

RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA,

January 7, 2025, 4:30 p.m.
Community Services Building
440 Civic Center Plaza
Richmond, CA 94804

A. OPEN SESSION TO HEAR PUBLIC COMMENT BEFORE CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Eduardo Martinez called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

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

C. CLOSED SESSION

C.1 LIABILITY CLAIMS (Government Code Section 54956.9)

- Claimant: Terminal One Development, LLC.

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

- Title: City Attorney

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

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

Cordell Hindler spoke in favor of a positive evaluation for City Attorney Dave Aleshire.

E. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

The meeting adjourned at 4:33 p.m. Closed Session adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

F. REGULAR MEETING OF THE RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Eduardo Martinez called the meeting to order at 6:42 p.m.

G. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Eduardo 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

None.

J. AGENDA REVIEW

Item N.3.a - Resolution urging the Federal Government to support the immediate recognition of the Confederated Villages of Lisjan Nation, Muwekma Tribe and Ohlone Tribe's Federal status was continued to a future City Council meeting.

Item N.7.a Introduce an ordinance amending the monthly salary for the Mayor and introduce an ordinance amending the monthly salary for City Councilmembers; N.8.a - Resolution for on-demand photography services from a pool of certified vendors; and Item N.9.a - AB 481 "Military Equipment Uses" Annual Report were removed from the consent calendar for discussion.

A correction was made to *Item N.10.a - Resolution to award a contract to Forster & Kroeger Landscape Maintenance, Inc. for vegetation management services at Point Molate* that the beginning date on attachment 3 of the draft contract should be January 1, 2025.

Item O.1 - Equitable allocation of funding and mailing services for all neighborhoods; Item O.2 - Street calming measures; and Item O.3 - Sanctuary City compliance exception for software applications by LexisNexis were withdrawn from the agenda.

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

C.1 LIABILITY CLAIMS (Government Code Section 54956.9)

- Claimant: Terminal One Development, LLC.

Item was discussed. No reportable action was taken.

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

- Title: City Attorney

Item was not discussed.

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Item was discussed. No reportable action was taken.

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

City Manager Shasa Curl presented the report.

Link to view report: [City Manager's Report](#)

L.1 NEW EMPLOYEE REPORT - 1st Tuesday

Human Resources Director Sharrone Taylor gave the report.

Link to report: [December 2024 Employee Report](#)

M. 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 encouraged the council to reinstate the standing committees.

Don Gosney gave comments regarding the limited time allowed for public speakers at city council meetings.

Michelle Hayes and Gayle McLaughlin thanked Kimberlyn Carson-Thrower for her assistance with the Commission on Aging.

Rene Gutierrez Garcia, Sally Hindman, Deanne Pearn, O'Neill Fernandez, Dana Carl, Dennis Perez spoke in support of the establishment of Tiny Villages in Richmond and thanked the city council for its support.

Mark Wassberg gave comments regarding sanctuary cities.

David Sharples thanked staff and the city council for passing the updated rental inspection ordinance.

Patricia Perez gave comments regarding her grandson Pedie Perez.

Richie Cook thanked the city for its decorum and public service.

N. 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 N.3.a - Resolution urging the Federal Government to support the immediate recognition of the Confederated Villages of Lisjan Nation, Muwekma Tribe and Ohlone Tribe's Federal status; Item N.7.a Introduce an ordinance amending the monthly salary for the Mayor and introduce an ordinance amending the monthly salary for City Councilmembers; N.8.a - Resolution for on-demand photography services from a pool of certified vendors; and Item N.9.a - AB 481 "Military Equipment Uses" Annual Report.

Motion by Councilmember Gayle McLaughlin

Seconded by Councilmember Melvin Willis

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

N.1 City Attorney's Office

N.1.a Ordinance Creating New Business Activity Classification, “Class Q – Automobile Dealerships” and the Corresponding Rates

ADOPT an ordinance (second reading) amending Chapter 7.04.103 of the Richmond Municipal Code by creating a new Business Activity Classification, Class Q – Automobile Dealerships, and the corresponding rates – City Attorney’s Office (Dave Aleshire 510-620-5454/Andrea Miller 510-620-6790).

Adopted **Ordinance No. 01-25 N.S.**

N.2 City Clerk's Office

N.2.a Meeting Minutes

APPROVE the minutes of the November 19, November 26, and December 3, 2024, regular City Council meetings - City Clerk's Office (Pamela Christian 510-620-6513).

N.3 City Council

N.3.a Resolution Urging the Federal Government to Support the Immediate Recognition of the Confederated Villages of Lisjan Nation, Muwekma Tribe and Ohlone Tribe’s Federal Status

ADOPT a resolution urging the U.S. Congress, the White House, the Department of the Interior and the Bureau of Indian Affairs to acknowledge and federally recognize all of the Chochenyo speaking tribes of the East Bay, including the Muwekma, the Confederated Villages of Lisjan Nation and the Ohlone Tribe of the San Francisco Bay Area – Councilmember Gayle McLaughlin (510-620-6636), Councilmember Doria Robinson (510-620-6568), and Vice Mayor Claudia Jimenez (510-620-6565).

Item was withdrawn and continued to a future city council meeting.

N.3.b City contribution to Hope Solutions to provide supportive services for the Richmond Tiny Village Farm and Garden project.

DIRECT City staff to work with Contra Costa Interfaith Transitional Housing, Inc. (dba Hope Solutions) to prepare a contract and any other necessary agreements to provide supportive services for the Richmond Tiny House Village Farm and Garden project at 175 23rd Street for calendar year 2025 and bring these documents to the City Council for final approval by February 18, 2025 – Councilmember Gayle McLaughlin (510-620-6636), Vice Mayor Claudia Jimenez (510-620-6565), and Councilmember Doria Robinson (510-620-6568). **This item was continued from the November 26, 2024, meeting.**

N.4 Community Development

N.4.a Residential Rental Inspection Program Ordinance Amendments

ADOPT an ordinance (second reading) amending Richmond Municipal Code Chapter 6.40 Residential Rental Dwelling Unit Inspection and Maintenance to eliminate the self-certification process, expand units covered, including certain affordable housing units, and add other amendments to enhance the program – Community Development Department (Lina Velasco 510-620-6841/George Kabaivanov 510-620-6649).

Adopted **Ordinance 02-25 N.S.**

N.5 Economic Development

N.5.a Contract with Renaissance Entrepreneurship Center to Administer the Small Business Building Beautification Pilot Program.

APPROVE a contract with Renaissance Entrepreneurship Center for small business assistance in an amount not to exceed \$340,000, with a term beginning on January 7, 2025, and ending on December 31, 2026 – Economic Development Department (Nannette Beacham 510-621-1306/Lizeht Zepeda 510-620-6653/Kyle Lam 510-620-6802).

N.5.b Contract with Empower Soul Studios for Events and Marketing Services for Buy Local Campaign

APPROVE a contract with Empower Soul Studios for event and marketing consultant services for the Buy Local Campaign in an amount not to exceed \$156,000, for the term January 7, 2025, through December 31, 2026 – Economic Development Department (Nannette Beacham 510-621-1306/Lizeht Zepeda 510-620-6653/Kyle Lam 510-620-6802).

N.5.c Contract with Blutot Technologies, Inc. for Buy Local Software Platform

APPROVE a contract with Blutot Technologies, Inc. for a Buy Local software platform, in an amount not to exceed \$200,000, for the term January 7, 2025, through December 31, 2026 – Economic Development Department (Nannette Beacham 510-621-1306/Lizeht Zepeda 510-620-6653/Kyle Lam 510-620-6802).

N.5.d Public Health Institute CivicSpark AmeriCorps Program Contract

APPROVE a sole-source contract with Public Health Institute for one full-time CivicSpark AmeriCorps fellow for a total contract amount not to exceed \$36,000, with a term ending on December 31, 2025 – Economic Development Department (Samantha Carr 510-620-5407/ Nannette Beacham 510-620-1306).

N.6 Finance Department

N.6.a Approval of Write-Off of Uncollectible Accounts Receivables

ADOPT a resolution authorizing the write-off of delinquent and/or uncollectible accounts receivable in the amount of \$376,246.42 – Finance Department (Andrea Miller 510-620-6790/Mubeen Qader 510-412-2077/Antonio Banuelos 510-620-6741).

Adopted **Resolution No. 1-25.**

N.7 Human Resources

- N.7.a Introduce an Ordinance Amending the Monthly Salary for the Mayor and Introduce an Ordinance Amending the Monthly Salary for City Councilmembers

INTRODUCE an ordinance (first reading) amending the monthly salary for City Council members; and INTRODUCE an ordinance (first reading) amending the monthly salary for the Mayor – Human Resources (Sharrone Taylor 510-620-6803)/City Attorney's Office (Shannon Moore 510-620-6505).

Deputy City Manager Nickie Mastay gave an overview.

Elsa Stevens, Don Gosney, Debbie Bayer, and Terri Hinte gave comments.

Discussion ensued.

The ordinances were introduced.

A motion was made to introduce an ordinance amending the monthly salary for City Council members.

Motion by Councilmember McLaughlin

Seconded by Councilmember Willis

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.

No (0)

A motion was made to introduce an ordinance amending the monthly salary for the Mayor.

Motion by Councilmember Gayle McLaughlin

Seconded by Councilmember Melvin Willis

Ayes (6): Councilmember Soheila Bana, Councilmember Gayle McLaughlin, Councilmember Doria Robinson, Councilmember Melvin Willis, Councilmember Cesar Zepeda, and Vice Mayor Claudia Jimenez

Abstentions (1): Mayor Eduardo Martinez

Passed

N.8 Information Technology

- N.8.a Resolution for On-Demand Photography Services from a pool of certified vendors

ADOPT a resolution authorizing the Department of Information Technology to use standing orders/outline agreements for on demand photographers from two pre-approved vendors in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 per year per vendor for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 with review and approval from City Attorney's Office – Information Technology Department (Sue Hartman 510-620-6874).

Deputy City Manager Nickie Mastay gave an overview.

Don Gosney gave comments.

Discussion ensued.

Adopted Resolution No. 2-25.

Motion by Councilmember Melvin Willis

Seconded by Councilmember Gayle McLaughlin

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

N.9 Police Department

N.9.a AB 481 “Military Equipment Use” Annual Report

ADOPT a resolution accepting the 2023 annual military equipment report, determining that the military equipment in 2023 complied with Richmond Police Department Policy 707 and determining that policy 707 will be accepted with recommended amendments; and RECEIVE staff recommendations for additional resources - Police Department (Bisa French 510-621-1802). **This item was continued from the December 17, 2024, meeting.**

Police Chief Bisa French, Assistant Police Chief Tim Simmons, and Captain John Lopez, gave an overview.

Mark Wassberg, Jamin Pursell, Andrew Melendez, Rosie Rendon, Dennis Perez, Davjane Tillis, John Lindsay-Poland, Debbie Bayer, and Autum Adeyan gave comments.

Discussion ensued.

A motion made by Councilmember Zepeda, seconded by Councilmember Bana to approve the item.

A substitute motion by Councilmember McLaughlin, seconded by Vice Mayor Jimenez to adopt the resolution accepting the 2023 annual military equipment report and when the 2024 report comes back to Council it should include a process for tracking and reporting both the displaying and deployment of military equipment in 2025.

Councilmember Robinson offered a friendly amendment to focus first on deployment of military equipment only.

Following discussion, Councilmember Robinson, rescinded her friendly amendment offer and the substitute motion was approved.

Adopted Resolution No. 3-25.

Motion by Councilmember Gayle McLaughlin

Seconded by Vice Mayor Claudia Jimenez

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

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

Passed

N.10 Public Works

N.10.a Resolution to Award a Contract to Forster & Kroeger Landscape Maintenance, Inc. for Vegetation Management Services at Point Molate

ADOPT a resolution to award a three-year contract with Forster & Kroeger Landscape Maintenance, Inc. beginning on January 1, 2025, and ending on December 31, 2027, in an amount not to exceed \$360,000, with two optional one-year extensions for a total amount of \$240,000 for both extension years – Public Works Department (Wade Finlinson 510-621-1301/Tawfic Halaby 510-620-5482/Daniel Chavarria 510-620-5478).

The beginning date of the draft contract was corrected to January 1, 2025.

Adopted **Resolution No. 4-25**.

O. NEW BUSINESS

O.1 Equitable Allocation of Funding and Mailing Services for All Neighborhoods

DIRECT staff to develop a framework for a program that allocates funding and city-supported mailing services to all neighborhoods, regardless of whether they have a recognized Neighborhood Council, Homeowners Association, or neither, to support community-building activities and neighborhood improvements – Councilmember Soheila Bana (510-620- 6473). **This item was continued from the November 26, 2024, meeting.**

Item was withdrawn from the agenda.

O.2 Street Calming Measures

DIRECT staff to immediately evaluate traffic calming measures throughout the City, including along Canal Boulevard, to slow traffic down, and place mitigation measures in at least six locations City-wide to prevent drivers of vehicles from performing “donuts” at these intersections, no later than the end of January 2025 - Councilmember Cesar Zepeda (510-620-6593). **This item was continued from the November 26, 2024, meeting.**

Item was withdrawn from the agenda.

O.3 Sanctuary City Compliance Exception for software applications by LexisNexis

APPROVE a request for LexisNexis to waive the requirement to sign and comply with the Sanctuary City Compliance form, in order for LexisNexis to provide software application services to Richmond Police Department staff – Police Department (Chief Bisa French 510-621-1802). **This item was continued from the December 17, 2024, meeting.**

Item was withdrawn from the agenda.

O.4 Temporary Moratorium on Parklets in the City of Richmond

DIRECT the City Attorney’s Office to draft a temporary moratorium on parklets and amendments no later than October 2025 to Richmond Municipal Code section 14.46.090 to address: 1) inconsistencies or lack of clarity in the building permit versus easement process, 2) issues with the citing of parklets (both number in and area and permitted locations), 3) the length of time parklets are allowed considering the cost of constructing a parklet, 4) the impact parklets may have both positively on the economy due to encouraging a pedestrian and active transportation culture that tends to patronize small businesses, and negatively due to further limiting availability of parking spaces, and 5) improve clarity on non-exclusive use by any one or more businesses or their patrons - Councilmember Doria Robinson (510-620-6568) and Councilmember Cesar Zepeda (510-620-6593).

Councilmembers Robinson and Zepeda gave an overview.

Cordell Hindler gave comments.

Discussion ensued.

Following discussion, a motion was made to approve the item.

Motion by Councilmember Doria Robinson

Seconded by Councilmember Cesar Zepeda

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

P. 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 thanked everyone that organized the Snow Day at Nicholl Park.

Councilmember McLaughlin announced the following: it was her last day at an official city council meeting; encouraged people to continue to go to the Marina Bay Farmer's Market; she would continue to work on the Neighborhood Scale Electrification project and was seeking funding and grants; and would also work on the sea level rise plan and solutions for the unhoused.

Q. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:21 p.m., to meet again on January 14, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

Clerk of the City of Richmond

Mayor



Meeting Date	Agenda Item	Name	Email	Comment	Position	Status
City Council						
1/7/2025 4:30 PM	Introduce an Ordinance Amending the Monthly Salary for the Mayor and Introduce an Ordinance Amending the Monthly Salary for City Councilmembers	Richmond Resident		I must respectfully disagree with the proposal to increase the monthly salary for the Mayor and introduce an ordinance amending the monthly salary for City Councilmembers. This move seems to prioritize the personal interests of elected officials over the well-being of Richmond residents, who are already burdened by rising taxes and other challenges. Such salary increases would make our Mayor and Councilmembers some of the highest paid in the Bay Area for cities of similar size. In light of the growing challenges our city faces, such as	Against	Appro

violence, rising costs of living, and deteriorating infrastructure, this proposal feels misguided.

Leadership should be focused on tackling these urgent issues, not increasing personal compensation.

Richmond residents deserve representatives who prioritize public service and tangible improvements in our community, not their own financial gain. I urge the Council to reconsider this decision and focus on policies that will truly benefit the people of Richmond.

Nonetheless, I encourage continued dialogue on how we can address the city's challenges effectively while balancing fiscal responsibility.

1/7/2025 4:30 PM

OPEN FORUM FOR
PUBLIC COMMENT

Richmond Resident

Hello Mayor and Councilmembers, I would like to respectfully request that the Council work with the police department to reintroduce and increase the implementation of DUI checkpoints throughout the city. It seems that these checkpoints, which were once more common, are now less visible, and I believe they serve as a crucial preventative measure. While reporting instances of impaired driving can be difficult, strategically placed checkpoints could significantly reduce alcohol-related accidents and fatalities. The presence of such checkpoints not only serves as a deterrent but also offers peace of mind to residents who fear the potential danger posed by reckless

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drivers. I strongly believe this initiative would contribute to safer streets and better protection for all members of our community. Thank you for considering this request.

From: [Beverly Galloway](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept User](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENTS: OPEN SESSION, JAN 6 2025 City Council
Date: Monday, January 6, 2025 10:01:40 AM

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January 6, 2025

Subject: PUBLIC COMMENTS: OPEN SESSION

I write to you as a long time resident of the Brickyard Cove area, and in support of the plan being considered as part of the dealings with Terminal One Development.

I am, without hesitation, strongly in favor of it going forward through the approval process.

It is time that Terminal One be developed now with no more time wasted on rethinking the land use. I have been involved with the Terminal One development saga for 18 years, both as an interested resident, and also as President of the Brickyard Cove Homeowners Association #2. This plan will work well. Please allow it to go forward.

Over the years, the Community has met many times in person and by Zoom. We have come together in favor of this plan. As you well know, there are individual opinions on any subject, but the Community is strongly in favor of the TOD plan. As the plan goes through the process, issues will be raised, as is the purpose of an approval process that follows the Municipal Code.

But please know this: That the Community supports this project. And we ask that the agreement with TOD be approved to allow this plan to be given a chance.

Very truly yours,
Beverly Galloway

1437 Sandpiper Spit, Richmond, CA 94801

From: [Brian Lewis](#)
To: [Eduardo Martinez](#); [Soheila Bana](#); [Claudia Jimenez](#); [Cesar Zepeda](#); [Doria Robinson](#); [Gayle McLaughlin](#); [Melvin Willis](#)
Cc: [Dave Aleshire](#); [Karen R. Becker](#); [Jeff Shukis](#); [Jeffrey Vines](#); [Susan Hubbard](#); [City Clerk Dept User](#); [Trina Jackson-Lincoln](#); [Eric Tessem](#); [Lina Velasco](#); [Shasa Curl](#); [Mike Carnall](#); [Paul Menzies](#); [J Cleve Livingston](#); [Bruce Beyaert](#)
Subject: Public comments-Open Session prior to C. Closed Session. C.1 Liability Claims. Claimant: Terminal One Development, LLC.
Date: Monday, January 6, 2025 8:40:33 PM

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Dear Mayor Martinez and City Council Members,

BCARD supports high quality residential housing at Terminal One. Further, we believe that the latest plan from Laconia containing 85 residential units and dated Spring 2024 (PDF dated June 2024) is the best plan that we have seen so far. While that plan is considered tentative, it would, as presented, and with the specific recent adjustments made at the community's request, receive our support.

We would like to emphasize three components of the plan referenced above: 1) Re-alignment of the Brickyard Cove Rd./ Dornan Dr. intersection, 2) The revised Bay Trail along the waterfront, and 3) Compliance with the Shoreline Overlay District's goals and objectives, including the 100 foot setback. All three of these components are important to the community and have been incorporated into the Plan named above. We would also like to reiterate that we will work to ensure that the units retain their visual appeal as they progress through the approval process, and that they are designed and built to a high standard of quality.

Sincerely,

Brian Lewis, Susan Hubbard, Jeff Vines, and Jeff Shukis, Brickyard Cove Alliance for Responsible Development (BCARD) Steering Committee

From: jonathan.livingston
To: [City Clerk Dept User](#); [Cesar Zepeda](#)
Subject: Fwd: Terminal One
Date: Monday, January 6, 2025 2:29:49 PM

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From: **jonathan livingston** <jlivingston7096@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Jan 6, 2025 at 2:27 PM
Subject: Terminal One
To: <cityclerkdept@ci.richmond.ca.us>
Cc: Eduardo Martinez <Eduardo_Martinez@ci.richmond.ca.us>, <gayle_mclaughlin@ci.richmond.ca.us>, <Cesar_Zepeda@ci.richmond.ca.us>, <doria_robinson@ci.richmond.ca.us>, <Sue_wilson@ci.richmond.ca.us>, <Jamelia_brown@ci.richmond.ca.us>, <soheila_bana@ci.richmond.ca.us>, <Claudia_Jimenez@ci.richmond.ca.us>, <melvin_willis@ci.richmond.ca.us>, Dave Aleshire <daleshire@awattorneys.com>, Shasa Curl <Shasa_Curl@ci.richmond.ca.us>, <PRNC.pres@gmail.com>

Dear CC: This is part of a letter I sent BCARD after I read a letter they wrote to you regarding Terminal One. Also of Notable significance: BCARD is only 5 out of over 1000 residents out in the Cove and they do NOT represent the collective will of the majority. The Majority support the Plan that is part of the legal agreement you will be reviewing and voting on.

Dear BCARD:

Known v/s unknown:

What we see being proposed by Laconia is a known direction and is a direct result of all of our efforts - We got what we wanted (lower density, more parking, two story along the waterfront, 100 foot setbacks, Road improvements, cafe and compatible architecture to the existing homes and a new intersection alignment.) The alternative to this is unknown, but will involve a lawsuit. I find your unwillingness to support the plan that we all had a voice on puzzling to say the least. Like you guys, I have been at this Terminal One thing for 18 years and I think we have a plan that most support. At least that is what I have concluded after seeing many plans that did not get the enthusiastic local support this one has.

I hope you can reconsider your BCARD reluctance and try to be more aligned with the support you heard from the PRNC and from the community Zoom meeting where you and I witnessed almost unanimous support. (40:1 in favor)

A new letter of support - in unity with the rest of us is warranted and given the fact that the item will not be heard at a public hearing until Jan 21 , you still have time to compose this letter of support.

I sure hope you can reconsider,

Respectfully,

Jonathan Livingston , former DRB Chair and Stalwart defender of the cove from 1963

From: [Margi Cellucci](#)
To: [Soheila Bana](#); [Claudia Jimenez](#); [Cesar Zepeda](#); [Doria Robinson](#); [Gayle McLaughlin](#); [Melvin Willis](#); [Cc: Dave Aleshire](#); [Karen R. Becker](#); [Jeff Shukis](#); [Jeffrey Vines](#); [Susan Hubbard](#); [City Clerk Dept User](#); [Trina Jackson-Lincoln](#); [Eric Tessem](#); [Lina Velasco](#); [Shasa Curl](#); [Mike Carnall](#); [Paul Menzies](#); [J Cleve Livingston](#); [Bruce Beyaert](#); [Eduardo Martinez](#); [Brian Lewis](#)
Subject: Terminal One
Date: Tuesday, January 7, 2025 11:04:41 AM

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I am supporting BCARD with the following - after 40 years of the city losing tax revenue — IT IS TIME!!!

Dear Mayor Martinez and City Council Members,

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Margi Cellucci
BayView Realty
(510) 685-2018 (mobile)
MargiCellucci@comcast.net
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From: [Steve Chamberlin](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept User](#)
Cc: [Cesar Zepeda](#)
Subject: Terminal One [roposed project
Date: Monday, January 6, 2025 8:21:06 AM

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I am a 30 year resident of Brickyard Cove residing at 1329 Sanderling island, and write to express my opinion regarding the proposed residential development at the Terminal One site.

By way of background, I am a former homebuilder, founding my own firm in 1977. The firm, Rouse Chamberlin Homes has completed over 3,000 dwellings and has been honored nationally as America's Best Builder by NAHB.

I also spent 16 years teaching Land Use and Development at UC Berkeley's Graduate School of Business while I was CEO of Chamberlin Associates, a Bay Area development firm constructing over 2 million square feet of commercial projects ranging from day care to life science to distribution.

I have watched and participated in the review of the many iterations of proposals for the Terminal One site, and believe the project in front of you is the only one that makes sense for the site and for today's market.

I believe that processing the plan through the existing Municipal Code can address and resolve the remaining concerns and issues.

Respectfully,

/s/Stephen Chamberlin

Steve Chamberlin
510-816-3177

From: [Elaine Dockens](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept User](#)
Subject: Public Comments - Open Forum
Date: Tuesday, January 7, 2025 12:40:11 PM

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**Public Comment Consent Calendar Item N.7.a
Ordinance Amending monthly salary for the Mayor
Ordinance Amending monthly salary for City Council Members**

My name is Elaine Dockens, a resident of the City of Richmond. I wholeheartedly support the Ordinances to amend the monthly salary of the Mayor and to amend the monthly salary of the City Councilmembers.

I was surprised to read in the Grandview Independent, that there's been no increase since 2007.

Since then, economic numbers clearly demonstrate the need for a salary increase. In addition the salary increases are also appropriate based upon job performance.

In my opinion, the City Council is the Beating Heart of the City. To keep Richmond running effectively, the Council must consider (1) an enormous list of issues and duties, (2) understand a ton of reports and contracts and then make the best informed decisions for the City, including support for the Richmond Public Library. I think the City Council members are doing an excellent job.

Similarly, Mayor Eduardo's strong leadership is guiding Richmond on a New Path for practically every aspect of our civic life. There is a New Path for our Youth, for jobs, for a Green economy, for unifying community events, for expanding public Safety options and plans for our beautiful Port where I take the Ferry every chance I get. Hopefully every resident will get a chance to view the Mayor's Annual Report of the State of the City (video, 2024) and learn about the Mayor's excellent leadership and his vision for our future.

Most of all, I appreciate the manner in which the Mayor and the City Council Members treat us as residents, with respect and

sincerity, showing that they truly care about the people of Richmond.

I applaud the First Reading of this Ordinance. Well deserved and about time!

**Sincerely,
Elaine Dockens
Proud Resident of Richmond, CA**

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I would like to thank outgoing city council member Melvin Willis for your unwavering and heart-felt dedication to the people of Richmond, especially those who are often forgotten or have no voice. With your progressive and inclusive vision you have helped make Richmond a better place for all of its residents. You will be greatly missed by the many whose lives have been bettered, not just by what you have accomplished but by who you are as a person. Thank you for representing us as our council member for these many years. Wishing you all the best in your future endeavors.

From: [Goretha Johnson](#)
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The City of Richmond and the RNCC have established rules and policies that benefited both groups over 50yrs ago. The RNCC had acquired a bulk mail permit and the City of Richmond pays for limited printing and mailing costs.

Item O.1 does not call for a start date, end date, or details on what can be send through the City. Can someone announce a baby shower, can someone send negative political propaganda? No detail.

The City staff is already working under difficult circumstances, this just adds more problems and time constraints on staff.

Will these unrecognized neighborhood groups pay full postage rates because they do not meet RNCC bulk mail standards.

Will these unrecognized neighborhood groups and or individuals have there materials scrutinized by the City in the same way, that neighborhood Councils do, and does staff have the ban width to handle more work?

I would like to add that the USPS will end their Bulk Mail Service in the City of Richmond.

Bulk Mail Service will only be accepted in Oakland,CA, meaning that Bulk Mail will have to delivered to the bulk mail center in Oakland, CA for mailing, starting in 2025.

I hope people can call in to oppose this senseless and potentially expensive agenda item. Please Vote NO on item O.1 [City of Richmond Council Meetings | Richmond, CA - Official](#)

Sincerely,

Goretha Johnson, President
Parchester Village Neighborhood Council

January 7th, 2025

To the Richmond Mayor and City Council:

The undersigned represent 7 of local community-based organizations strongly opposing Richmond Police Department's request for an exemption from the sanctuary city ordinance to use the software company, LexisNexis. This software company is known to collect and sell data on undocumented immigrants to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). In 2021, ICE searched a massive database of personal information provided by LexisNexis over 1.2 million times in just seven months, [according to documents reviewed by The Intercept](#). Critics say the staggering search volume confirms fears that the data broker is enabling the mass surveillance and deportation of immigrants, the article read. Furthermore, published Project 2025 propaganda outlines a vision for a second Trump administration, which includes mass deportations of immigrants, surveillance of private citizens, and promoting discrimination against marginalized groups. Allowing RPD's use of LexisNexis would open the door for deportations in Richmond and violate [Richmond's Sanctuary City Ordinance NO. 12-18 N.S.](#)

Reimagine Richmond is writing to express our unwavering solidarity with immigrant communities and to stand with those who are affected by unjust immigration policies, discrimination, and xenophobia. As we face an increasingly challenging climate, it is crucial to reaffirm our commitment to treating all people with dignity, respect, and equality, regardless of their country of origin, immigration status, or background. Immigrants have long been an integral part of our communities, contributing to the growth and prosperity of this nation. Their hard work, resilience, and diverse cultures enrich our society in countless ways. However, the continued targeting of immigrant communities through harmful policies and rhetoric is a stark reminder of the injustice many individuals face daily.

We believe everyone deserves the right to live free from fear of deportation, family separation, and unjust legal practices. We are committed to supporting efforts that advocate for comprehensive immigration reform, greater protection for asylum seekers, and the dismantling of systems that perpetuate racism and inequality. At this moment, it is more important than ever that we unite in solidarity with immigrant communities. By standing together, we can work toward creating a more inclusive and compassionate society where everyone, regardless of their immigration status, can thrive. **We urge you to vote no on Agenda Item O.3 and deny RPD's request for a Sanctuary City exemption.**

Sincerely,





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