPT a resolution declaring that the City of Richmond will not purchase any products produced with prison labor and DIRECT staff to conduct an analysis of current products/suppliers produced with prison labor and utilized by City and return with recommendations for alternatives to utilize suppliers that do not use prison labor to produce goods - Councilmember Soheila Bana (510-620-6743).

Adopted **Resolution No. 5-25.**

#### W.2.b Request for Richmond Fire, including Emergency Services, Public Works, Police, and City Attorney's Office to participate in an ad-hoc committee on Wildfire preparedness

DIRECT staff to provide a summary assessment of the City's and community's current preparedness for public disasters, it should briefly highlight key successes, gaps, challenges, and vulnerabilities and offer practical recommendations for resource allocation and actions needed to improve disaster preparedness, mitigation, and emergency response, including updates to the Richmond Municipal Code in advance of the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget - Councilmember Soheila Bana (510-620-6743).

Councilmember Bana gave an overview.

A motion was made by Councilmember Bana, seconded by Vice Mayor Zepeda, to approve the item. A friendly amendment was offered by

Councilmember Wilson, to request for Richmond Fire, including Emergency Services, Public Works, Police, and City Attorney's Office to participate in an ad-hoc committee on wildfire preparedness.

Councilmember Robinson offered a friendly amendment to conduct immediate community meetings to have an open discussion with the affected neighborhoods.

Councilmember Bana modified her motion as follows: to establish an ad-hoc committee of councilmembers and staff to work on wildfire preparedness and mitigation, conduct community outreach for the purpose of needs assessment, and bring proposals for budget and resource allocation to enhance wildfire preparedness in the city and request that the City Attorney's Office update the city's municipal code.

Councilmember Wilson also offered a friendly amendment to only include community meetings not for the purpose of needs assessment and remove the updating of the municipal code. The ad-hoc committee would decide if necessary. Councilmember Bana accepted the friendly amendments.

Mayor Martinez appointed Councilmembers Bana, Brown, and Vice Mayor Zepeda to the ad-hoc committee.

**Motion by Councilmember Soheila Bana**  
**Seconded by Vice Mayor Cesar Zepeda**

Ayes (7): Councilmembers Soheila Bana, Jamelia Brown, Claudia Jimenez, Doria Robinson, Sue Wilson, Vice Mayor Cesar Zepeda, and Mayor Eduardo Martinez

Passed

### **W.3 Economic Development**

#### **W.3.a Contract with CoBiz Richmond for On-Demand Enhanced Business Services**

APPROVE a contract with CoBiz and AUTHORIZE the city manager or their designee to negotiate contract terms as needed to provide on-demand enhanced business, workplace, events services and solutions to small businesses, in an amount not to exceed \$95,000 with a term ending December 31, 2026 – Economic Development Department (Nannette Beacham 510-621-1306/Lizeht Zepeda 510-620-6653/Kyle Lam 510-620-6802).

### **W.4 Finance Department**

#### **W.4.a Investment and Cash Balance Report, Monthly Overtime Reports, and Documentary Transfer Tax Report for the Month of November 2024**

RECEIVE the City's Investment and Cash Balance Report, Monthly Overtime Reports, and Documentary Transfer Tax Report for the month of November 2024 – Finance Department (Andrea Miller 510-620-6740).

### **W.5 Internal Services**

#### **W.5.a Ordinance Amending the Monthly Salary for the Mayor and Introduce an Ordinance Amending the Monthly Salary for City Councilmembers**

ADOPT an ordinance (second reading) amending the monthly salary for City Council members; and ADOPT an ordinance (second reading)

amending the monthly salary for the Mayor – Human Resources Department (Sharrone Taylor 510-620-6803)/City Attorney's Office (Shannon Moore 510-620-6505).

*Initially this item was adopted with the approval of the consent calendar, however separate votes were required.*

A motion made by Mayor Martinez, seconded by Councilmember Robinson rescinded the previous vote, by the unanimous vote of the city council.

A motion was made to amend the salary for the mayor:

**Motion by** Councilmember Claudia Jimenez  
**Seconded by** Councilmember Doria Robinson

Ayes (6): Councilmembers Soheila Bana, Jamelia Brown, Claudia Jimenez, Doria Robinson, Sue Wilson, and Vice Mayor Cesar Zepeda

Abstain (1): Mayor Eduardo Martinez

Passed

Adopted **Resolution No. 3-25** to amend the salary for the mayor.

A motion was made to amend the salary for the city councilmembers:

**Motion by** Councilmember Mayor Eduardo Martinez  
**Seconded by** Councilmember Claudia Jimenez

Ayes (7): Councilmembers Soheila Bana, Jamelia Brown, Claudia Jimenez, Doria Robinson, Sue Wilson, Vice Mayor Cesar Zepeda, and Mayor Eduardo Martinez

Passed

Adopted **Resolution No. 4-25** to amend the salary for the city councilmembers.

## **W.6 Mayor's Office**

### **W.6.a International Holocaust Remembrance Day 2025**

PROCLAMATION declaring January 27, 2025, as International Holocaust Remembrance Day in Richmond, California – Mayor Eduardo Martinez (510-620-6503).

### **W.6.b Black History Month February 2025**

PROCLAMATION declaring February 2025 as Black History Month in the City of Richmond – Mayor Eduardo Martinez (510-620-6503), Councilmembers Doria Robinson and Jamelia Brown (510-620-6861).

### **W.6.c Appointment of Ashton Desmangles to the Richmond Youth Council**

APPOINT Ashton Desmangles to the Richmond Youth Council, with a term that expires October 1, 2025 – Mayor's Office (Mayor Eduardo Martinez 510-620-6503).

### **W.6.d Appointment of Isabel Ziegler to the Historic Preservation Commission**

APPOINT Isabel Ziegler to the Historic Preservation Commission, with a term that expires July 31, 2026 – Mayor's Office (Mayor Eduardo Martinez 510-620-6503).

- W.6.e Appointment of Martha Jackson to the Urban Forest Advisory Committee  
APPOINT Martha Jackson to the Urban Forest Advisory Committee with a term expiring November 17, 2027 – Mayor’s Office (Mayor Eduardo Martinez 510-620-6503).
- W.6.f Appointment of Bernadette Garcia-Roger to the Urban Forest Advisory Committee  
APPOINT Bernadette Garcia-Roger to the Urban Forest Advisory Committee with a term expiring November 17, 2027 – Mayor’s Office (Mayor Eduardo Martinez 510-620-6503).
- W.6.g Appointment of O’Neill Fernandez to the Human Rights and Human Relations Commission  
APPOINT O’Neill Fernandez to an unexpired term on the Human Rights and Human Relations Commission, with a term ending March 30, 2025 – Mayor’s Office (Mayor Eduardo Martinez 510-620-6503).
- W.6.h Appointment of Gerry La Londe-Berg to the Commission on Aging  
APPOINT Gerry La Londe-Berg to the Commission on Aging, term expires May 19, 2028 – Mayor’s Office (Mayor Eduardo Martinez 510-620-6503).
- W.6.i Appointment of Gregory Brooks to the Workforce Development Board  
APPOINT Gregory Brooks to an unexpired term on the Workforce Development Board, with a term ending September 22, 2026 – Mayor’s Office (Mayor Eduardo Martinez 510-620-6503).
- W.6.j Appointment of Ode Kunthar to the Richmond Youth Council  
APPOINT Ode Kunthar to the Richmond Youth Council, term expires October 1, 2025 – Mayor’s Office (Mayor Eduardo Martinez 510-620-6503).
- W.6.k Appointment of Gina Baker to the Richmond Workforce Development Board  
APPOINT Gina Baker to the Richmond Workforce Development Board, term expires September 22, 2026 – Mayor’s Office (Mayor Eduardo Martinez 510-620-6503).

## **W.7 Police Department**

- W.7.a Approve a third contract amendment with Flock Group Inc.  
APPROVE a third contract amendment with Flock Group to increase the contract expenditure by \$1,000,000, for a total not to exceed \$2,037,000 with a term beginning March 1, 2023, and ending on February 28, 2026 – Police Department (Chief Bisa French 510-621-1802).  
Police Chief Bisa French gave an overview.  
Sara Cantor and Emily Ross gave comments.  
Discussion ensued.  
City council requested a report on the impact of the cameras on solving crimes and recovering vehicles before and after the installation of the cameras.

After further discussion, a motion to approve the contract was made.

**Motion by** Vice Mayor Cesar Zepeda

**Seconded by** Councilmember Soheila Bana

Ayes (4): Councilmembers Soheila Bana, Jamelia Brown, Doria Robinson, and Vice Mayor Cesar Zepeda.

Noes (3): Councilmembers Claudia Jimenez, Sue Wilson, and Mayor Eduardo Martinez

Passed

- W.7.b Sole-Source Agreement with Royal Flooring to Install Carpeting at the Police Department.

APPROVE a sole-source agreement with Royal Flooring to replace the Police Department's carpet throughout the first floor of the station for a total not to exceed amount of \$100,000, which includes a 6.3 percent contingency – Police Department (Chief Bisa French 510-621-1802).

## **W.8 Public Works**

- W.8.a Wastewater Treatment Plant Fence Upgrades – Contract with Pisor Fence

ADOPT a resolution approving a new contract with Pisor Fence Division, Inc., to satisfy payment for completing the replacement of the damaged fence at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, in an amount not to exceed \$126,960 - Public Works Department (Mary Phelps 510-621-1269/Daniel Chavarria 510-620-5478).

Adopted **Resolution No. 6-25.**

- W.8.b First Amendment to Construction Agreement with W.R. Forde Associates, Inc. for the 37th Street Bicycle & Pedestrians Improvements Project to Increase Contract Amount By \$121,236.30

ADOPT a resolution to approve the first amendment to the construction agreement with W.R. Forde Associates, Inc. for the 37th Street Bicycle & Pedestrian Improvements Project to increase the contract amount by \$121,236.30 for the final change order that addresses unforeseen project conditions, for an amended total contract amount not to exceed \$925,777.40; and APPROPRIATE funds in the amount of \$46,288.37 in the SB1 RMRA Fund 1019; and ACCEPT the 37th Street project as complete to enable the City to release the contractor's bonds and retention payment - Public Works Department (Robert Armijo 510-620-5477/Hillal Hamdan 510-621-1612).

Adopted **Resolution No. 7-25.**

- W.8.c Resolution to request the Metropolitan Transportation Commission to allocate Transportation Development Act Article 3 Pedestrian/Bicycle Project funding for the Downtown Point Richmond Bicycle Connectivity Project.

ADOPT a resolution authorizing the city manager or their designee to submit a grant application to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for the allocation of Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Transportation Development Act Funding Article 3 Pedestrian/Bicycle Project Funding and if awarded, ACCEPT and APPROPRIATE the funds to implement the Downtown

Point Richmond Bicycle Connectivity Project – Public Works Department (Janney Lockman 510-307-8097/Robert Armijo 510-620-5477/Daniel Chavarria 510-620-5478).

Public Works Director Daniel Chavarria and City Engineer Robert Armijo gave an overview.

Councilmembers expressed concern regarding the process on how projects were chosen to be funded, which should include the entire city and requested the following: that bike maps and traffic safety were prioritized with community input; look at all areas of the city for projects and map all of the planned projects and cost by district; prepare a rubric for projects to ensure equity; who was being served and was at the best place to construct the project; a study session to discuss the list of projects that were non-regional with a matrix for the prioritization of the projects.

Bruce Beyaert gave comments.

A motion was made to conduct community meetings for future projects to ensure equity for projects throughout the city.

**Motion by** Vice Mayor Cesar Zepeda

**Seconded by** Councilmember Soheila Bana

Ayes (7): Councilmembers Soheila Bana, Jamelia Brown, Claudia Jimenez, Doria Robinson, Sue Wilson, Vice Mayor Cesar Zepeda, and Mayor Eduardo Martinez

Passed

Adopted **Resolution No. 8-25**

**X. 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)**

Vice Mayor Zepeda reported the following: he attended the Martin Luther King community event; the Canet Cuba art exhibit was displayed in the council chambers; and the Rosie the Riveter Dinner event was on Wednesday, January 22, 2025, at 5 pm.

Councilmember Robinson reported that she attended meetings regarding the community empowerment zone to bring green sustainable businesses to Contra Costa County.

Councilmember Jimenez reported that she attended know your rights trainings with Faith in Action and the Contra Costa County Public Defender's Office about how to protect immigrants.

Councilmember Wilson reported that she attended the Eastshore Neighborhood Council and discussed concerns about unhoused individuals near railroad tracks and safety concerns on Carlson Avenue.

Councilmember Bana reported the following: she met with West Contra Costa Transportation Authority (WCCTAC) regarding concerns with road capacity and density on roads. Caltrans allocated \$1.5 million for a countywide evacuation plan; there would be a HAM Radio class at Booker T Anderson on February 1, 2025; and thanked Officer Ross for the police ride-a-long.

**Y. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m., to meet again on January 28, 2025.

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Clerk of the City of Richmond

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Mayor

**From:** [Steve Birnbaum](#)  
**To:** [Eduardo Martinez](#); [Cesar Zepeda](#); [Soheila Bana](#); [Claudia Jimenez](#); [Sue Wilson](#); [Jamelia Brown](#); [City Clerk Dept User](#); [Trina Jackson-Lincoln](#); [Mary Marable](#); [Charles Gerard](#); [Lina Velasco](#); [Shasa Curl](#); [Nannette Beacham](#); [daleshire@awattorneys.com](mailto:daleshire@awattorneys.com); [Karen R. Becker](#); [Shannon Moore](#)  
**Subject:** Against Terminal 1 redevelopment for commercial use  
**Date:** Sunday, January 19, 2025 9:04:21 AM

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"We were disappointed to hear that the City Council is potentially considering use of the Terminal 1 site for Port related commercial purposes. Lacking a specific project and understanding this project's impact, the community is left only one alternative: Object to the Port Activities. We anticipate Brickyard Cove Alliance for Responsible Development (BCARD), all residents of Brickyard Cove along with the rest of the community will strongly and actively oppose any form of commercial use for this site. Among the numerous reasons for such opposition include the following: The site is very close to several residential communities, directly adjacent to the Richmond Yacht Club, faces significant ingress/egress issues affecting traffic and response to emergencies, major site and waterfront pollution, adjacent to the heavily used Miller Knox regional Park, etc. Port of Richmond commercial use for this site would be completely inappropriate for this community.

**I am in agreement with this statement on Terminal 1:**

**Steven Birnbaum, Brickyard Landing**

**From:** [Eileen McDavid](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk Dept User](#)  
**Subject:** Commercial use of Terminal 1  
**Date:** Sunday, January 19, 2025 8:20:42 AM

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As a twenty year resident and tax payer of Pt Richmond, I am strongly opposed to any commercial use of the Terminal 1 area. Putting Port operations next to a large residential area and a wonderful park used by families from all parts of Richmond is a very inappropriate and a dangerous use of this area. Have you bothered to take into account the number of Richmond residents who pass through this area walking, jogging, riding bicycles? You are asking all of us to pay our taxes to receive more air pollution, traffic, and and noise! Our property values will go down and so will the our taxes which the City of Richmond is sorely in need of! Eileen McDavid

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Feney Matthews](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk Dept User](#); [Cesar Zepeda](#); [Soheila Bana](#); [Claudia Jimenez](#); [Trina Jackson-Lincoln](#); [Charles Gerard](#); [Lina Velasco](#); [Shasa Curl](#); [Nannette Beacham](#); [Dave Aleshire](#); [Karen R. Becker](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comments – Open Session prior to Closed Session; C.1 Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation  
**Date:** Saturday, January 18, 2025 5:17:07 PM

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As residents of the Brickyard Landing community we were disappointed to hear that the Richmond City Council is potentially considering dropping the mediation agreement and instead using the Terminal One site for Port related commercial purposes. Lacking a specific project and understanding this project's impact, the community is left only one alternative: Object to the Port Activities. Among the numerous reasons for such opposition include: The site is very close to several residential communities, directly adjacent to the Richmond Yacht Club, faces significant ingress/egress issues affecting traffic and response to emergencies, major site and waterfront pollution, adjacent to the heavily used Miller Knox regional Park, etc. Port of Richmond commercial use for this site would be completely inappropriate for this community.

Feney Matthews & Robin Baker  
1300 Quarry Ct #415 Richmond, CA 94801

**From:** [Laura Sutta](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk Dept User](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comments – Open Session prior to Closed Session; C.1 Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation"  
**Date:** Friday, January 17, 2025 5:22:17 PM

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**Hello,**

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Laura Sutta and Marvin Ishai  
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**From:** [Brian Lewis](#)  
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**Cc:** [Jeffrey Vines](#); [Susan Hubbard](#); [Jeff Shukis](#); [Brian Lewis](#)  
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Brian Lewis, Susan Hubbard, Jeff Vines, and Jeff Shukis, Brickyard Cove Alliance for Responsible Development (BCARD) Steering Committee

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To: Eduardo Martinez, Mayor of Richmond and the Richmond City Council Members  
Developing the Terminal 1 site for Port related commercial purposes is not the right direction for this project. We assume that this proposal would be similar to the recently completed Terminal 3 project (1411 Harbour Way S). For as long as we have lived in Richmond, the plans for the Terminal 1 project have always been either a residential development or a mixed use plan of housing and retail. Why has this changed?

The current proposal lacks a specific project definition which is problematic. We don't know what we are getting and as such it lacks an understanding of the community impacts. The Brickyard Cove community is somewhat isolated by one road. One end of that road goes through a tunnel that has had significant maintenance issues. Both ends of our road cross commercial train tracks in addition to going through a petroleum tank farm. These conditions represent significant concerns already. The national fire response standard for the Richmond Fire Department is 4 minutes. Putting a commercial development in Terminal 1 means hundreds of added truck trips per day creating traffic congestion and the high potential for significant delays for emergency response vehicles. The risk presented by hundreds of daily commercial truck traffic would directly impact Richmond families and their children who use the park daily. The Brickyard Cove area is home to nearly a thousand homes and numerous small businesses including the Richmond Yacht Club. When you consider all of these factors, in what way would a large commercial development be congruent with the existing community? It isn't.

If you pursue this solution, you can anticipate strong opposition from the Brickyard Cove Alliance for Responsible Development (BCARD), Brickyard Cove residents, and the many Richmond residents who frequent the park daily.

Commercial use for Terminal 1 is not an appropriate solution for this site.

Thank you,

Rocky Saunders, Chair

Brickyard Landing Safety, Emergency Preparedness, and Fire Protection Committee

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**From:** [Patricia Tostenson](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk Dept User](#)  
**Subject:** Terminal One Public Comments - open session prior to Closed Session; C.1 Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated litigation  
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We would like to make strong opposition to making Terminal One a Commercial Port. This is one of the last areas in the Bay Area with an incredible viewss and with opportunity for the Citizens of Richmond to enjoy this incredible Land.

If you put a commercial port at this location, we will all deal with the noise of multiple trucks loading goods all hours of the day and night. The dust created will be a nightmare for the homes and the Richmond Yacht Club. Why would you choose this site when there are other more industrial areas more suitable for this activity.

There has been a plan submitted to build a nice development of homes on this site. It has been reviewed by the current residents and all are in favor. Please do not create this terrible

Jerry and Patricia Tostenson, 1305 Sanderling Island, Point Richmond

**From:** [n.laforce@comcast.net](mailto:n.laforce@comcast.net)  
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**Subject:** SPRAWLDEF comments on Agenda Item W.2.b regarding Wildfires  
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Dear Mayor and Council members,

Any agendized item for a discussion of this item should include SPRAWLDEF, Sierra Club and CNPS on the issue of wildfire management. There are major issues in regard to this matter since the LA fires. You need to hear from the Environmental community.

Norman La Force, President  
SPRAWLDEF

P.s. We helped bring you Point Molate as a park!

**From:** [Jim Hanson](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk Dept User](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comments - Agenda Item W.2.b. - Emergency Preparedness for Wildfire, etc.  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 21, 2025 12:58:02 PM  
**Attachments:** [Wildfire Policy resolution Richmond 11-7-23.pdf](#)

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Dear Mayor Martinez and Council members,

With regard to item W.2.b - Emergency preparedness for wildfire, etc., I'm attaching a link below to a timely S.F. Chronicle article - "***Experts say one practice could have slowed down devastating LA fires***" - , as well as the *Wildfire Risk Reduction and Response Policy* adopted in November, 2024 by the Council to guide our city and it's involvement as a member of the new East Bay Wildfire Coalition of Governments.

Up to this point, our state governments attention and funding has been largely focused on "vegetation management." But there are other equally essential lets to an effective wildfire risk reduction and response that start from the "house out"....home hardening, firewise landscaping for defensible space, notification and (pre) evacuation, with some ecologically-sound vegetation management.

This article highlights what we as a state are learning, especially from the devastating Los Angeles fires....the one practice that slows down wildfire is home hardening and firewise landscaping for defensible space.

This approach mirrors the City of Richmond's policy and it the most significant way residents can aid firefighters.

However, as the article states, our state government is putting about only 4% of it's funding effort in "community hardening."

Please include in this discussion how we can work with our fellow cities in the East Bay Wildfire Coalition to reach out to our state elected officials to shift more of the current funding to support "community hardening", including communications, home hardening, and firewise landscaping.

Thank you,

Jim Hanson  
Richmond

<https://www.sfchronicle.com/california-wildfires/article/la-fires-prevention-20034713.php>

City of Richmond  
Wildfire Risk Reduction and Response Policy

Whereas, climate change from increased greenhouse gas emissions has created warmer, drier conditions, leading to longer, more active, and more disastrous fire seasons;

Whereas, areas of housing in Richmond and other East Bay cities are located at the wildland-urban interface;

Whereas, the City of Richmond desires to reduce wildfire risk to city residents by developing and supporting the most effective strategies and resources to reduce wildfire risk;

Whereas, vegetation management in wildlands can help reduce wildfire risk to residences, but wind-dispersed, burning or glowing embers - the primary cause of home ignition - are known to pass through “fuel breaks” and other wildland vegetation treatments;

Whereas, an effective response to increased wildfire risk requires a comprehensive approach that includes: 1) home hardening and defensible space around structures, 2) a warning and communications system with detection, alert, and evacuation capabilities, 3) and ecologically based vegetation management.

Whereas, maintaining a warning and communications system with detection, alert, and evacuation capabilities helps the city and its residents be prepared to respond to other emergencies, especially earthquakes and potential industrial incidents;

Whereas, ecologically sound vegetation management practices are consistent with the Open Space Element of the City’s General Plan, the benefits of sustaining healthy, diverse natural habitats, and the need to limit the spread of invasive, flammable weeds;

Whereas, citizen participation is a vital part of carrying out a comprehensive wildfire risk reduction and response program, which also includes collaboration with city and county agencies, including through any Memorandum of Understanding with other agencies on wildfire risk reduction and response;

Now, therefore, the City of Richmond adopts a wildfire risk reduction and response policy that includes, but is not limited to:

A comprehensive program that includes:

1. Increased resistance to ember ignition of residential structures through a “from the house out” approach using home hardening measures and defensible space practices.

2. Regularly reviewing and making improvements to the existing city emergency warning and communications systems as well as detection, alerts, and evacuation capabilities.
3. Incorporating ecologically based vegetation management practices in the wildland-urban interface and other natural areas to reduce wildfire risk in a way that sustains an indigenous, biologically diverse landscape. Vegetation management will be planned with ongoing monitoring and maintenance by landowners and city agencies to retain fuel reduction benefits, sustain flora biodiversity and habitat, and control invasive weeds.
4. Implementing these policies by directly involving Richmond citizens with engaging public education programs, training support for Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT), and testing and maintaining systems for communications between neighborhoods and public responders in an emergency.



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Via Email:

Mr. Daniel Chavarria  
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Subject: Support of TDA Article 3 Funding Application for Downtown Point Richmond Bicycle and Pedestrian Connectivity Project

Dear Mr. Chavarria,

TRAC, the Trails for Richmond Action Committee, applauds the City of Richmond's application for TDA Article 3 funding for the Downtown Point Richmond Bicycle and Pedestrian Connectivity Project, which was designated as high priority in the award-winning Ferry to Bridge Bicycle & Pedestrian Complete Streets Plan.

Downtown Point Richmond has seen more than 430,000 cyclist and pedestrian trips since the Richmond San Rafael (RSR) Bridge Trail opened in November 2019. The pedestrian and bicyclist safety improvements of this project will greatly improve the San Francisco Bay Trail experience between the RSR Bridge and the Richmond - SF Ferry Terminal. This section of Bay Trail serves as the gateway to the RSR Bridge Trail for East Bay cyclists and is very important for North Bay cyclists as the gateway to the necklace of parks along Richmond's shoreline and also connects with the cities of Albany, Berkeley, Emeryville and Oakland,

Not only will this Bay Trail project benefit East Bay and North Bay residents, it will serve residents of nearby Equity Priority Communities, who have excellent access from the Richmond Greenway to the Garrard Blvd. Bay Trail gateway of Point Richmond, but not through Point Richmond to the Castro St. trailhead for the RSR Bridge Trail and the Point Molate Trail expected to be under construction this year.

Kudos to the City of Richmond for moving ahead to implement the award-winning Ferry to Bridge to Greenway Complete Streets Plan.

Sincerely,

Bruce Beyaert, TRAC Chair