

RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, July 1, 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 3:32 p.m. by Mayor Eduardo Martinez.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Claudia Jimenez, Doria Robinson, Sue Wilson, Vice Mayor Cesar Zepeda, and Mayor Eduardo Martinez. **Absent:** Councilmembers Jamelia Brown arrived at 3:33 p.m. and Sohelia Bana arrived at 3:37 p.m.

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 Units
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 REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR (Government Code Section 54956.8)

- Property: Point Molate (site of former Naval Shipyard Depot)
Agency Negotiator: Dave Aleshire
Negotiating Parties: East Bay Regional Park District & Tribe & Upstream Pt. Molate LLC
Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment

C.3 LIABILITY CLAIMS (Government Code Section 54956.9)

- Claimant: Terminal One Development, LLC

C.4 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION (paragraph (1) of Subdivision [d] of Government Code Section 54956.9)

- Lonnie Holmes, et al. v. City of Richmond, et al.

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

The following individuals gave comments in person: Cordell Hindler, Sheila Williams, Jose Abastida, Henry Powell, Kevin Tisdell, and Stacey Walker.

The following individuals gave comments via teleconference: John Varga, Vincent Ianiello, and Fidencio Morales.

E. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

The Open Session adjourned to Closed Session at 3:46 p.m. The Closed Session adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

F. REGULAR MEETING OF THE RICHMOND HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Regular Meeting of the Richmond Housing Authority was called to order at 5:24 p.m. by Chairperson Eduardo Martinez.

G. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairperson Martinez led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

H. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Soheila Bana, Jamelia Brown, Claudia Jimenez, Doria Robinson, Sue Wilson, Vice Chairperson Cesar Zepeda, Chairperson Eduardo Martinez, and Tenant Commissioner Jaycine Scott. **Absent:** None.

I. STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

J. AGENDA REVIEW

None.

K. HOUSING AUTHORITY OPEN FORUM

Cordell Hindler gave comments in person.

L. HOUSING AUTHORITY CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Vice Chairperson Zepeda

Seconded by Commissioner Bana

To approve Item L.1 on the Housing Authority Consent Calendar

Ayes (7): Commissioner Bana, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Robinson, Commissioner Wilson, Vice Chairperson Zepeda, Chairperson Martinez, and Tenant Commissioner Scott

Absent (1): Commissioner Jimenez

Passed (7 to 1)

L.1 Contract with SWCA Environmental Consultants to perform an Environmental Review of the Richmond Village Property

ADOPT a resolution and APPROVE a contract with SWCA Environmental Consultants to perform a 24 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 50 Environmental Review of the Richmond Village property for an amount not to exceed \$17,500 – Richmond Housing Authority (Antoinette Terrell 510-620-6784/Gregory Palomino 510-621-1361).

Adopted Resolution No. 2216

M. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

N. REGULAR MEETING OF THE RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL

The Regular Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order at 5:27 p.m. by Mayor Martinez.

O. ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Bana, Brown, Jimenez, Robinson, Wilson, Vice Mayor Zepeda, and Mayor Martinez. **Absent:** None.

P. STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

Q. AGENDA REVIEW

The following items were pulled from the Consent Calendar for discussion at the end of the agenda: Items U.1.c (amendments to Richmond Municipal Code Chapter 3.54 to add training component); **U.3.a** (authorize the city manager to contract for Immigration Legal Services and Public Awareness Campaign); and **U.10.b** (authorizing an appropriation to fund the Point Molate Bay Trail Project).

City Clerk Pamela Christian announced a correction to the recommended action for Item U.3.a, "Authorize the city manager or their designee to negotiate and execute service agreement(s) as necessary, with a minimum of three qualified fiscal sponsor(s), appropriate agencies, or service providers as necessary to ensure the timely provision of immigration legal services and related support as directed by the City Council on March 4, 2025, for up to \$1,000,000."

Mayor Martinez announced changes to Item U.8.a (amending the 2025 Appointments to Committees and Liaison Positions), which included the addition of the following two ad-hoc committees: **Point Molate** (consisting of Councilmembers Jimenez, Robinson, and Mayor Martinez); and **Terminal One** (consisting of Councilmember Robinson, Vice Mayor Zepeda, and Mayor Martinez). Both ad-hoc committees would be effective for the rest of the year or until the negotiations presently being heard were addressed.

Motion by Councilmember Wilson

Seconded by Councilmember Jimenez

To move Item U.3.a immediately following the approval of the Consent Calendar.

Ayes (6): Councilmember Bana, Councilmember Brown, Councilmember Jimenez, Councilmember Robinson, Councilmember Wilson, and Vice Mayor Zepeda

Noes (1): Mayor Martinez

Passed (6 to 1)

A motion by Councilmember Robinson to move the following items together from New Business to the Consent Calendar failed for the lack of a second: W.4 (visibility, preservation and protection of city-owned historic buildings and historically significant locations) **and W.8** (establish a fair, open, and transparent request for proposals process to allocate the annual budget line item for unhoused services).

The council took the following separate actions to move items W.4 (visibility, preservation and protection of city-owned historic buildings and historically significant locations) and W.8 (establish a fair, open, and transparent request for proposals process to allocate the annual budget line item for unhoused services) from New Business to the Consent Calendar:

Motion by Councilmember Wilson
Seconded by Councilmember Jimenez

To move Item W.4 to the Consent Calendar.

Ayes (6): Councilmember Bana, Councilmember Brown, Councilmember Jimenez, Councilmember Robinson, Councilmember Wilson, and Vice Mayor Zepeda

Noes (1): Mayor Martinez

Passed (6 to 1)

Motion by Councilmember Jimenez
Seconded by Councilmember Robinson

To move Item W.8 to the Consent Calendar.

A friendly amendment made by Councilmember Bana to authorize the city manager to allocate travel expenses for two days for three city employees to Haven for Hope (a homeless assistance facility in San Antonio, Texas) was not accepted.

Ayes (6): Councilmember Bana, Councilmember Brown, Councilmember Jimenez, Councilmember Robinson, Councilmember Wilson, and Vice Mayor Zepeda

Noes (1): Mayor Martinez

Passed (6 to 1)

Motion by Councilmember Bana
Seconded by Councilmember Brown

To move to the Consent Calendar Item W.10 (allocate \$2,000 from the city event budget for the 2025 El Sobrante Stroll).

Ayes (4): Councilmember Bana, Councilmember Brown, Councilmember Robinson, and Vice Mayor Zepeda

Noes (3): Councilmember Jimenez, Councilmember Wilson, and Mayor Martinez

Passed (4 to 3)

Motion by Councilmember Bana
Seconded by Councilmember Jimenez

To add an emergency item to the Consent Calendar approving a resolution affirming the rights of naturalized citizens and condemning discriminatory and politically motivated denaturalization actions that threaten constitutional protections.

Ayes (7): Councilmember Bana, Councilmember Brown, Councilmember Jimenez, Councilmember Robinson, Councilmember Wilson, Vice Mayor Zepeda, and Mayor Martinez

Passed (7 to 0)

Motion by Councilmember Wilson
Seconded by Councilmember Jimenez

To continue Item W.7 (Community Police Review Commission’s slate of recommendations to enhance transparency, strengthen accountability, and increase trust between RPD and community) to the August 19, 2025, City Council meeting.

Ayes (7): Councilmember Bana, Councilmember Brown, Councilmember Jimenez, Councilmember Robinson, Councilmember Wilson, Vice Mayor Zepeda, and Mayor Martinez

Passed (7 to 0)

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

City Attorney Dave Aleshire reported the following:

Item C.1 (labor negotiations) was extensively discussed, and direction was given to negotiators. No reportable action.

Item C.2 (real property negotiations) Point Molate was briefly discussed. No reportable action.

Item C.3 (liability claims) Terminal One was briefly discussed. No reportable action.

Item C.4 (existing litigation) was not discussed.

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

City Manager Shasa Curl presented a PowerPoint. [Link to City Manager Report](#)

S.1 NEW EMPLOYEE REPORT - 1st Tuesday

Director of Human Resources Sharrone Taylor presented a PowerPoint. [Link to New Employee Report](#)

T. OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

(Public comment on items that remained on the Consent Calendar or items that were not on the agenda was limited to 2 minutes unless otherwise specified - Back and forth dialogue with the Council was prohibited.)

The following individuals gave comments in person:

Cordell Hindler requested that the council consider reactivating its standing committees. Mr. Hindler gave comments regarding decorum on the dais. Mr. Hinder expressed concerns regarding the numerous new business items on agendas and the amount of time staff and presenters waited for items to be heard.

Mark Wassberg gave comments regarding the United States Constitution and immigration laws.

Jamin Pursell expressed appreciation for the auditorium lighting improvements and looked forward to audio improvements. Mr. Pursell suggested utilizing the auditorium for economic development. Mr. Pursell expressed gratitude for the Richmond Library's Rainbow Pride community outreach efforts. Mr. Pursell gave comments in support of due process for non-citizens.

Liz Woods informed the council that she had previously proposed a program similar to Item W.3 (develop and launch a 6-month Pilot program working-titled, “Clean Richmond” Community Maintenance Crews). Ms. Woods stated that she cleaned the

Nevin Plaza Senior Apartments parking lot and outdoor sitting area at her own expense. Ms. Woods requested monetary donations and acknowledged the city for providing trash containers. Ms. Woods recommended more police presence near Nevin Plaza to address loitering.

Don Gosney expressed concerns regarding the council moving agenda discussion items to the Consent Calendar during the meeting, and how it stifled public comment. Mr. Gosney gave comments against Item W.10 and investing in other cities.

Bruce Beyaert requested a ruling on when Item U.10.b, which was removed from the Consent Calendar, would be heard on the agenda.

The following individuals gave comments via teleconference:

Dillon Harp announced that Richmond LAND, a Contra Costa community land trust, was leading a community-led housing resource event on August 2, 2025, in collaboration with other affordable housing entities. Additional information was available at www.RichmondLAND.org. Questions regarding sponsorships and partner donations could be directed via email to dillon@richmondland.org.

Rodney Brown invited the community to the 11th Annual Soulful Softball Sunday on August 24, 2025, at Nicholl Park. Mr. Brown encouraged the council to attend the event that would commence with the Third Annual Mayor's Cup Challenge.

U. CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Motion by Councilmember Robinson
Seconded by Councilmember Bana

To approve the items on the Consent Calendar

Including: an emergency item, items W.4, W.8, and W.10

Excluding: items U.1.c, U.3.a, and U.10.b

Ayes (7): Councilmember Bana, Councilmember Brown, Councilmember Jimenez, Councilmember Robinson, Councilmember Wilson, Vice Mayor Zepeda, Mayor Martinez

Passed (7 to 0)

U.1 City Attorney's Office

U.1.a Legal Services Agreement Amendment No. 2 with Stoel Rives, LLP

APPROVE a second amendment to the legal services agreement with Stoel Rives, LLP appropriate and adequate representation in future and pending land use and CEQA related litigation (Guidiville/Land Use), in the amount of \$65,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$75,000, with term ending December 31, 2026 – City Attorney's Office (Kimberly Chin 510-620-6709/Shannon Moore 510-620-6509).

- U.1.b Contract Amendment No. 4 to the legal services agreement with Bennett Gelini & Gelini, APC

APPROVE a fourth amendment to the legal services agreement with Bennett, Gelini & Gelini, APC, to increase compensation by \$300,000, for a total amount not to exceed \$859,990, with term ending December 31, 2027 – City Attorney’s Office (Kimberly Chin 510-620-6709/Shannon Moore 510-620-6505).

- U.1.c Amendments to Richmond Municipal Code Chapter 3.54 to add training component

ADOPT an ordinance (second reading) amending Richmond Municipal Code Chapter 3.54 entitled “Community Police Review Commission” by adding Section 3.54.110 to establish a training program for commissioners of the Community Police Review Commission – City Attorney’s Office (Dave Aleshire 510-620-6509).

Continued to the August 19, 2025, City Council meeting.

U.2 City Council

- U.2.a Resolution Urging Congress to Assert its Constitutional Authority and Prevent Future Unauthorized Military Action Against Iran

ADOPT a resolution urging the United States Congress to assert its constitutional authority by passing a War Powers Resolution that reaffirms its exclusive right to declare war, and to prevent any future unauthorized military action against Iran or any other country; as the resolution also calls for a commitment to diplomacy and expresses solidarity with civilians impacted by conflict in the region, and DIRECT the city clerk to send copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, U.S. Senators representing California, and all members of the U.S. House of Representatives representing districts in Contra Costa County - Councilmember Soheila Bana (510-672-3490)/Councilmember Doria Robinson (510-620-6568)/Councilmember Claudia Jimenez (510-620-6565).

Adopted Resolution No. 96-25

U.3 City Manager's Office

- U.3.a Authorize the City Manager to Contract for Immigrant Legal Services and Public Awareness Campaign

AUTHORIZE the city manager or their designee to negotiate and execute service agreement(s) as necessary, with qualified fiscal sponsor(s), appropriate agencies, or service providers as necessary to ensure the timely provision of immigration legal services and related support as directed by the City Council on March 4, 2025, for up to \$1,000,000 – City Manager’s Office (Shasa Curl 510-620-6512).

Deputy City Manager of Community Services LaShonda White introduced the matter. Discussion ensued. The council requested the vendor application process, and to ensure the authorization allowed for a **minimum of three** qualified fiscal sponsor(s), appropriate agencies, or service providers. Jamin Pursell gave comments in person. The following individuals gave comments via teleconference: Ben Therriault, Andrew Melendez, Marisol Cantu, Joselyn, LoRayne Reza, and Carolina Avelar.

Motion by Councilmember Bana
Seconded by Councilmember Jimenez

To approve said authorization for a **minimum of three** qualified fiscal sponsor(s), appropriate agencies, or service providers.

Ayes (7): Councilmember Bana, Councilmember Brown, Councilmember Jimenez, Councilmember Robinson, Councilmember Wilson, Vice Mayor Zepeda, and Mayor Martinez

Passed (7 to 0)

U.3.b ECIA Grant Award Recommendations for Fiscal Year 2025-26 (Category 1, 2 & 4)

APPROVE a recommendation from the Environmental & Community Investment Agreement (ECIA) Grant Review Committee for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 grant awards to 28 organizations in an amount not to exceed \$750,000; ADOPT a resolution and AUTHORIZE the city manager to negotiate and execute Grant Service Agreements with approved grantees – City Manager’s Office (Patrick Seals/Nicholas Delgado 510-620-6512).

Adopted Resolution No. 97-25

U.4 Community Development

U.4.a Amendment of the City’s Tobacco Retailers Moratorium

ADOPT an ordinance (second reading) amending Ordinance No. 03-25, as amended, to allow identified long-time Richmond-based retailers who once held a city tobacco retailers license to obtain such license during the moratorium — Community Development Department/Code Enforcement Division (Lina Velasco/ Eva Mann/Kevin Tisdell 510-621-1283).

Adopted Ordinance No. 15-25 N.S.

U.5 Economic Development

U.5.a Contract with RDH Building Science, Inc. for Assessment and Preliminary Rehabilitation Plan

ADOPT a resolution and APPROVE a contract with RDH Building Science, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$72,500 to conduct a facility assessment and prepare a preliminary rehabilitation plan for the Processing Building at the Point Potrero Marine Terminal, and AUTHORIZE the city manager or their designee to execute a contract with a term ending June 30, 2026 – Economic Development Department/Port Department (Charles Gerard/510-620-6792).

Adopted Resolution No. 98-25

U.5.b Contract Amendment No. 3 with W.R. Forde and Associates, Inc. for Repairs at Point Potrero Marine Terminal and Canal Boulevard

APPROVE a third contract amendment with W.R. Forde and Associates Inc. in the amount of \$200,000 for additional essential safety repair improvements and maintenance at the Point Potrero Marine Terminal and Canal Boulevard for a total payment limit of \$616,749, with a term ending December 31, 2025 - Economic Development Department/Port

Department/Public Works Department (Charles Gerard 510-620-6792/Daniel Chavarria 510-620-5478).

U.5.c Contract with GRID Alternatives for Low-Income Solar Installation Services

APPROVE a sole-source contract with GRID Alternatives to continue to provide solar system installations to over 20 low-income households in Richmond in an amount not to exceed \$700,000, with a three-year term beginning July 15, 2025, with an option to extend for one year - Economic Development Department (Valerie Li 510-621-1554/Samantha Carr 510-620-5407/Nannette Beacham 510-621-1306).

U.6 Human Resources

U.6.a Contract with All Star Talent, Inc., for

APPROVE a contract with All Star Talent, Inc. for a term beginning July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2027, and a payment limit of \$355,500, to design a robust virtual recruitment and marketing campaign for specialized and hard-to-fill vacancies – Human Resources (Nickie Mastay/Sharrone Taylor 510-620-6602).

U.6.b Resolution to Approve Salary Schedules in Accordance with California Code of Regulations 570.5(a) (2 CCR § 570.5)

ADOPT a resolution amending the salary schedules for all unions to comply with California Code of Regulations, Subchapter 1, Employees' Retirement System Regulations section 570.5 (a) (2 CCR § 570.5) as required by CalPERS – Human Resources Department (Nickie Mastay/Sharrone Taylor 510-620-6602).

Adopted Resolution No. 99-25

U.6.c Contracts with Bob Murray & Associates and The Byers Group for Recruitment Services

APPROVE a contract with Bob Murray & Associates for the purpose of conducting recruitments for specialized positions with a payment limit of \$34,000, and term beginning July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, and APPROVE a second amendment to the contract with The Byers Group to increase the payment limit by \$25,000, for a total payment limit of \$75,000, for as-needed recruitment services - Human Resources Department (Nickie Mastay/Sharrone Taylor 510-620-6602).

U.6.d Resolution Amending Staffing (Position Control)

ADOPT a resolution amending staffing (position control) to reallocate existing positions to Paratransit Coordinator, Chief Innovation Officer, Project Coordinator (Y-Rate) and Confidential Investigator – Human Resources Department (Nickie Mastay/Sharrone Taylor 510-620-6602).

Adopted Resolution No. 100-25

U.6.e Amend the Salary Schedule

ADOPT a resolution amending the salary schedule to add the salary range for Community Ambassador and Chief Innovation Officer, Y-rate salary range for Project Coordinator, and title change for Confidential Investigator – Human Resources Department (Nickie Mastay/Sharrone Taylor 510-620-6602).

Adopted Resolution No. 101-25

U.6.f Legal Services Agreement with Meyers Nave for Confidential and Personnel Investigative Services

APPROVE a legal services agreement with Meyer Nave for an amount not to exceed \$75,000 and term of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2027, to conduct confidential and impartial personnel investigations – Human Resources Department/City Attorney’s Office (Nickie Mastay/Sharrone Taylor 510-620-6602/Shannon Moore 510-620-6509).

U.6.g Contract Amendment No. 2 with Set-Up for Success

APPROVE a second contract amendment with Set-Up for Success with a term expiration of June 30, 2026, and an increase to the payment limit of \$188,000, for a total amount not to exceed \$270,500, and APPROPRIATE funds as required for continued organizational consulting services – Human Resources Department (Nickie Mastay/Sharrone Taylor/Patrick Seals 510-620-6602).

U.7 Library and Community Services

U.7.a Contract with Corovan Moving & Storage Co. to Relocate the Main Library

APPROVE a contract with Corovan Moving & Storage Co. for \$49,814.84, with a term beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, for moving services for relocation of materials from Richmond Main Library at 325 Civic Center Plaza to the temporary library site, and moving services for staff desks to 330 25th Street – Community Services Department (Christopher Larsen 510-620-5524/Kate Eppler 510-620-5452/LaShonda White 510-620-6828).

U.7.b Purchase of Mobile Shelving for Temporary Civic Center Library

APPROVE the purchase of 14 mobile, double-sided display shelves from Demco for a purchase price not to exceed \$30,000 — Community Services Department (Christopher Larsen 510-620-5524/Kate Eppler 510-620-5452).

U.7.c Contract Amendment No. 2 with Charleston Mobility for Electric Bikeshare Operations

APPROVE a second contract amendment with Charleston Mobility in an amount not to exceed \$410,000 for a total not to exceed contract amount of \$3,150,341, with a term ending September 19, 2028, to support the continued operation of the citywide electric bikeshare program; and APPROPRIATE \$410,000 from the Environmental and Community Investment Agreement (ECIA) Transportation budget to cover the cost of the contract amendment – Community Services Department (LaShonda White 510-620-6828/Gabino Arredondo 510-620-6606).

- U.7.d Memorandum of Understanding with Mandated Partners of the America's Job Centers of California (AJCC) System

APPROVE the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City and mandated partners of the America's Job Centers of California system and AUTHORIZE the city manager to execute the MOU – Community Services (Tamara Walker 510-307-8006).

U.8 Mayor's Office

- U.8.a Amend the 2025 Appointments to Committees and Liaison Positions

AMEND the appointments for the Mayor and Councilmembers to Regional Committees, Ad-Hoc Committees and Liaison Positions for the year of 2025 - Mayor's Office (Mayor Eduardo Martinez 510-620-6503).

A correction was made during Agenda Review, adding two ad-hoc committees:

Point Molate (Councilmembers Jimenez, Robinson, and Mayor Martinez)
Terminal One (Councilmember Robinson, Vice Mayor Zepeda, and Mayor Martinez)

- U.8.b Proclamation Honoring the 100th Anniversary of McGlothen Temple Church of God in Christ

PROCLAMATION Honoring the 100th Anniversary of McGlothen Temple Church of God in Christ - Mayor Eduardo Martinez (510-620-6503)/Vice Mayor Cesar Zepeda/Councilmember Doria Robinson (510-620-6861).

- U.8.c Appointment of Chad DeWitt to the Historic Preservation Commission

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

U.9 Police Department

- U.9.a Purchase of Air Purifying Respirators from LC Action

APPROVE the purchase of air purifying respirators from LC Action for a total amount not to exceed \$29,159.54 to ensure the safety and effectiveness operating in environments contaminated with chemical agents – Police Department (Chief Bisa French 510-621-1802).

- U.9.b Purchase of Mobile Data Computers and related hardware from Duratech USA, Inc.

APPROVE the purchase of Mobile Data Computers and related hardware for an amount not to exceed \$50,000 from Duratech USA, Inc. – Police Department (Chief Bisa French 510-621-1802).

- U.9.c Purchase of Public Safety and Tactical Ballistic Safety Equipment from LC Action Police Supply

APPROVE the purchase of public safety and tactical ballistic safety equipment for the Police Department's Tactical Response Team from LC Action Police Supply in an amount not to exceed \$133,415.90 – Police Department (Chief Bisa French 510-621-1802).

U.10 Public Works

U.10.a Contracts for On-Call Construction Management and Inspection Services

ADOPT a resolution authorizing service contracts with five firms for as-needed construction management and inspection services, in an amount not to exceed \$3,750,000 per firm, over a three-year period from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2028, with two optional one-year extension years, for a total amount not to exceed \$2,500,000 per firm for the extension period – Public Works Department (Janney Lockman 510-307-8097/Robert Armijo 510-620-5477).

Adopted Resolution No. 102-25

U.10.b Authorizing an Appropriation to Fund the Point Molate Bay Trail Project

ADOPT a resolution authorizing the appropriation of \$1,000,000 from the General Capital Fund to fully fund the Point Molate Bay Trail Project – Public Works Department (Robert Armijo 510-620-5477/Darcie DeLashmutt 510-672-3944).

Continued to the August 19, 2025, City Council meeting.

U.11 Rent Program

U.11.a Resolution Establishing the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Residential Rental Housing Fee

ADOPT a resolution establishing the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Residential Rental Housing Fee in the amount of \$267.00 per Controlled Rental Unit and \$151.00 per Partially Covered Rental Unit – Rent Program (Nicolas Traylor 510-620-6564).

Adopted Resolution No. 103-25

EMERGENCY ITEM (added to the Consent Calendar)

APPROVE a resolution affirming the rights of naturalized citizens and condemning discriminatory and politically motivated denaturalization actions that threaten constitutional protections - Councilmember Sohelia Bana (510-672-3490) and Councilmember Claudia Jimenez (510-620-6565).

Adopted Resolution No. 104-25

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS

V.1 Public Hearing for the Collection of the Sanitary and Storm Fees for Fiscal Year 2025-26

HOLD a public hearing and ADOPT a resolution approving a report of sewer service charges for Fiscal Year 2024-25 allowing for the sanitary and stormwater fees to be collected on the annual 2025-26 tax rolls – Public Works Department (Mary Phelps/Daniel Chavarria 510-620-6594).

City Clerk Pamela Christian announced that it was time, pursuant to public notice, to hold a public hearing. Director of Public Works Daniel Chavarria introduced the matter. Water Resource Manager Mary Phelps gave an oral report. Mayor Martinez declared the public hearing open. There were no public speakers. Mayor Martinez closed the public hearing. Discussion ensued.

Motion by Councilmember Bana
Seconded by Councilmember Brown

To adopt said resolution for the collection of sanitary and stormwater fees.

Ayes (7): Councilmember Bana, Councilmember Brown, Councilmember Jimenez, Councilmember Robinson, Councilmember Wilson, Vice Mayor Zepeda, and Mayor Martinez

Passed (7 to 0)

Adopted Resolution No. 105-25

W. NEW BUSINESS

W.1 Grand Jury Report No. 2503 Regarding Staffing Challenges Facing the Richmond Police Department

APPROVE the City of Richmond's response to the 2024- 2025 Contra Costa Civil Grand Jury Report No. 2503 entitled "Staffing Challenges Facing the Richmond Police Department: Diminishing Funds and Fewer Officers" and submittal of the response to the Contra Costa Grand Jury – City Manager's Office (Shasa Curl 510-620-6512/Bisa French 510-621-1802).

Deputy City Manager of Community Services LaShonda White introduced the matter. Mrs. White and Chief of Police Bisa French presented a PowerPoint. [Link to Responses to Grand Jury Report presentation](#). The following individuals gave comments in person: Cordell Hindler, Mark Wassberg, and Liz Woods. The following individuals gave comments via teleconference: Julie Salamon, Ben Therriault, Raymond Wendell, Emily Ross, Andrew Melendez, Carmen Martinez, and Marisol Cantu. Discussion ensued. The council suggested modifying the response to finding #F8 regarding the reallocation of Richmond Police Department funds, resulting in the downsizing or elimination of specialized investigative units. The council requested the following: a future report on the quantitative cost difference between recruiting, training, and retaining police officers; attach to the response a list of the police units and positions that decreased as a result of finding #F8; clearly define what the financial shift in finding #F8 did to the Police Department; and communicate more strongly in the city's response, that the findings appeared to be from people who were not elected by Richmond voters that made decisions for how the city spent taxpayers money or the city's approach to public safety in Richmond.

Motion by Councilmember Bana to postpone the response and request an extension due to the lack of a second.

Motion by Councilmember Robinson
Seconded by Councilmember Brown

To approve the report as is with a link to the council's discussion. [Link](#)

A friendly amendment made by Mayor Martinez, to include in the report statements made by Councilmembers Jimenez and Wilson was not accepted.

Ayes (6): Councilmember Bana, Councilmember Brown, Councilmember Jimenez, Councilmember Robinson, Vice Mayor Zepeda, and Mayor Martinez

Noes (1): Councilmember Wilson

Passed (6 to 1)

W.2 Update and Approve the Richmond Green-Blue New Deal (GBND) Top-Five Priority Projects over the Next 5 Years.

RECEIVE a written update on the Richmond Green-Blue New Deal project prioritization process and APPROVE the top five priority projects - Economic Development Department (Yahna Williamson 510-620-6574/Samantha Carr 510-620-5407/ Nannette Beacham 510-620-1306). This item was continued from the June 17, 2025, and June 24, 2025, meetings.

Environmental Manager Samantha Carr introduced the matter. Management Analyst Yahna Williamson presented a PowerPoint. [Link to Richmond Green-Blue New Deal Update presentation](#). Cordell Hindler and Jamin Pursell gave comments in person. Discussion ensued. The council requested or suggested the following: an annual reporting process that included the consideration, treatment, and review of emergent project ideas; training and immediate access to the job market related to wildfire home hardening and Zone 0 laws; incorporate zero-emission infrastructure; look into onshore wind; and consider including councilmembers in the acknowledgments.

Motion by Vice Mayor Zepeda
Seconded by Councilmember Brown

To approve the item.

Ayes (5): Councilmember Brown, Councilmember Jimenez, Councilmember Robinson, Vice Mayor Zepeda, and Mayor Martinez

Noes (1): Councilmember Bana

Absent (1): Councilmember Wilson

Passed (5 to 2)

W.3 Develop and Launch a 6-month Pilot Program working-titled, “Clean Richmond” Community Maintenance Crews

DIRECT staff to identify a funding source and issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) to identify a nonprofit partner to launch a 6-month pilot program working-titled “Clean Richmond” Community Maintenance Crew. The program will prioritize Transitional Age Youth (TAY) and sunset six months after the start date. During the pilot period, staff will hire four full-time equivalent (FTE) positions in Public Works – Councilmember Jamelia Brown (510-412-2050). This item was continued from the June 17, 2025, and June 24, 2025, meetings.

Councilmember Brown introduced the matter. The following individuals gave comments in person: Pam Saucer, Jamin Pursell, and Cordell Hindler. Arto Rinteela gave comments via teleconference. Discussion ensued. The council requested or suggested the following: incorporate the four Public Works new hires on the timeline; develop a pipeline to full-time employment; consider returning with a plan for a similar program through a combination of Richmond YouthWORKS and Public Works; add to the RFP professional development skills, workshops, and classes that would be part of the program; and provide a definitive timeline.

Motion by Councilmember Bana

Seconded by Councilmember Brown

To approve the item with the suggestions made to include professional development in the RFP as part of the program.

Ayes (5): Councilmember Bana, Councilmember Brown, Councilmember Jimenez, Councilmember Robinson, and Vice Mayor Zepeda

Noes (2): Councilmember Wilson and Mayor Martinez

Passed (5 to 2)

W.4 Visibility, Preservation and Protection of City-Owned Historic Buildings and Historically Significant Locations

DIRECT City staff to work with the Historic Preservation Commission and community groups to:

- Formalize and publicly share a verified list of city-owned historic buildings and historically significant locations.
- Create a process to accept nominations, review and if warranted, install commemorative signage on City-owned historic structures and important locations of cultural memory (e.g., the former site of the International Hotel). Additionally, the City should offer to coordinate and assist with the installation of plaques or historical markers for privately owned historic buildings and sites, provided the property owners are willing. This will help commemorate important places regardless of ownership and ensure the community's history remains visible and celebrated.
- Develop and implement basic preservation measures to protect city-owned historic buildings from vandalism and fire damage.
- Explore grant and partnership opportunities to support preservation efforts, with support from the Historic Preservation Commission and local history organizations.
- Create a staff led and City Council approved process to evaluate whether any of the identified historic buildings require additional site-specific protection measures that would involve new budget allocations. Rather than mandating uniform maintenance rules, evaluate each structure's preservation needs individually, based on historical significance, community interest, and available resources.
- Provide a status update to the City Council within 180 days on progress made, challenges encountered, and next steps for implementation - Councilmember Soheila Bana (510-672-3490)/Councilmember Doria Robinson (510-672-1387). This item was continued from the June 17, 2025, and June 24, 2025, meetings.

Item W.4 was moved to the Consent Calendar and approved.

W.5 Presentation from Futuro Health -Healthcare Career Training

RECEIVE a presentation from Futuro Health and ADOPT a resolution authorizing the allocation of up to \$22,700 from an identified funding source to eliminate financial barriers for up to 100 Richmond residents accepted into Futuro Health career training programs by covering mandatory application, background check, and drug screening fees - Councilmember Jamelia Brown (510-412-2050) /

Councilmember Sue Wilson (510-609-2111). This item was continued from the June 24, 2025, meeting.

Councilmember Brown introduced the matter. Rashaad Pritchett, representing Service Employees International Union-United Healthcare Workers, presented a PowerPoint. [Link to Futuro Healthcare Opportunities presentation.](#)

Discussion ensued.

Motion by Mayor Martinez

Seconded by Vice Mayor Zepeda

To direct staff to explore a resolution to disperse \$22,700 from an identified funding source into healthcare career training programs, and return to the council in September 2025.

Ayes (7): Councilmember Bana, Councilmember Brown, Councilmember Jimenez, Councilmember Robinson, Councilmember Wilson, Vice Mayor Zepeda, and Mayor Martinez

Passed (7 to 0)

W.6 Annual Update on Sidewalk Vending Program

RECEIVE a presentation on the first-year implementation of the City's Sidewalk Vending Program and PROVIDE direction to staff regarding program priorities and potential revisions to the ordinance – Public Works Department (Andy Cho 510-620-6547/Robert Armijo 510-620-5477).

Deputy Director of Public Works/City Engineer Robert Armijo introduced the matter. 4LEAF Code Enforcement Manager Alejandra Molina and Senior Engineer Andy Cho presented a PowerPoint. [Link to Sidewalk Vendor Program Update Report.](#) The following individuals gave comments in person: Erick Sanchez, Estefany Sanchez, Alan Tellez, Jamin Pursell, and Veronica Martinez. Discussion ensued. The council requested or suggested the following: staff work with existing vendors to develop criteria for the council's consideration that would enable vendor compliance; vendors and patrons should not utilize private property; resolve vendor location address discrepancies; do not allow vendors to sell to passing vehicles; more clearly define "entrance to a business" and restrict street vendor proximity; there should be no street vending where there was only one brick and mortar for similar products; provide reference to the council's previous recommendations on this matter including feedback from the 23rd Street Merchants Association; explore other locations for street vending similar to The Lot that would allow more days; follow up with the county regarding the permitting process for street food vendors and commercial kitchen use; raise awareness of street vending diversity and inclusivity; reconsider vendor permits near no stopping zones or other businesses and ensure there was parking space for patrons; evaluate how the ordinance effected legacy and existing street vendors; and consider an agreement with vendors for sidewalk damages.

W.7 Community Police Review Commission's slate of recommendations to enhance transparency, strengthen accountability, and increase trust between RPD and community.

DISCUSS and APPROVE the eight (8) recommendations of the Community Police Review Commission (CPRC), begin a necessary "meet and confer" process with the Richmond Police Officer's Association, and take next appropriate steps to update the ordinance to expand the CPRC jurisdiction, complaint procedures,

and public access to information, and to increase the CPRC budget – City Attorney’s Office (Dave Aleshire 510-620-6509).

Continued to the August 19, 2025, City Council meeting.

W.8 Establish a fair, open, and transparent RFP process to allocate the annual budget line item for unhoused services.

DIRECT staff to 1) develop, coordinate and facilitate a bi-annual community process for reviewing and providing feedback and setting annual priorities for current city funded unhoused interventions; 2) Develop an RFP process to govern the procurement process for the allocation of unhoused services funds; 3) Develop financial strategy to offer multi-year funding and increase annual funding for unhoused interventions, and 4) Return to City Council with related deliverables listed herein for council review, feedback and approval, by no later than November 4th, 2025, so that implementation can begin by no later than January 31, 2026 - Councilmember Doria Robinson (510-620-6568), Councilmember Claudia Jimenez (510-620-6565).

Item W.8 was moved to the Consent Calendar and approved.

W.9 Presentation from Levitree for Nature-Based Solutions for Sea-Level Rise

RECEIVE a presentation from Levitree to learn about possible nature-based solutions to help Richmond’s shoreline with sea level rise and ground water infiltration - Vice Mayor Cesar Zepeda (510-620-6593).

Continued to the August 19, 2025, City Council meeting.

W.10 Allocate \$2,000 from City Event Budget for the 2025 El Sobrante Stroll

APPROVE a resolution authorizing the allocation of \$2,000 from the City of Richmond’s allotted event budget to support the 2025 El Sobrante Stroll - Councilmember Soheila Bana (510-672-3490)/Councilmember Doria Robinson (510-620-6568)/Councilmember Jamelia Brown (510-609-5780).

Item W.10 was moved to the Consent Calendar and approved.

X. REPORTS OF OFFICERS: REFERRALS TO STAFF, AND GENERAL REPORTS (INCLUDING AB 1234 REPORTS)(limited to two minutes per Councilmember)

None.

Y. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:03 p.m., to meet again on August 19, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

Pamela Christian, Clerk of the City of
Richmond

Eduardo Martinez, Mayor

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Richmond city council and attorney see only what they want to see — or whatever protects their authority. Let's be clear. The Richmond City Council repeatedly and willfully violates the public trust, breaching statutory, constitutional, and ethical duties owed to residents.

To assess whether the Richmond City Council and Mayor act negligently—legally, ethically, and civically—we must examine publicly available evidence, including the Richmond City Charter, California Government Code, and the Brown Act (Gov. Code §§ 54950 et seq.). While this is not a legal ruling, public records and statutes reveal disturbing governance failures that infringe on residents' rights to transparent, equitable, and lawful administration. Expectations and trust have dissolved where people face ongoing disappointment and deception. Councilmember Jimenez, for example, routinely ignores emails and calls from District 6 residents, contradicting the council's rhetoric on equity and inclusion. Another example is Sue Wilson's social media post on June 30, 2025, stating "Richmond police department was never defunded." This aligns with findings from the Civil Grand Jury report (<https://www.cc-courts.org/civil/docs/grandjury/2024-2025/2503/2503-DiminishingFundsandFewerOfficers.pdf>). The RPA council members are often the first to block non-RPA projects, using confusing and procedural tactics to stall progress. Other RPA-affiliated individuals and nonprofits echo these tactics, citing budget shortfalls and fictitious proposal barriers. City Attorney liability may arise from willful endangerment (Gov. Code §815.6), breach of legal duties (Charter §3.04.080), fiscal negligence (Gov. Code §37100), conflicts of interest (Gov. Code §87100 et seq.), Brown Act violations (Gov. Code §54950 et seq.), commission dysfunction (City Charter), and neglect of environmental and housing duties (CEQA; local policy).

The council claims to represent working-class and marginalized residents while overseeing a worsening housing crisis. Median rents exceed \$2,600 for a two-bedroom unit, and nearly 20% of renters are severely rent-burdened. Homelessness in Contra Costa County has increased over 30% since 2020; in Richmond alone, the unhoused population rose from 280 in 2020 to 487 in 2023, a 74% increase. Yet the council fails to enforce Richmond Municipal Code Chapter 15.12 (Inclusionary Housing Ordinance), which requires affordable units in new developments, and neglects the state Housing Element Law (Gov. Code §§ 65580 et seq.) mandating adequate housing for all incomes (Gov. Code § 65583). This inaction may violate the California Constitution's guarantee of housing privacy and dignity (Art. 1, Sec. 7).

The council conflates union support with working-class support, though most Richmond

workers lack union membership or collective bargaining rights under the National Labor Relations Act (29 U.S.C. § 151 et seq.). Meanwhile, unsustainable public pension obligations governed by RMC Chapter 2.32 and the California Public Employees' Pension Reform Act (PEPRA) (Gov. Code §§ 7522 et seq.) now consume over 15% of the general fund. Unfunded pension liabilities total about \$392 million, potentially exceeding \$650 million by 2044 with interest. This threatens essential services and violates the fiduciary duty under California Constitution Article XVI, Section 17.

Despite claims of climate leadership, Richmond is littered with failed green projects. Vandalized electric vehicle charging stations and stolen or abandoned e-bikes—intended to serve underserved communities—stand as symbols of neglect. Statewide audits find 25–34% of public EV chargers often inoperable. Richmond's Miocar program lacks city-led oversight for maintenance or security, undermining the city's commitments under the California Global Warming Solutions Act (Health & Saf. Code §§ 38500 et seq.) and Richmond's Climate Action Plan. These failures violate residents' rights to meaningful participation in environmental decisions, as protected by CEQA and the Environmental Justice Act (Gov. Code § 65040.12).

Consequences of a hypocritical city council, pretending to champion underserved minority communities—including Black, Latino, Indigenous, Asian Pacific Islander, and other marginalized groups—while simultaneously applauding itself after increasing property taxes and waste collection fees. It ignores those who endure disproportionate pollution exposure, higher chronic illness rates, slower emergency responses, and extremely limited financial resources. Vulnerable communities experience longer fire and medical wait times and degraded infrastructure. This disparate impact violates California's Environmental Justice Act (Gov. Code § 65040.12), Richmond's Environmental Justice Ordinance (RMC Chapter 9.50), and CEQA duties, risking legal challenges. (See photos in appendix.)

Negligence by mayor and attorney office (Publicly Known Facts and Reporting)

Failure to Ensure Legal Oversight of City Events

City-sponsored events may be occurring without verified insurance, permits, or departmental coordination. This raises potential negligence under California Government Code §815.6 and risk management responsibilities. The Council has a duty to oversee that the City Attorney, City Manager, and departments fulfill their legal responsibilities.

Failure to Hold the City Attorney Accountable

The City Attorney has not initiated formal investigations into unapproved events or departmental roles. City Charter §3.04.080 gives the council oversight over appointed officers like the City Attorney. This failure constitutes a legal risk of breach of fiduciary duty or willful inaction.

Ineffectiveness of the Rent Board Program

The Rent Program operates with a \$3.45 million annual budget funded by landlord fees but lacks performance oversight, cost-benefit accountability, or outcome metrics. This violates California Government Code §37100, which mandates responsible use of public funds, and suggests potential financial mismanagement.

Violations of the Brown Act

Council actions have reportedly occurred without proper public notice, with delayed agenda postings and vague or improper closed-session disclosures. Such actions violate the Brown

Act (Gov. Code §54950 et seq.), which mandates transparency and public participation rights.

Failure to Respond to Environmental and Housing Crises

The Council and Mayor have not adequately addressed Chevron’s pollution, housing shortages, and worsening homeless encampments. This inaction may violate the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and local climate and housing policies, reflecting legal negligence.

Conclusion: Recent city audits and financial reports confirm Richmond’s ongoing pension liabilities and budget shortfalls, underscoring a failure of fiscal stewardship. Multiple community complaints and advocacy group reports have documented violations of public participation rights guaranteed by the Brown Act, including instances of suppressed public comment and lack of transparency. Health data from local public health agencies reveal disproportionately high rates of asthma, chronic respiratory illness, and other pollution-linked conditions in Richmond’s low-income and minority neighborhoods. These data strengthen claims of environmental injustice, which Richmond’s leadership has failed to adequately address. Compared to neighboring jurisdictions, Richmond’s governance shortcomings are not inevitable but reflect choices made by current leadership. Other cities have made measurable progress in affordable housing development, pension reform, and environmental equity — proving that Richmond’s failures are a result of systemic neglect and poor accountability. Richmond residents deserve a city government that honors their legal rights, addresses urgent community needs, and upholds transparency and equity. Until such leadership emerges, systemic failure will continue, and the public trust will remain deeply broken.

Actions Residents Can Take: File a Civil Grand Jury Complaint with Contra Costa County. Submit Public Records Requests (emails, legal memos, permits, minutes). Demand performance and legal audits of city departments. File Brown Act or Conflict of Interest Complaints with the District Attorney or FPPC. Insist on full commission appointments and quorum guarantees from Council. **This pattern of selective enforcement, neglect, and disregard for legal duties is not mere mismanagement. It is an actionable breach of public trust and legal obligations. This is not leadership. It is systemic failure — masked by empty rhetoric.**

Appendix:

Vandalized electric vehicle charging terminals, stolen e-bikes at ferry terminal, shuttered public venue Craneway Pavilion, summary of legal breaches, council Wilson statement



— Signed open forum comment: fixed income senior, Richmond resident and homeowner.

“Be useful. Be mindful. Be kind. Be bold.”

António Guterres

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Mayor Martinez and Members of the City Council,

I am a cyclist, bike commuter, and advocate for creating safe and accessible cycling routes for urban residents. I am also raising my three young children in Richmond and I firmly believe all children in Richmond deserve the opportunity to cycle safely, with plenty of opportunities to be outdoors and in community. One wonderful resource for people in Richmond is Point Molate. The beach park is a gem, breezy on a warm day, beautiful views and opportunities for picnics. Accessing this park by bike can be nearly impossible for those without great athletic skills, as currently the protected bicycle lane ends at Point Molate and the hilly roads are challenging and shared with cars that come around blind corners. Please support Richmond residents who want more options to explore our beautiful city through active transport, and don't miss an opportunity to create a real resource for residents of Richmond by developing the Bay Trail.

East Bay Regional Park District's Board of Directors voted on June 17 to award a contract to Corone & Company for constructing the 2.5-mile Point Molate Bay Trail. However, the City does not have sufficient funding to reimburse EBRPD for the cost of building it on City of Richmond Property. Please appropriate the additional \$1.0 million needed to complete the Point Molate Bay Trail and provide public access to 2.5 miles of scenic, historic San Francisco Bay shoreline where there is none other than at the City's beach park. This important project needs to be built now to avoid loss of the City's \$2.0 million in grant funds awarded more than four years ago.

Sincerely,
Amiee Flynn-Curran, Richmond Resident

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Dear Mayor Martinez and members of the city council,

Several friends and I have often bicycled through Point Richmond to the Point Molate area, most recently yesterday. But we have been frustrated at having to ride Stenmark Drive to reach Pt. Molate Beach Park, and then not being able to ride further along the shoreline. (The only alternative is a steep and dangerous road.) We would love to be able to ride the proposed SF Bay Trail all the way from the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge to Point San Pablo Harbor, and feel the trail would be a huge benefit to many other Richmond residents.

Please appropriate the \$1 million needed to complete the trail. I know money is tight, but you will be helping create something that will be enjoyed by many people for many years to come, and improve Richmond's image as a good place to live and visit.

Best wishes,

Bill Helsel
4750 Upland Drive
Richmond 94803

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Mayor Martinez and Members of the City Council,

Point Molate is a gem and the Richmond residents need to be able to enjoy it. Currently the lack of access precludes that from happening.

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Please appropriate the additional \$1.0 million needed to complete the Point Molate Bay Trail and provide public access to 2.5 miles of scenic, historic San Francisco Bay shoreline where there is none other than at the City's beach park. This important project needs to be built now to avoid loss of the City's \$2.0 million in grant funds awarded more than four years ago.

Sincerely,
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Mayor Martinez and Members of the City Council,

It was great news when East Bay Regional Park District's Board of Directors voted on June 17 to award a contract for constructing the 2.5-mile Point Molate Bay Trail along the shoreline linking the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge Trail with Point Molate Beach Park and the Winehaven Historic District. Please appropriate the additional \$1.0 million of funding needed so that the City may fulfill its obligation under the Cooperative Funding Agreement to reimburse EBRPD for the cost of building the 1.25 miles of trail on City of Richmond property.

The Point Molate Trail will provide public access to 2.5 miles of scenic, historic San Francisco Bay shoreline where there is none other than at the City's beach park. There would be no access to the City-owned shoreline of Point Molate for more than a decade if construction of the trail were to be delayed pending resolution of litigation surrounding Point Molate, EBRPD's acquisition of both tribal and City property at Point Molate, development and approval of a Land Use Plan for a regional shoreline park with extensive public input and CEQA compliance followed by seeking, obtaining & using funds to design, develop and operate the park.

Please appropriate the additional \$1.0 million needed to complete the Point Molate Bay Trail. This important trail needs to built now to avoid loss of the City's \$2.0 million in grant funds awarded more than four years ago.

Bruce

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Mayor Martinez and City Councilors,

TRAC recently learned that some people mistakenly believe that the Point Molate Trail to be built by the contractor engaged by EBRPD involves the bluff stabilization project to which the City Council appropriated \$2.0 million on April 15. It does not!

Construction plans for the 2.5-mile Point Molate Bay Trail to be built by EBRPD under the Cooperative Funding Agreement with the City of Richmond show a 200-foot gap in the trail north of the beach park where water from a corroded stormwater outfall blew out a portion of the bluff. This is the project for which Public Works has requested appropriating an additional \$1.0 million this Tuesday night.

Separately, the City of Richmond needs to contract for closure of this 200-foot gap in order satisfy grant conditions requiring a continuous trail between the beach park and Winehaven Historic District. This gap will be closed by an interim detour of the trail a short distance inland and funded as part of the bluff stabilization project. This will allow a continuous Point Molate Trail pending completion of the bluff stablization project.

It is important to bear in mind that the bluff stabilization project stands by itself as a needed infrastructure project independent of the Point Molate Bay Trail. From NCE's 4/13/22 "Point Molate Beach Park Shoreline Stabilization Project Justification" memo:

“Continual coastal wave and tidal action are causing erosion and recession of the bluff. Erosion typically takes the form of undercutting of the bluff followed by large bank failures. The most significant and concerning erosion and recession have occurred within a 300-foot-stretch of coastline at the north end of the project site and south of the existing revetment, with the highest rate located near the failed 12-inch outfall pipe Over the last 30 years, the average rate of recession along the bluff is estimated between 0.3 and 1.4 feet/year, and from 2002 to 2016, the bluff near the outfall receded up to 40 feet

"Erosion of the coastline has already resulted in a loss of park area, as well as sensitive cultural resources important to the history of the area. Left unchecked, erosion will continue to encroach upon and threaten the viability of park facilities, the City's adjacent Wetland Mitigation Site, the storm drain outfall pipe culvert, trees, sensitive

cultural resources, and open space. This not only puts City infrastructure, habitat mitigation, public access, important cultural resources, and public park facilities at risk, but is also of concern for the proposed Bay Trail segment planned for construction this summer.”

The photos in the attached pdf illustrate the severity of the bluff erosion problem independent of the trail.

However, this has nothing to do with the 2.5-mile Point Molate Bay Trail to be built under contract to EBRPD under the Cooperative Funding Agreement with the City of Richmond, because it leaves a 200-foot gap in the trail to be completed by the City of Richmond via a short detour inland.

Bruce

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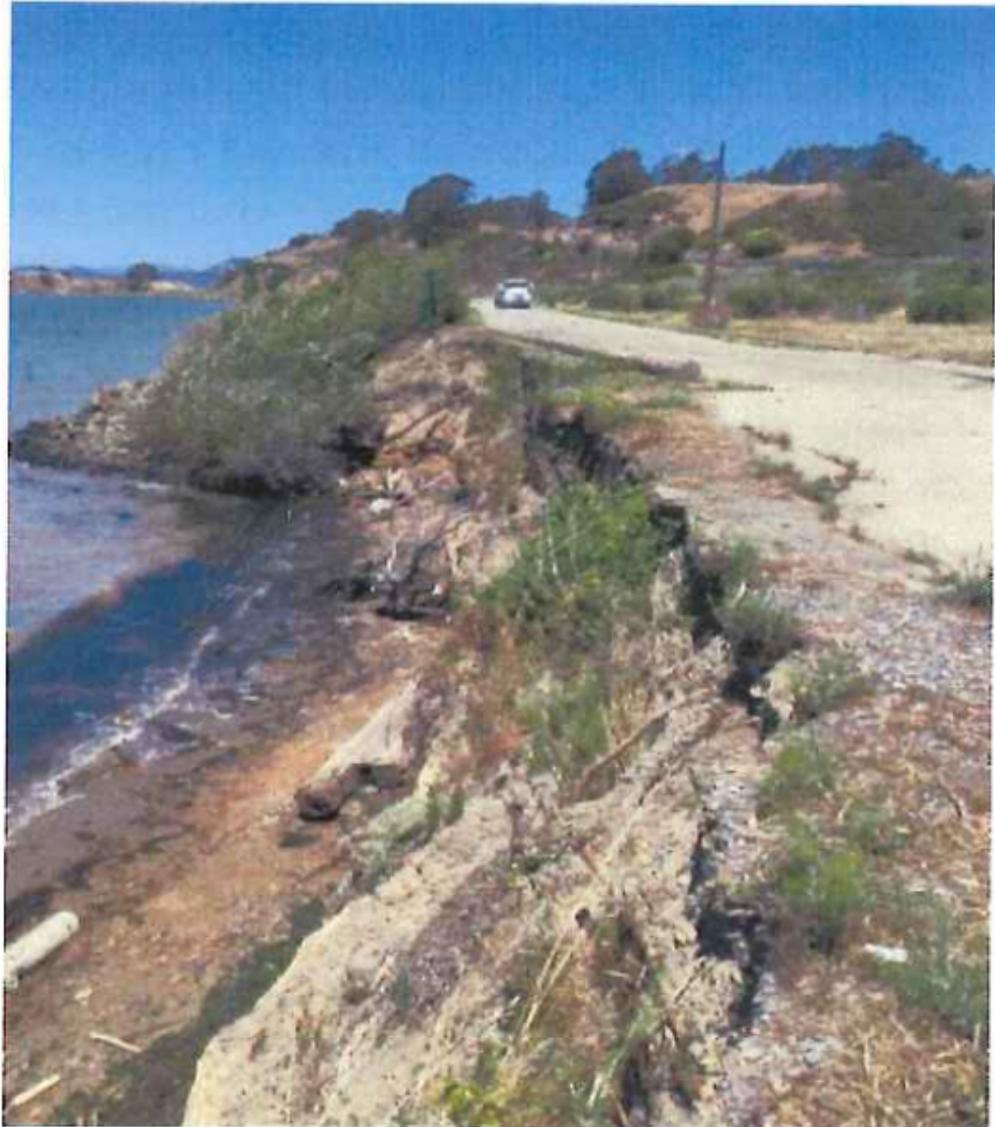


Figure 2- Severe coastal erosion along Burma Road, looking north, Fall 2015



Photo 3. View looking east at failed culvert outfall and Burma Road on top of bluff. Photo taken in August 2019.



Exposed Pipe Illustrates Extent of
Bluff Erosion at Beach Park

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Dear Mayor Martinez and members of the Richmond City Council,

I am writing to you today to urge you to appropriate an additional \$1 million to complete the Point Molate Bay Trail to provide public access to the 2.5 mile stretch of scenic and historic land. In addition to providing access to outdoor recreation for our community, which improves the health of residents and subsequently the betterment of our community as a whole, appropriating these funds is also fiscally wise, as there will be a loss of double this amount in grant funds if the project continues to be delayed.

Thanks for your consideration to this matter.

Sincerely,
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Mayor Martinez and Members of the City Council -

I am writing to you as a resident and homeowner in Richmond, California. There are many things the City of Richmond spends money on that we get little or no value out of. One such example is the Richmond Police Department.

I urge you to fund the development of Point Molate. More parks and access to nature will help to defuse crime and violence in Richmond.

Although East Bay Regional Park District's Board of Directors voted on June 17 to award a contract to Corone & Company for constructing the 2.5-mile Point Molate Bay Trail, the City does not have sufficient funding to reimburse EBRPD for the cost of building it on City of Richmond Property. Please appropriate the \$1.0 million needed to complete the Point Molate Bay Trail and provide public access to 2.5 miles of San Francisco Bay shoreline where there is none other than at the City's beach park. This important project needs to be built now to avoid loss of the City's \$2.0 million in grant funds awarded more than four years ago.

Sincerely,

Corwin Zechar

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Corwin ["I am a Cyclist"](#) Zechar

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Dear Mayor Martinez and Members of the City Council,

Like many residents, my family frequently uses and enjoys the existing parts of the Bay Trail and can't wait to see the Point Molate portion finished. It seems that \$2m in grant funding was earmarked for it, just waiting for \$1m to be appropriated from the City of Richmond.

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So please don't let this opportunity evaporate, leaving a half-baked job, when it should be completed now for everyone's use and enjoyment!

Sincerely,

Franziska R., Berkeley

From: [Gay Timmons](#)
To: [Jamelia Brown](#); [Sue Wilson](#); [Soheila Bana](#); [Cesar Zepeda](#); [Doria Robinson](#); [Claudia Jimenez](#); [Eduardo Martinez](#)
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Greetings City Council -

I live and own a business in Richmond. All of my employees use the Bay Trails weekly if not daily and, in 2 cases, to ride to work. I use these trails to walk as well.

Please support the request for funds to extend the trail to Point Molate.

Thank you -

Gay Timmons

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I am a resident of Marina Bay and I support the allocation of the \$1mill money to complete the trail for point molate. As a nearby resident I have been looking forward to the development of this part for several years. Please know that myself and my neighbors would love it!

Thank you,
Hana Nielsen-Kneisler

From: [Janice Haugan](#)
To: [Jamelia Brown](#); [Sue Wilson](#); [Soheila Bana](#); [Cesar Zepeda](#); [Doria Robinson](#); [Claudia Jimenez](#); [Eduardo Martinez](#)
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Thank you for considering my request.

Janice Haugan
133 Bayside Ct
Richmond CA

From: [Joe Berry](#)
To: [Jamelia Brown](#); [Sue Wilson](#); [Soheila Bana](#); [Cesar Zepeda](#); [Doria Robinson](#); [Claudia Jimenez](#); [Eduardo Martinez](#)
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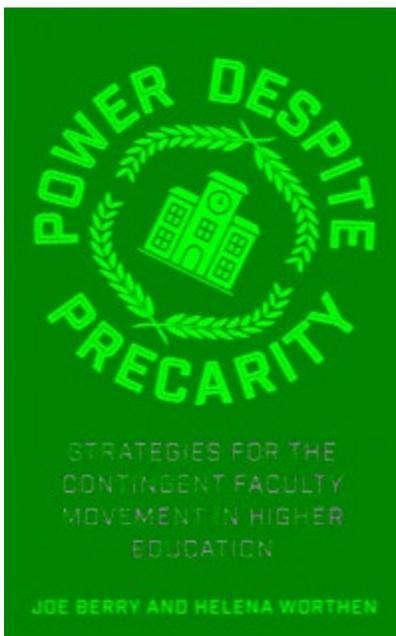
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From: [Joseph Puleo](#)
To: [Jamelia Brown](#); [Sue Wilson](#); [Soheila Bana](#); [Cesar Zepeda](#); [Doria Robinson](#); [Claudia Jimenez](#); [Eduardo Martinez](#)
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I am again writing to urge the Council to allocate the necessary funds to complete the Bay Trail from the Bridge to Wine Haven
Many people in Richmond are unaware of the existence the treasure Point Molate.
Completing the trail will open a whole new window of public awareness and assure the future of the regional park we all desire.

Thank you; Joe Puleo

From: [Bart-Judy -](#)
To: [Jamelia Brown](#); [Sue Wilson](#); [Soheila Bana](#); [Cesar Zepeda](#); [Doria Robinson](#); [Claudia Jimenez](#); [Eduardo Martinez](#)
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Sincerely,

Judith Ward

4158 Santa Rita Rd.

El Sobrante, CA. 94803

From: [Kamau Edwards](#)
To: [Jamelia Brown](#); [Sue Wilson](#); [Soheila Bana](#); [Cesar Zepeda](#); [Doria Robinson](#); [Claudia Jimenez](#); [Eduardo Martinez](#)
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Sincerely,

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Sent from my iPhone

From: [Laura Lent](#)
To: [Jamelia Brown](#); [Sue Wilson](#); [Soheila Bana](#); [Cesar Zepeda](#); [Doria Robinson](#); [Claudia Jimenez](#); [Eduardo Martinez](#)
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Dear Council Members,

I am writing in support of the adoption of this agenda item which would extend the Bay Trail an additional 1.25 miles from Point Molate Park to Winehaven. I know that you have many competing priorities, but I feel that \$1 million for this project would be an extremely positive investment in the future, providing wonderful recreational and educational opportunities for the children and adults of Richmond and the greater Bay Area.

In addition, businesses in Point Richmond will benefit from the increased interest and safer access to this nearby recreational gem.

Also, my understanding is that without this investment, \$2 million in funding for the project will be forfeited which would really be a shame. I'm an El Cerrito resident who swims frequently at Keller Beach, and because of that I end up eating and shopping in Pt. Richmond a lot. I also love walking at Point Molate and biking out to Point San Pablo. Safer access will attract more walkers and cyclists and in particular it will create a way for families with kids to more safely navigate and enjoy this very special area.

Thanks for your consideration,
Laura Lent

From: [Lucy Snow](#)
To: [Jamelia Brown](#); [Sue Wilson](#); [Soheila Bana](#); [Cesar Zepeda](#); [Doria Robinson](#); [Claudia Jimenez](#); [Eduardo Martinez](#)
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Mayor Martinez and members of the City Council,

As a resident of Richmond for 25 years, I have enjoyed walking on the Bay Trail throughout this time. I urge you to authorize the \$1 million expenditure needed to complete the 2.5-mile Bay Trail at Pt. Molate.

We cannot afford to leave this money unutilized! \$2 million in grant funding will expire if action is not taken soon.

Please do not delay this project any longer. Vote to approve the funding to complete this long-awaited initiative. I, along with many of my neighbors, look forward to taking our daily walks at Pt. Molate.

Thank you,
Lucy Snow
Resident
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Melody Ermachild](#)
To: [Jamelia Brown](#); [Sue Wilson](#); [Soheila Bana](#); [Cesar Zepeda](#); [Doria Robinson](#); [Claudia Jimenez](#); [Eduardo Martinez](#)
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Dear City of Richmond Mothers and Fathers,
We've made too much progress on Point Molate to fall short now! Please appropriate the needed \$1M to complete the trail. Thank you, Melody Ermachild Marina Bay.

From: [Michael Mann](#)
To: [Jamelia Brown](#); [Sue Wilson](#); [Soheila Bana](#); [Cesar Zepeda](#); [Doria Robinson](#); [Claudia Jimenez](#); [Eduardo Martinez](#)
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Mayor Martinez and Members of the City Council,
Please consider appropriating \$1 million dollars to construct the 2.5 mile Point Molate Bay Trail to connect with the rest of the Bay Trail that already exists. With more and more concern over land being in danger of being reclaimed by the federal government, projects like this will ensure that scenic places like Point Molate are preserved for those of us who use it for recreation.
Many thanks for your consideration,
Michael Mann
1769 Bayo Vista Ave.
San Pablo, CA 17609

From: [Mike Charlasch](#)
To: [Jamelia Brown](#); [Sue Wilson](#); [Soheila Bana](#); [Cesar Zepeda](#); [Doria Robinson](#); [Claudia Jimenez](#); [Eduardo Martinez](#)
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Many thanks,

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Mike Charlasch
500 Tremont Ave
Richmond, CA 94801
mobile: 510.691.3531
charlasch@gmail.com

From: [Nel](#)
To: [Jamelia Brown](#); [Sue Wilson](#); [Soheila Bana](#); [Cesar Zepeda](#); [Doria Robinson](#); [Claudia Jimenez](#); [Eduardo Martinez](#)
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Mayor Martinez and Members of the City Council,

Point Molate, the Winehaven Historic District and Point San Pablo Harbor are all underutilized recreational resources in our city. An improved Bay Trail will change that and bring in additional revenue to our city.

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Sincerely,

Nel Benningshof
633 Kern Street
Richmond CA 94805

From: [Rick Beal](#)
To: [Jamelia Brown](#); [Sue Wilson](#); [Soheila Bana](#); [Cesar Zepeda](#); [Doria Robinson](#); [Claudia Jimenez](#); [Eduardo Martinez](#)
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Support funding of Pt Molate

Rick Beal 415.902.7017
399 and 401 Western Dr, Richmond, CA 94801

From: [ROBERT FYFE](#)
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Dear City Council,

The bay trail on the San Pablo peninsula is long overdue. The trail will be the spark need to begin the transformation of this unique and beautiful part of the Richmond shoreline. Please help fund this project. This trail will bring people from all walks in the Bay Area and help transform this area into a well loved and well traveled place to gather and recreate on the Bay.

Best Regards,
Rob Fyfe
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Robert Prinz](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept User](#)
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Hello, this message is a public comment on behalf of Bike East Bay, for the Richmond City Council July 1st, 2025, agenda consent calendar item U.10.b "Authorizing an Appropriation to Fund the Point Molate Bay Trail Project".

We encourage Richmond City Council members to keep this item on the consent calendar, and vote yes to authorize the appropriation of \$1,000,000 from the General Capital Fund to fully fund the Point Molate Bay Trail Project.

This action will allow construction of this long-awaited, continuous 2.5-mile Bay Trail segment to move forward, without putting existing grant funding in jeopardy.

Thank you,



Robert Prinz | Advocacy Director

Pronouns: he/him

Mail: PO Box 1736 Oakland, CA 94604

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P: (510) 845-7433 x5 | E: Robert@BikeEastBay.org

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Mayor Martinez and City Councilors,
TRAC is forwarding the email below at the request of Sara Goolsby, who resides on 37th Street in Richmond.
Bruce

Bruce Beyaert, TRAC Chair
baytrailtrac@gmail.com
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Sincerely,

Sara Goolsby
817 - 37th St.
Richmond, CA 94805

From: [Stuart Sonatina](#)
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Sincerely,
Stuart Sonatina

From: [Suzanne Chin](#)
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Please help Richmond and other East Bay residents and visitors have a beautiful place to get out in nature!

Many Thanks!
Sue

AND watch Dallas Jenkins' tv series "The Chosen" on Prime Video for free.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Theresa](#)
To: [Jamelia Brown](#); [Sue Wilson](#); [Soheila Bana](#); [Cesar Zepeda](#); [Doria Robinson](#); [Claudia Jimenez](#); [Eduardo Martinez](#)
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Mayor Martinez and Members of the City Council,

I am writing in support of appropriating \$1.0 million of city funds to reimburse EBRPD for the cost of building the Point Molate Bay Trail on city of Richmond property. I live in District 3 and am vastly looking forward to this extension of the bay trail through Point Molate. I also think it would be very unfortunate for the city to lose out on \$2 million of grant funds if we miss the deadline for a project that has long been in the works and promised to the people of Richmond.

Last weekend I had the joy of going on a bike ride with friends from District 2 and Pinole on the bay trail almost completely separated from cars between Richmond Marina Park to Treasure Island and back. This is a great section of trail to experience the bay, but it is also heavily impacted by cars. The Point Molate Trail is an exciting trail that will provide access to the bay for residents of Richmond, and provide serenity in a way most of the Bay Trail does not. It'll be an amazing extension of the work the city council has done towards turning more of Pt Molate over to East Bay Parks. Finally, it's an excellent opportunity to work together with the park and take advantage of grant funding.

Please vote in favor of funding the Point Molate extension of the Bay Trail.

Kind regards,

Theresa Matthews

District 3

From: [William Beech](#)
To: [Jamelia Brown](#); [Sue Wilson](#); [Soheila Bana](#); [Cesar Zepeda](#); [Doria Robinson](#); [Claudia Jimenez](#); [Eduardo Martinez](#)
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William (Chris) Beech

Stay Well! Embrace Awareness! Be Kind! Have Fun!

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Hello City Clerk, Mayor, and Council Members,

We hope this email finds you well. Reimagine Richmond would like to share a letter against Agenda Item W-1. The various concerns raised by our membership and leadership are shared in the letter attached. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or would like to discuss further.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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July 1st, 2025

Dear Mayor Martinez and City Council,

Reimagine Richmond strongly opposes the underlying message and direction of the City's proposed response to Contra Costa County Grand Jury Report No. 2503, titled "*Staffing Challenges Facing the Richmond Police Department: Diminishing Funds and Fewer Officers.*"

The report inadequately outlines challenges in staffing within the Richmond Police Department (RPD). It frames the issue in a way that implicitly favors reversing recent progressive policy decisions, particularly the 2021 reallocation of police funding toward community-based solutions and alternative response programs. This framing undermines the will of hundreds of Richmond residents who have long called for a shift away from overreliance on current policing systems and toward community health and equity-based models of safety.

We urge the council to review the following critique of the City's proposed response:

Selective Use of Crime Statistics

The report opens by highlighting that while homicides have decreased, overall violent crime has risen since 2021. However, this selective framing omits broader social and economic factors contributing to those trends, and it fails to consider whether policing alone can solve the root causes of violence in our community. Reinvesting in community-based violence prevention, mental health care, and housing is not just a moral imperative; it is an evidence-based strategy proven to reduce crime over the long term.

One-Sided Interpretation of the Matrix and Raftelis Reports

The Grand Jury report fails to provide reasonable justification for the assumptions underlying their data analysis, nor address the budgetary impacts of their recommendations. Staffing recommendations should not automatically translate into increased police funding. Instead, the City should evaluate whether expanding alternative programs like the CCRP-ROCK can meet public safety needs more effectively, equitably, and cost-efficiently.

Reallocation Was a Necessary and Bold Step

The 2021 reallocation of \$3 million from RPD was a necessary step toward building a safer Richmond beyond policing, especially for communities disproportionately harmed by aggressive



enforcement tactics. Specialized police units are not a substitute for long-term investment in youth employment, gun violence prevention, mental health services, and housing interventions.

Support and Expand the CCRP, Don't Undermine It

Findings F10 through F14 reveal bureaucratic barriers and a lack of urgency in implementing CCRP-ROCK, not a failure of the model itself. Instead of viewing CCRP-ROCK's slow rollout as a reason to return funding to the police, the City Council should prioritize operationalizing this alternative and remove structural barriers such as union jurisdictional disputes and dispatcher integration issues.

Chevron Settlement Funds Must Serve the People, Not the Police Budget

The \$550 million legal settlement from Chevron is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to invest in transformative programs that address the root causes of violence, poverty, and instability in Richmond. Automatically earmarking these funds to RPD would repeat the failed approaches of the past. Any consideration of police funding must only come after meaningful public deliberation about racial justice, economic equity, and community health priorities.

Reimagine Richmond Recommendations:

- **Reject Recommendations R1 and R2 as currently framed**, and instead call for a broader community-led review of the City's community safety ecosystem, not just police staffing levels. The implication that the City has not already considered the findings of these reports is false since both were publicly agendized and discussed, and the recommendations have resurfaced continuously.
- **Embrace Recommendations R3 and R4 with urgency**, but go further: fully fund and fast-track the implementation of the Community Crisis Response Program, ROCK.
- **Oppose Recommendation R7** unless and until the City completes a comprehensive, community-informed budget process that centers justice and equity.
- **Redirect City energy** from expanding law enforcement to building a community safety system that includes housing, youth programs, violence interruption, and non-police crisis response.

The people of Richmond called for a new vision of safety in 2021, one that centers care, not criminalization. We must not allow this Grand Jury report to derail that progress. Rather than capitulate to the pressures of "returning to the norm," Richmond has a responsibility to lead. Let's resist reactionary calls for increased policing and instead reaffirm our commitment to building a safe, healthy, and just city for all.

Thank you for your attention,

Reimagine Richmond members

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Hello City Clerk, Mayor, and Council Members,

We hope this email finds you well. Reimagine Richmond and community-based organizations would like to share a letter in support of Agenda Item W-7. The various concerns raised by our membership and leadership are shared in the letter attached. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or would like to discuss further.

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Dear Mayor Martinez and Richmond City Council Members,

On behalf of the [#] of organizations, we write in strong support of Agenda Item W.7, a set of vital reforms to strengthen the Community Police Review Commission (CPRC). These recommendations are necessary to build an accountable, transparent, and community-centered system of police oversight in Richmond. Importantly, these recommendations are modeled by other civilian oversight agencies to ensure alignment with the current state and nationwide best practices.

We urge the City Council to adopt the following changes:

- 1. Empower the CPRC to Review All Complaints Against RPD Officers**
The CPRC must be authorized to review all complaints involving Richmond Police Department (RPD) officers, not just specific types of allegations. Oversight should be independent and comprehensive.
- 2. Allow Anonymous Complaints and Redact Civilian Names**
Ensuring community members can file complaints anonymously — and that their identities are protected in all public records — will encourage more people to come forward without fear of retaliation.
- 3. Extend the Time Limit for Filing a Complaint to One Year**
A longer window allows individuals, especially those who may be traumatized, intimidated, detained, or arrested, a fair chance to report misconduct.
- 4. Publish an Annual Report about CPRC Activities**
Transparency is essential. A public-facing annual report that includes case data, recommendations, and trends would increase accountability and help inform policy.
- 5. Release All Records Permitted Under State Law, Without Redacting Officers' Names**
Police officers are public servants, and where state law permits, their names should be

released in connection with investigations and findings, to identify patterns of misconduct and track officers with repeated or serious complaints. Redactions obscure the truth and damage public trust.

6. Change the Burden of Proof to “Preponderance of the Evidence”

The standard for determining misconduct should reflect what is used in civil cases: “more likely than not.” This aligns with best practices in civilian oversight and promotes fairness for all parties involved. This is the same standard currently used in the RPD’s Office of Professional Accountability.

7. Empower the CPRC to Subpoena Hard Evidence

Access to body camera footage, dispatch records, internal documents, and other forms of evidence is essential for any credible investigation. The CPRC must have the legal authority to obtain them.

8. Increase the Budget for the CPRC

The CPRC must be properly staffed and funded to fulfill its mission. Increased budget support is necessary to expand capacity, conduct independent investigations, and engage the community.

Each of these changes reflects a commitment to a more just and responsive system of police accountability. The CPRC can only serve its purpose if it is empowered with real authority, access to information, and adequate resources. The undersigned organizations urge you to implement these reforms and ensure that the CPRC can fulfill its role as an independent body that holds power accountable and protects community rights.

Thank you for your leadership and attention to this critical matter.

In solidarity,

