

RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, March 11, 2025

Community Services Building
440 Civic Center Plaza
Richmond, CA 94804

A. OPEN SESSION TO HEAR PUBLIC COMMENT BEFORE CLOSED SESSION

The Richmond City Council Evening Open Session was called to order at 3:35 p.m. by Mayor Eduardo Martinez.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Soheila Bana, Jamelia Brown, Claudia Jimenez, Doria Robinson, Sue Wilson, and Vice Mayor Cesar Zepeda. **Absent:** Mayor Eduardo Martinez arrived after the roll was called.

C. CLOSED SESSION

C.1 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 Unit
3. Richmond Police Officers Association RPOA
4. Richmond Police Management Association RPMA
5. IAFF Local 188
6. Richmond Fire Management Association RFMA

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

- Winehaven Legacy LLC v. City of Richmond

C.3 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of Subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9)

- One case

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

Cordell Hindler gave comments in person.

E. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

The Open Session adjourned to Closed Session at 3:38 p.m. Closed Session adjourned 5:02 p.m.

F. REGULAR MEETING OF THE RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL

The Regular Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order at 5:06 p.m. by Mayor Eduardo Martinez.

G. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Martinez led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

H. ROLL CALL

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

I. STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

J. AGENDA REVIEW

Item Q.1 (*Adopt Sanctuary City Ordinance*) was moved up to be heard after item O.1 (*Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 Audited Unspent Funds*).

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

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- Agency Representatives: Sharrone Taylor, Jack Hughes, Lisa Charbonneau
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Not Discussed.

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- Winehaven Legacy LLC v. City of Richmond

Discussed.

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Report given. No reportable action taken.

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

City Manager Shasa Curl provided a report. Link to view report: [City Manager's 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)

The following individuals gave comments in person:

Cordell Hindler suggested that a Port strategic plan be put in place and thanked councilmembers that attended the International Women's Day celebration. Mr Hindler expressed concerns about the use of racial slurs during City Council meetings and suggested the City Council bring an item forward regarding mental health.

Councilmember Soheila Bana invited the community to the City of Richmond's Nowruz festival to be held on March 22, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Councilmember Bana also gave comments on the meaning and traditions of Nowruz.

Don Gosney gave comments regarding the conduct of councilmembers during Council meetings.

Mark Wassberg gave comments regarding women in society.

Elsa Stevens gave comments regarding Item N.1.a (*Amendments to the City Council Rules and Procedures*).

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.)

Prior to approval of the Consent Calendar, Vice Mayor Zepeda requested that City Attorney Dave Aleshire give an update on item N.1.a (*Amendments to the City Council Rules and Procedures*). Mr. Aleshire provided background and an update on the item.

Motion by Vice Mayor Cesar Zepeda

Seconded by Councilmember Doria Robinson

To approve all items on the Consent Calendar.

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

Passed

N.1 City Attorney's Office

N.1.a Amendments to the City Council Rules and Procedures

APPROVE amendments to Section II (Meetings) of the City Council Rules and Procedures to 1) formally change the start time of Open Session to 3:30 p.m. and Regular Session to 5:00 p.m. on a six-months trial basis; and 2) to end all Richmond City Council meetings no later than 11:00 p.m. without the option of extending the meeting - City Attorney's Office/City Manager's Office/City Clerk's Office (Dave Aleshire 510-620-6509/Shasha Curl 510-620-6512/Pamela Christian 510-620-6513).

- N.1.b Fifth Amendment to the Legal Services Agreement (“LSA”) with Orbach Huff & Henderson, LLP (“Orbach”)

APPROVE a fifth amendment to the Orbach Huff & Henderson, LLP Legal Services Agreement in the amount of \$200,000 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$770,000, with a term ending on June 30, 2027, to continue representing the City in police and tort cases – City Attorney’s Office (Kimberly Chin 510-620-6709/Shannon Moore 510-620-6509).

N.2 City Council

- N.2.a Request for Funding to Support Community Outreach by the Human Rights and Human Relations Commission

APPROVE \$1,500 to pay for printed materials that the Human Rights and Human Relations Commissioners will use to increase public outreach and attendance for an immigrant rights meeting - Councilmember Sue Wilson (510-602-6636).

N.3 Community Development

- N.3.a Accept and Award Miraflores Interpretative Signage Bids and Authorize Change

APPROPRIATE a \$97,500 National Park Service Japanese American Confinements Site (JACS) program grant to the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget and ADOPT a resolution granting the city manager the authority to accept bids and award a contract for the Miraflores Interpretative Signage project to avoid potential loss of grant funds that expire on April 30, 2025 – Community Development Department (Lina Velasco 510-620-6841).

Adopted Resolution No. 19-25

N.4 Finance Department

- N.4.a Special Assessment for Unpaid Garbage Liens

ADOPT a resolution authorizing placement of liens and special assessments for unpaid garbage collection service fees on Contra Costa County’s property tax records – Finance Department (Andrea Miller/Mubeen Qader 510-620-6740/Antonio Banuelos 510-620-6741).

Adopted Resolution No. 20-25

N.5 Library and Community Services

- N.5.a Grant Award from the Chevron Community Engagement Foundation

ADOPT a resolution to ACCEPT and APPROPRIATE a grant award from the Chevron Community Engagement Foundation for the Office of Neighborhood Safety (ONS) to Enhance Street Outreach/Mobile Crises Response – Community Services Department (Sam Vaughn 510-620-5404)

Adopted Resolution No. 21-25

N.6 Public Works

- N.6.a Approval of OBAG3 Grant Appropriation and Contract Award for McBryde Avenue Improvement Project

ADOPT a resolution to ACCEPT and APPROPRIATE One Bay Area Grant 3 (OBAG3) Grant funds in the amount of \$1,028,000 for the

McBryde Avenue Improvement Project; AUTHORIZE the city manager or designee to execute a contract with BKF Engineers for engineering design services for the McBryde Avenue Improvement Project in a not-to-exceed amount of \$539,200, with a contract term from February 25, 2025, through December 31, 2026; and AUTHORIZE the public works director to approve a contingency amount of up to \$20,800 to facilitate project completion – Public Works Department (Hillal Hamdan 510-621-1612/Robert Armijo 510-620-5477/Daniel Chavarria 510-620-5478).

Adopted Resolution No. 22-25

O. BUDGET SESSION

O.1 Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 Audited Unspent Funds

DISCUSS and ADOPT resolutions to APPROPRIATE Fiscal Year 2023-24 audited unspent funds in the amount of \$5,571,504 and COMMITTING an additional \$1,400,000 to the Homekey Project loan, for total unspent funds of \$6,971,504 – Finance Department (Andrea Miller 510-620-6790/Mubeen Qader 510-412-2077/Jerry Gurule 510-620-6591).

City Manager Shasa Curl and Finance Director Andrea Miller introduced the item. Ms. Miller, Community Development Director Lina Velasco, and Assistant Deputy Director of Public Works Josef Munoz presented a PowerPoint. Link to view presentation: [Fiscal Year 2023-24 Audited Unspent Funds](#)

Cordell Hindler and Elsa Stevens gave comments in person. Discussion ensued.

The Council requested the following: more information on the funding sources for unspent funds; removal of the bars on the windows of the Booker T. Anderson Community Center and the addition of different glass; and prioritization of project studies in the next budget cycle. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Robinson made a motion to accept the recommended action with the following edit: to allocate \$500,000 to begin to address Parchester Village flooding issues, using money from the Booker T. Anderson Community Center Phase III funds allocated for Fiscal Year 26-27, and to replace those funds in the next Fiscal Year. In addition, to direct staff to return to Council before the Fiscal Year 25-26 budget cycle ends, with a plan to address the Parchester Village flooding issues. Vice Mayor Zepeda seconded the motion.

Councilmember Brown proposed a friendly amendment to consider the Harbour 8 project in the motion for additional funding to complete construction. The maker of the motion did not accept the friendly amendment.

Councilmember Bana made a friendly amendment to change the amount held from the Booker T. Anderson Community Center Phase III funds to \$600,000, allocating \$300,000 towards studies for Fire Station 63 and \$300,000 towards studies for Parchester Village. The maker of the motion did not accept the friendly amendment.

Motion by Councilmember Doria Robinson

Seconded by Vice Mayor Cesar Zepeda

To accept the staff recommendation to adopt resolutions to appropriate Fiscal Year 2023-24 audited unspent funds in the amount of \$5,571,504 and committing an additional \$1,400,000 to the Homekey Project loan, for total unspent funds of \$6,971,504 with the following edits: to allocate \$500,000 to begin to address Parchester Village flooding issues, using money from the Booker T. Anderson Community Center Phase III funds allocated for Fiscal Year 26-27, and to replace

those funds in the next Fiscal Year. In addition, to direct staff to return to Council before the Fiscal Year 25-26 budget cycle ends, with a plan to address the Parchester Village flooding issues

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. 23-25 and Resolution No. 24-25

P. PUBLIC HEARINGS - NOT BEFORE 6:30 P.M.

P.1 Extension of Interim Urgency Ordinance for a Moratorium on Parklets within City Limits

ADOPT an interim urgency ordinance regarding parklets, establishing a 10-month and 15-day moratorium on the establishment of new parklets, expansion of existing parklets, or the extension of the term of existing parklets within City limits to allow for the City’s review and adoption of permanent zoning regulations for such uses to ensure public health, safety, and welfare - City Attorney's Office (Dave Aleshire 510-620-6509).

City Attorney Dave Aleshire introduced the item. Mr. Aleshire gave background on the item.

Mayor Martinez opened the public hearing. Cordell Hindler gave comments in person. Sara Cantor gave comments via teleconference. Mayor Martinez closed the public hearing. Discussion ensued.

Motion by Vice Mayor Cesar Zepeda
Seconded by Councilmember Soheila Bana

To approve the item.

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

Passed

Adopted Ordinance No. 07-25 N.S.

Q. NEW BUSINESS

Q.1 Adopt Sanctuary City Ordinance.

INTRODUCE an ordinance (first reading) adding Chapter 2.30 entitled “Limitations on Use of City Resources for Federal Immigration Enforcement” to the Richmond Municipal Code – City Attorney’s Office (Dave Aleshire/Shannon L. Moore/ Kimberly Y. Chin/Chris Dykzeul 510-620-6509).

Senior Assistant City Attorney Kimberly Chin introduced the item. Ms. Chin gave background on the item.

Cordell Hindler, Mark Wassberg, Elsa Stevens, Pedro Bernal, Sonia Decker, Davja Tillis, Crescent Diamond, Andrew Melendez, Rosario Tejada, Raymond Wendell, Rosie, Joselyn, Sara Gurdian, Hope Dixon, Ernestina Arteaga, Lorayne, and Kathleen Sullivan gave comments in person. Yenny Garcia, Brian Hofer, Marisol Cantu, Leticia Chavez, Encian Pastel, an unnamed caller, Carmen Martinez, Tomasa Espinoza, Abigail Esquivias, Sara Cantor, Emily Ross, Matias Eusterbrock, Ruth Kidane, and Francisco Ortiz gave comments via teleconference. Discussion ensued.

Motion by Mayor Eduardo Martinez
Seconded by Councilmember Claudia Jimenez

To accept the recommended action with the addendum that the City Attorney's office review data protection items sent to some councilmembers and the City Attorney's Office, to be considered for incorporation into the ordinance in the future. In addition, to direct City staff to come back with an item to establish safe spots.

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

Passed

R. 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 Jimenez thanked the Little League for the work they are doing and the Recreation division for its collaboration in helping to provide space in Nicholl Park for the Little League. Councilmember Jimenez reported attendance to the Annual Sisters in Solidarity event and thanked the steering committee for the event.

Vice Mayor Zepeda reported attendance to the following: Annual Sisters in Solidarity event, Free Vaccination and Microchip Clinic, Swearing-in ceremony for California State Senator Jesse Arreguín, and the Hillcrest Baptist Church ceremony welcoming the new pastor.

Councilmember Brown thanked City staff for the Employee Appreciation event recently held. Councilmember Brown reported attendance to the Annual Sisters in Solidarity event and the Swearing-in ceremony for California State Senator Jesse Arreguín. Councilmember Brown announced a Community Strategy Meeting regarding the revitalization of Downtown would be held on March 12, 2025, at 1600 Nevin Plaza at 5:00 p.m.

Councilmember Bana reported attendance to a Race Forward training and thanked City staff that participated. Councilmember Bana announced that she would be attending a CivicWell conference the upcoming weekend.

Mayor Martinez reported attendance to a Water Education for Latino Leaders conference in Garden Grove, CA.

S. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m., to meet again on March 25, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

Clerk of the City of Richmond

Mayor

From: [Amber Hatfield](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept User](#)
Subject: Public Comments: Agenda item Q.1 Adopt Sanctuary City Ordinance
Date: Tuesday, March 11, 2025 11:59:13 AM

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Good Evening, City Councilmembers:

Thank you for considering the proposed changes to our Sanctuary City Ordinance. These changes will further protect the most vulnerable members of our community who are currently under increasingly aggressive threats from federal immigration policy enforcement. I am proud to reside in a city that actively seeks to adopt anti-racist policy, prohibiting our police department from engaging in the type of racial profiling we are seeing from federal ICE agents across the country. Emboldened by reckless executive orders, ICE agents are violently detaining and terrorizing people of Hispanic, Native American, and Arab ethnicities despite their legal status. No one should be harassed and separated from their families in this way and the time to strengthen local protections is now. We are all in this together.

Thank you,

Amber Hatfield

Pronouns: [they/them/theirs](#) | Race: [white](#) | Land: [Ohlone](#)

From: [Reimagine Richmond](#)
To: [Eduardo Martinez](#); [City Clerk Dept User](#)
Subject: Letter of Support for Strengthening Sanctuary City Ordinance
Date: Tuesday, March 11, 2025 12:58:54 PM
Attachments: [Sign On Letter for Strengthening Sanctuary City Ordinance_March11.pdf](#)

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Hello Mayor Martinez, City Clerk, and City Council,

We hope you are doing well. Reimagine Richmond would like to share a letter supporting Agenda Item Q.1, which would strengthen our sanctuary city ordinance. This letter reflects the voices of community partners and organizations across Richmond who believe in protecting our immigrant community across Richmond. Please reach out anytime if you have any questions or wish to discuss more.

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In Community,
RR Organizing Team



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Eduardo Martinez, Mayor
Sue Wilson, Councilmember
Jamelia Brown, Councilmember
Doria Robinson, Councilmember
Cesar Zepeda, Councilmember
Claudia Jimenez, Councilmember
Soheila Bana, Councilmember

Dear Mayor Martinez and City Council,

March 11, 2025

We, the undersigned group of 10 community organizations, immigrant's rights advocacy organizations, and community allies, are writing to express our strong support for Agenda Item Q.1, which would strengthen our current Sanctuary City Ordinance. We believe that reinforcing the protections provided to immigrants in our community is crucial to ensuring that all residents, regardless of their immigration status, feel safe and valued.

Our city has long been a beacon of hope for those seeking a better life, and we must continue to uphold policies that foster care and compassion for all people. It is important to remember that our strength lies in our diversity. Immigrants play a crucial role in the social, economic, and cultural fabric of our city, and we must ensure that they have the support and protection they need to thrive.

The limitations outlined in subsections (C) through (F) are especially important for several key reasons. First, by restricting Richmond police from providing information regarding individuals' release dates unless required by law, we ensure that our local law enforcement is not facilitating deportations. This helps prevent the harmful and destabilizing effects of separating families and communities. Moreover, the prohibition on making arrests based on civil immigration warrants and participating in immigration enforcement activities (subsections (D) and (E)) helps ensure that our local police officers focus on their primary responsibility of protecting public safety, not carrying out federal immigration policies. These policies often target vulnerable communities and can deter individuals from reporting crimes or seeking help when needed, fearing that their immigration status will be used against them.

The further limitation on transferring individuals to immigration agents unless authorized by a judicial warrant or probable cause (subsection (F)) is a key protection against unwarranted detention and deportation. It reinforces the principle that local law enforcement should not be complicit in actions that violate individuals' rights or disregard due process protections under the law. Additionally, we strongly support the provision that prevents Richmond police officers from being deputized as federal immigration officers. Local officers should remain under the jurisdiction and supervision of the City of Richmond, ensuring that they adhere to local laws and policies that prioritize community safety and civil rights.

These policies reflect Richmond's commitment to justice, compassion, and respect for human rights, and they play an important role in uplifting the safety and well-being of all Richmond residents. Thank you for your time and consideration.





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3/11/2025 3:30 PM	Amendments to the City Council Rules and Procedures	Philip Rosenthal	philiprosenthal@gmail.com	<p>Please cure and remedy the Brown Act Violation. Many of us were dumbfounded on March 4th when the City Council announced that it had secretly decided to move the meetings forward to 5:00, a time when the vast majority of workers can not attend meetings because we are still at work. Further, by starting Tuesday March 11th , at 5:00 is also in violation as the resolution to start at 5:00 hasn't been passed . That the heck? Really, It is not as if we can't read or are unable to look things up on the interweb. See City Council Rules of Procedure and Order, Page 4, II.A.(3) and (4) Using the Clerk's</p>	Against	Appro

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optics is a mess,
and still falls under
the Brown Act.
Hearing the City
Attorney admit on
the dais that there
was a violation that
needed to be fixed
, as opposed to just
not violating the
Brown Act to begin
with is shocking,
although we are
getting
accustomed to
these opaque and
deceptive
resolutions. One
Councilmember
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statement that she
read something on
Google that some
guy or chick
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something like that
people don't really
work 9 to 5 is off
the wall. In fact,
Google directs us
to the following
statistics:
According to
available data, a
significant majority
of California
workers, around
70%, are
considered to have

a "typical" 9-to-5 schedule, meaning they work full-time, year-round hours with a standard daytime schedule; however, this number can vary depending on the industry and specific job roles within the state, attributed to Information about work schedules in California often that from the Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC) and Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) reports. Redline states (in 2024) 86% of workers work some version of 9 to 5 (this is national, and California might vary). Nevertheless, refusing the taxpayers' right to comment , despite the fact that there was a statement that the council had deliberately bypassed the regulations, makes

us wonder about the integrity of our system. Please cure this by redoing the March 4th and March 11th meetings (if you move forward in violation of the Brown Act on March 11th) at 6:30, as any actions or approvals taken during meetings that are in violation of the Brown Act need to be cured by being redone.

KRGDS, Philip Rosenthal

References:
GC54952.6 As used in this chapter, "action taken" means a collective decision made by a majority of the members of a legislative body, a collective commitment or promise by a majority of the members of a legislative body to make a positive or a negative decision, or an actual vote by a majority of the members of a

legislative body when sitting as a body or entity, upon a motion, proposal, resolution, order or ordinance. GC 54960 (a) The district attorney or any interested person may commence an action by mandamus, injunction, or declaratory relief for the purpose of stopping or preventing violations or threatened violations of this chapter by members of the legislative body of a local agency or to determine the applicability of this chapter to ongoing actions or threatened future actions of the legislative body, or to determine the applicability of this chapter to past actions of the legislative body, subject to Section 54960.2, or to determine whether

any rule or action by the legislative body to penalize or otherwise discourage the expression of one or more of its members is valid or invalid under the laws of this state or of the United States, or to compel the legislative body to audio record its closed sessions as hereinafter provided. GC 54960.1 (a) The district attorney or any interested person may commence an action by mandamus or injunction for the purpose of obtaining a judicial determination that an action taken by a legislative body of a local agency in violation of Section 54953, 54954.2, 54954.5, 54954.6, 54956, or 54956.5 is null and void under this section. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to

prevent a legislative body from curing or correcting an action challenged pursuant to this section.

3/11/2025 3:30 PM	Adopt Sanctuary City Ordinance.	Louise Williams	777louisewilliams@gmail.com	I urge you to protect our immigrant citizens by adopting this Sanctuary City Ordinance. Our immigrant population is vital to the Richmond community, providing talent, ingenuity, and labor to our various businesses. Do not deputize our police officers as ICE personnel. This is still America, despite what the current administration is trying to make of our country. We ALL have rights. All law-abiding people who live and work in our community have a right to be here, to be safe, to send children to our schools, to worship in our churches and	For	Appro
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temples. It is the responsibility of the Richmond City Council to protect those rights for all the citizens of Richmond.

3/11/2025 3:30 PM	Adopt Sanctuary City Ordinance.	Madison Mennie	madimennie@gmail.com	I urge you to support the Sanctuary City Ordinance. Richmond was built by immigrants and continues to thrive on their talent, labor, and acumen. This ordinance is not just necessary—it is a moral imperative. Everyone deserves to live without fear, with dignity, and with the certainty that the city stands with them. By codifying these protections, we can set a powerful example of what it means to lead with humanity. Too many in the immigrant community live in fear—afraid to seek help, to go to work, to send their children to school.	For	Appro
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The safety, prosperity, and future of our city depend on ensuring that no family is torn apart and that no individual lives in terror of losing everything. Again, I urge you to protect our immigrant community. Prioritize their safety and education. No law-abiding person should fear for their life or the devastating uncertainty of having a loved one taken from their home. Please continue to SAY NO to ICE in our city and our police force. We must be bold in the face of hate, fear-mongering and anti-immigrant rhetoric.
