

RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, September 16, 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 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Eduardo Martinez.

B. ROLL CALL

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

C. CLOSED SESSION

C.1 AUDIT BY CALIFORNIA STATE AUDITOR’S OFFICE (Government Code Section 54956.75)

C.2 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.3 LIABILITY CLAIMS (Government Code Section 54956.9)

- Claimant: Elisa Montano and Jose Magallan
Agency Claimed Against: City of Richmond

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

Cordell Hindler, Miles Bailey, Daniel Sanchez, Khoa Nguyen, Alyssa Alvarado, Nicolas Character, and Ben Therriault gave comments in person.

E. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

The Open Session adjourned to Closed Session at 5:13 p.m. Closed Session adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

F. REGULAR MEETING OF THE RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL

The Regular Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Mayor Eduardo Martinez.

G. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Eduardo 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

None.

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

The status of Item C.1 (*Audit by California State Auditor's Office*) was discussed. No reportable action was taken.

The status of Item C.2 (*Labor Negotiations*) was discussed. No reportable action was taken.

The status of Item C.3 (*Liability Claims*) was given. No reportable action was taken.

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

None.

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 gave comments regarding funding received from the Chevron settlement agreement. Mr. Hindler suggested funding be allocated towards the Youth Council's activities and the hiring of additional personnel. Mr. Hindler also expressed appreciation regarding the length of recent City Council meeting agendas.

Juan Munoz gave comments in support of allocating funding to hire more police officers in the City.

Sergio Rios gave comments regarding crime in the City and the need for more police officers.

Mark Wassberg gave comments regarding the City's budget and sanctuary policies.

Norberto Guevara gave comments regarding staff shortages in the Police department and urged the council to hire more Police officers. Mr. Guevara also gave comments regarding crime in the City.

George McLoughlin gave comments regarding a recent officer involved shooting in the City. Mr. McLoughlin gave comments in support of the officers involved.

(City Council took a recess at 6:50 p.m. The City Council returned from recess and reconvened at 6:56 p.m.).

Donell Jones gave comments regarding the Coalition of Black Excellence. Mr. Jones thanked Councilmember Doria Robinson for bringing the Black Resiliency Project and Fund item forward at a previous meeting.

Antwain Cloird gave comments regarding the Black Resiliency Project and Fund. Mr. Cloird also gave comments regarding resources in the City of Richmond for the Black community and unity in the community.

Talicia Moore and Demiond King gave comments in support of the work of the Coalition of Black Excellence. Mr. King gave comments in support of Richmond Police officers.

Lynne Tingle gave comments regarding the Milo Foundation's fundraising efforts for the Spay Neuter Imperative Project. Ms. Tingle and Vice Mayor Cesar Zepeda gave comments regarding dogs available for adoption at the Milo Foundation.

Don Nelson gave comments regarding a recent Proclamation honoring Richmond Police department officers. Mr. Nelson also gave comments regarding Councilmember fairness and impartiality.

Michael Pagaling gave comments in support of Richmond Police department officers.

Ben Therriault gave comments regarding the City Council's relationship with the Police department.

The following individuals gave comments via teleconference:

Davjane Tillis advocated for an increase in funding for social services and alternatives to policing.

Jesus Pedraza, Sara Cantor, and Leslie Becerra gave comments regarding a recent officer involved shooting in the City. Ms. Cantor also gave comments regarding the Richmond Police Officers Association.

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.)

Motion by Councilmember Doria Robinson

Seconded by Councilmember Jamelia Brown

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 Clerk's Office

N.1.a Approve a Contract Amendment with Carahsoft/DocuSign for E-Signature and Contract Routing Solutions

APPROVE contract amendment with Carahsoft/DocuSign piggybacking on CMAS contract #3-20-70-2247G between the State of California and Carahsoft/DocuSign for the term of September 30, 2025, through September 29, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$15,170.70, for e-signature solution - City Clerk's Office (Pamela Christian 510-620-6513).

N.2 Community Development

N.2.a Contract Amendment No. 1 with Hillmann Development Advisors, LLC (HDA)

APPROVE a contract amendment no. 1 with Hillmann Development Advisors, LLC (HDA), increasing the contract amount by \$160,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$169,500, to continue providing Owner's Representation oversight of the City's Homekey Project, located at 425 24th Street, during the Construction and Post-Construction phases, for a term ending December 31, 2026 – Community Development Department (Lina Velasco/Jesus Morales 510-620-6706).

N.2.b PermiTech Solutions Contract Amendment No. 1

APPROVE a contract amendment no. 1 with PermiTech Solutions Corporation to add an additional \$140,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$149,900, for a term ending on June 30, 2026, with two, one-year, \$150,000 extension options (totaling \$449,900 over a three-year term if options are exercised), to provide on-call wireless permit application review and support to be paid using applicant fees – Community Development Department (Lina Velasco/Avery Stark 510-620-6714).

N.3 Economic Development

N.3.a Port Amendments to the Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) Tariff No. 3 for Environmental Compliance and Fees

ADOPT a resolution to amend the Port of Richmond Federal Maritime Commission (FCM) Tariff No. 3 to increase rates on selected items, add necessary environmental compliance language, and establish new California Resource Board (CARB) at-berth regulation fees – Economic Development Department (Charles Gerard 510-620 6792).

Adopted Resolution No. 127-25

N.4 Finance Department

N.4.a Investment and Cash Balance Report, Monthly Overtime Reports, Documentary Transfer Tax Report, and Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) and Pension Report for the Month of July 2025

RECEIVE the City's Investment and Cash Balance Report, Monthly Overtime Reports, Documentary Transfer Tax Report, and Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) and Pension Report for the month of July 2025 – Finance Department (Emily Combs 510-620-6740).

N.5 Mayor's Office

N.5.a Correction to Term Expiration Date for Historic Preservation Commissioner Caitlin Hibma

AMEND the expiration date for Caitlin Hibma's current term to the Historic Preservation Commission, from November 31, 2029, to the correct date of July 31, 2029 – Mayor's Office (Mayor Eduardo Martinez 510-620-6503).

N.5.b Appointment of David Robinson to the Economic Development Commission

APPOINT David Robinson to the Economic Development Commission with a term that expires on March 30, 2028 – Mayor’s Office (Mayor Eduardo Martinez 510-620-6503).

N.6 Police Department

N.6.a Crime Report from Police Chief

RECEIVE a written crime report from the Police Chief - Police Department (Chief Bisa French 510-621-1802).

N.7 Public Works

N.7.a Approval of License Agreement with the East Bay Regional Park District for the Point Molate Bay Trail Project

ADOPT a resolution and AUTHORIZE the city manager or their designee to execute a 25-Year License Agreement with the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) granting permission to use a twenty-foot-wide portion of the surface of the property for multi-use trail purposes – Public Works Department (Darcie DeLashmutt 510-672-3944/Robert Armijo 510-620-5477).

Adopted Resolution No. 128-25

N.7.b Contract with R&S Doors and Gates for Commercial Roll Up Door and Automatic Gate Repair Services

ADOPT a resolution and APPROVE a contract with R&S Doors and Gates of Richmond, Inc., for commercial roll up door and automatic gate repair services, for a three-year term in a not-to-exceed amount of \$225,000, with two one-year extension options in a not-to-exceed amount of \$75,000 per year; and AUTHORIZE the city manager or their designee to execute the contract and any necessary amendments – Public Works Department (Daniel Chavarria 510-620-5478/Darin Fitzpatrick 510-231-3044).

Adopted Resolution No. 129-25

N.7.c Contract with San Francisco Elevator Services, LLC for As-Needed Elevator Maintenance, Service, and Repairs.

ADOPT a resolution approving a contract with San Francisco Elevator Services, LLC, for elevator maintenance, service, and repairs for a three-year term, in a total not-to-exceed amount of \$225,000, with the option to extend for up to two additional one-year terms in a total not-to-exceed amount of \$150,000, and AUTHORIZE the city manager or their designee to execute the contract and any necessary amendments – Public Works Department (Daniel Chavarria/Darin Fitzpatrick/Will Santana 510-231-3008).

Adopted Resolution No. 130-25

N.7.d Accept Grant Funds and Contract with CSW-ST2 for Engineering and Design Services for the Downtown Point Richmond Bicycle and Pedestrian Connectivity Project

ADOPT a resolution to: (1) ACCEPT and APPROPRIATE Housing Incentive Pool (HIP) grant funding in the amount of \$1,078,000 for the

Downtown Point Richmond Bicycle and Pedestrian Connectivity Project; and (2) to APPROVE a contract with CSW-ST2 for engineering and design services for the Downtown Point Richmond Bicycle and Pedestrian Connectivity Project in a not-to-exceed amount of \$254,665; and (3) AUTHORIZE the director of Public Works, or their designee, to approve any change orders or amendments, if necessary, in an amount not-to-exceed \$38,335, with a term beginning upon execution and ending December 31, 2027 – Public Works Department (Janney Lockman 510-307-8097/Robert Armijo 510-620-5477).

Adopted Resolution No. 131-25

N.7.e Contract with Earth Island Institute for a Supplemental Environmental Project to Promote Awareness of Environmental Quality

ADOPT a resolution to APPROVE a contract in the amount of \$168,000 with Earth Island Institute (Kids for the Bay) to implement a Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) that raises awareness of water quality and non-point source pollution, pursuant to Water Board Order No. R2-2025-1019 and AUTHORIZING the city manager or designee to execute the contract - Public Works Department (Mary Phelps 510-621-1269/Robert Armijo 510-620-5477).

Adopted Resolution No. 132-25

N.7.f Accept the Cutting, Hoffman, and Harbour Way South Cycletrack Project by W.R. Forde as Complete

ADOPT a resolution accepting the ATP Quick Build – Cutting, Hoffman, and Harbour Way South Cycletrack Project as complete, AUTHORIZE the city clerk to record the Notice of Completion with the Contra Costa County Recorder, and AUTHORIZE the release of the contractor’s bonds and retention payment – Public Works Department (Dan Santos 510-620-6645/Robert Armijo 510-620-5477).

Adopted Resolution No. 133-25

O. NEW BUSINESS

O.1 League of California Cities Designation of Voting Delegates and Alternates

DESIGNATE a voting delegate and alternate to represent the City of Richmond at the Annual Business Meeting of the League of California Cities’ 2025 Annual Conference and Expo, to be held in Long Beach at the Long Beach Convention Center, Wednesday, October 8 through Friday, October 10, 2025 – City Clerk’s Office (Pamela Christian 510-620-6513).

City Clerk Pamela Christian introduced the item and gave background information on why the item was brought forth. Discussion ensued. Cordell Hindler gave comments in person. There were no volunteers on the Council to attend the conference, therefore, no motion was carried out, and no action was taken.

O.2 Presentation of Draft Land Plan for the Hilltop Horizon Specific Plan

RECEIVE a presentation on the Draft Land Plan Concept (Attachment 2) to be used as the basis for the preparation of the Draft Hilltop Horizon Specific Plan; and PROVIDE feedback on the Focus Questions - Community Development Department (Lina Velasco/Avery Stark/Michele Morris 510-620-6841).

Community Development Director Lina Velasco introduced the item. Senior Planner Michele Morris, SITELAB Urban Studio representative Woody Hanson and Environmental Science Associates (ESA) representative Beverly Choi presented a PowerPoint. Link to view presentation: [Hilltop Horizon Specific Plan](#)

Don Gosney, Cordell Hindler, and Jamin Pursell gave comments in person. Arto Rinteela, Coire Reilly, and Hope Dixon gave comments via teleconference. Discussion ensued.

Council requested and/or suggested the following: creating a path for walking/biking that connects the Hilltop area and the area on the opposite side of the freeway; further planning around emergency evacuations in the area; further collaboration between the City, Prologis, and the community; more information on how the sewer system in the area would be planned; a high percentage of affordable housing units; the inclusion of affordability/anti-displacement policy documents and a timeline in the next version of the plan; connecting the development area, Contra Costa College, and the Richmond BART station by using Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) or other forms of rapid transit; and connecting the development area to the lake.

O.3 Communication to the public and counseling for families and witnesses of officer involved shootings or an in-custody death

DIRECT the city manager to develop a plan to (1) revise the current communication protocol after an officer involved shooting or an in-custody death, (2) modify guidelines for released officer body-cam footage, and (3) issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) to provide counseling and therapeutic services for families and witnesses directly affected by officer-involved shootings or in-custody deaths - Councilmember Sue Wilson (510-609-2111) and Councilmember Claudia Jimenez (510-620-6743).

Councilmember Jimenez and Councilmember Wilson introduced the item and went over the intended outcomes. Public Information Officer Lieutenant Donald Patchin, Crime Prevention Manager Michelle Milam, and Police Chief Bisa French, presented a PowerPoint. Link to view presentation: [Police Presentation](#)

Mark Wassberg, Tai Tran, Alexander Caine, Mi De Orian, Nicholas Brown, Daniel Sanchez, and Ben Therriault gave comments in person. Davjane Tillis, LoRayne Reza, Carolina Avelar, Carlos Juarez, Annie Pennell, Jesus Pedraza, Sara Cantor, Sabrina Socorro, Emily Ross, Hope Dixon, Raymond Wendell, and Andrew Melendez gave comments via teleconference. Discussion ensued.

(At 10:59 p.m. - a motion by Mayor Martinez, seconded by Councilmember Jimenez, to extend the meeting to 11:30 p.m., passed by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Bana, Brown, Jimenez, Robinson, Wilson, Vice Mayor Zepeda, and Mayor Martinez. Noes: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None).

Discussion resumed. A motion by Councilmember Bana, seconded by Councilmember Brown, to direct the city manager to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) to provide counseling and therapeutic services for families and witnesses directly affected by gun violence including officer-involved shootings or in-custody deaths, failed by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Bana, Brown, and Vice Mayor Zepeda. **Noes:** Councilmembers Jimenez, Robinson, Wilson, and Mayor Martinez. **Absent:** None. **Abstain:** None.

(At 11:30 p.m. - a motion by Mayor Martinez, seconded by Councilmember Jimenez, to suspend the rules and extend the meeting to complete item O.3

(Communication to the public and counseling for families and witnesses of officer involved shootings or an in-custody death), failed by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Jimenez, Robinson, Wilson, and Mayor Martinez. Noes: Councilmembers Bana, Brown, and Vice Mayor Zepeda. Absent: None. Abstain: None).

The item was continued to the September 23, 2025, meeting for council deliberation and voting only.

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

The item was not heard.

Q. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:32 p.m., to meet again on September 23, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

Clerk of the City of Richmond

Mayor

From: C.C.
To: City Clerk Dept User: Jamella Brown; Cesar Zepeda; Eduardo Martinez; Sohella Bana; Shasa Curi; daleshire@awattorneys.com
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Legal Concerns on Richmond City Council Interaction with the Public

The Richmond City Council, as the duly constituted legislative body of the City of Richmond, is subject to legal obligations—including under the Brown Act, the First Amendment, due process, and principles of transparency—to engage the public in open, fair, and accessible manners. Recent practices and social media behavior raise concerns about whether those obligations are being met. Below are statements of obligation, legal framework, followed by examples, and conclusions / recommendations.

1. Legal Obligations

- **Open Meeting Laws** require that public bodies give advance notice of meetings, allow public comment, and not take secret or undisclosed action.
- **Due Process & Equal Protection** demand that public participation be facilitated without arbitrary barriers, discriminatory restrictions, or censorship.
- **Free Speech** protections (federal and state) ensure that public comment periods, and public posts / interactions, cannot lawfully suppress dissenting viewpoints, subject only to narrow, content-neutral time, place, manner restrictions, and not discrimination.
- **Transparency & Accountability** require that when public officials interact on social media, they maintain professionalism, make clear what is official, and respond fairly to public concerns, not selectively censor or block viewpoints inappropriately.

2. Examples from Recent Interactions

Here are case studies / examples where Richmond's public comment or social media policies / practices have raised issues. These are relevant to evaluating whether legal obligations may have been compromised.

Example	What Happened	Legal / Ethical Concern
Change to Public Comment Requirements	The Richmond City Council approved changes to its Rules of Procedure requiring individuals wishing to speak during public comment to provide a "detailed and complete" description of the topic in advance, including which city agency it pertains to. Axios+1	This could function as a barrier to speech. It may prevent spontaneous or broadly framed public concerns from being heard. Might be challenged as suppressing certain viewpoints or groups (e.g. protesters regarding Gaza cease-fire) if applied in discriminatory manner. The concern is whether the new requirements or enforcement are being used to suppress controversial speech or protest. Also whether conduct rules are being applied fairly and without
Pro-Palestine Protesters & Resolution	Dozens of pro-Palestine protesters attended biweekly council meetings to push for a resolution calling for a ceasefire in Gaza. After the comment period changes (above), people contended that the new rules were intended to limit their ability to speak. Public comment periods during meetings have also become heated, sometimes requiring recesses when chanting or disruptions occur. richmond.com +1	

Social Media Harassment, Threats, and Responses	After the Council passed a pro-Palestinian resolution, multiple council members and staff reported receiving harassing messages, doxxing, and threats. The mayor posted on Instagram about “violent threats of sexual assaults and doxxing.” Some councilmembers shared on Facebook abusive messages they had received (e.g., “a disgusting Nazi,” etc.). Richmond Confidential	viewpoint discrimination. While threatening speech may be protected to some degree, violent threats are not. The council’s social media disclosures of harassment raise issues about documenting and responding to threats. Also, how the council handles legitimate public criticism vs. harassment is relevant to free speech and civility.
Engagement Platforms / Social Media Policy	The city promotes its “Social Media Center” for departments, encourages public feedback via Facebook, Twitter, etc. ci.richmond.ca.us Additionally, there have been letters and media coverage urging Richmond to leave or reduce activity on the social platform X (formerly Twitter) due to concerns over hate, toxicity, misinformation. richmond-news.com+1	The choice of platforms, moderation policies, and how platforms are used (to engage, respond, moderate) implicate transparency, access, and whether speech is being properly facilitated or inappropriately restricted.
Procedural Disruption at Council Meetings	In at least one meeting, the public comment period led to heated exchanges and protests. Security removed protesters after chanting during meetings. The council recessed or exited chambers in some meetings when disruptions occurred. https://us01.z.antigena.com/l/Gft9sm5SAA9I-Vxr9FZo2P4K26FXDP5L-0h3pT23zAez5UrKt0nyI10wuxWulw0q2EK9NMfPbWXPYIo815yBBSXxTFObqisc9jLZEzIm6pBshaq1lfJzT1j2bkprau-BJstA~YJcNvqc5zeepBzt0t6dVTE0GknfzNtTh	While councils have a right to maintain order, doing so must be consistent with protecting public participation. Disruptions do not justify blanket suppression of speech or applying rules in a way that targets particular viewpoints.

3. Legal / Ethical Analysis

From the foregoing examples, several legal and ethical concerns emerge:

- **Viewpoint Discrimination Risk:** Rules or enforcement that disproportionately affect certain groups (e.g., protesters about Gaza) may amount to viewpoint discrimination. If rules are facially neutral but applied unevenly, they may still violate Free Speech or equal protection rights.
- **Overly Burdensome Requirements:** Requiring detailed description of comments in advance could chill speech, especially for people unaware of administrative procedures, or who wish to speak on emerging issues.
- **Lack of Clarity & Predictability:** Rules should be clear so that members of the public know how and when they may speak, and what is expected. Vague rules may allow arbitrary application.
- **Social Media Moderation / Harassment Response:** When threats or harassment happen, public officials must balance preserving free speech

with safety. Also, when replying to criticism on social media, maintaining professional norms is important. Inappropriate responses by officials can undermine trust.

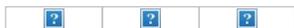
- **Transparency in Decision-Making:** When changes to public comment rules are proposed, there should be notice, opportunity for public input, and clear articulation of the rationales. Lack of those can itself be legally questionable under open meeting or administrative procedure doctrines.

4. Conclusion & Recommendations

Based on these examples, the following recommendations are appropriate to bring Richmond City Council's practices into alignment with legal obligations:

1. **Ensure any new rules for public comment are narrowly tailored, content-neutral, and do not unduly burden speech.** If detailed descriptions are required, the city should ensure that they are not used to block comments on controversial issues.
2. **Maintain adequate opportunities for public participation,** including enough slots, overflow options, virtual participation, etc., especially for contentious issues.
3. **Adopt or clarify social media policies** that define how public feedback is handled, what constitutes acceptable moderation, how threats / harassment are addressed, and how officials' personal vs official accounts are used.
4. **Train councilmembers and staff** in free speech, public forum doctrine, and best practices for civil discourse (especially in social media contexts).
5. **Document and audit enforcement practices:** when meetings are recessed, when people are removed, or when comments are disallowed, provide written justification, ensure consistency, and make records available.
6. **Make decisions in the open, with advance notice;** for example, changes in procedures should be properly agendaized, with explanatory memos, and with public notice so that the public can meaningfully weigh in.

Attachment: CPRC Marisol Canto FB, City Council Claudia Jimenez FB, City Council Wilson Nextdoor.



Best,
Claudia Citroen

"Be useful. Be mindful. Be kind. Be bold."
António Guterres

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**Best Regards, Sydney Sukuta, Ph.D.
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Mayor Martinez and City Councilors,

TRAC, the Trails for Richmond Action Committee, supports granting this license allowing East Bay Regional Park to build and requiring them to maintain the portion of the Point Molate Bay Trail on the southern end of Point Molate Beach Park. As shown on the attached map, the 20-foot wide trail license corridor leads to the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge Trail and into the Point Richmond Historic District at Tewksbury Avenue.

Bruce

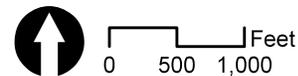
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San Francisco Bay Trail

Point Molate Bridge to Beach Trail License

VICINITY MAP



-  Trail License
-  Existing
-  Proposed
-  Schematic

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Mayor Martinez and City Councilors,

TRAC, the Trails for Richmond Action Committee, supports accepting grant funds and contracting with CSW/ST2 for engineering and design services for the Downtown Point Richmond Bicycle and Pedestrian Connectivity Project. This is the last Priority Project designated in the [Ferry to Bridge to Freeway Complete Streets Plan](#) adopted by the Council in February 2021.

Referring to the attached map, other Priority Projects completed include:

1. A protected bikeway along Ohio Avenue connecting the end of the Richmond Greenway at 2nd Street with the Bay Trail on Garrard Blvd.;
2. A protected bikeway along Garrard Blvd. between Ohio Avenue and Cutting Blvd. and
3. 2-1/4 miles of protected bikeway along Harbour Way South, Hoffman Blvd. & Cutting Blvd. between the Ferry Terminal and Garrard Blvd.

These bikeways receive very high use and make cycling much more attractive and safer for Richmond residents, East Bay residents riding the Bay Trail from El Cerrito, Albany, Berkeley, Emeryville & Oakland, and those arriving by BART from elsewhere to reach the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge Trail, Point Molate and the [Ferry Point Loop](#) of the Bay Trail.

The Downtown Point Richmond Bicycle and Pedestrian Connectivity Project will make it safer for both cyclists and pedestrians in the Point Richmond Historic District. The project also includes major improvements to sub-standard AC Transit bus stops.

Please accept the grant funds and approve the contract as recommended by the Public Works Department.

Bruce

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Mayor Martinez and City Councilors,

TRAC, the Trails for Richmond Action Committee, supports accepting as complete the excellent 2.25 miles of protected bikeway installed along Harbour Way South, Hoffman Blvd. & Cutting Blvd. between the Ferry Terminal and Garrard Blvd. at the Point Richmond Gateway. Referring to the attached map, these bikeways receive very high use and make cycling much more attractive and safer for Richmond residents, East Bay residents riding the Bay Trail from El Cerrito, Albany, Berkeley, Emeryville & Oakland, and those arriving by BART from elsewhere to reach the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge Trail, Point Molate and the [Ferry Point Loop](#) of the Bay Trail.

The Public Works Department deserves kudos for completing this major Priority Project of the [Ferry to Bridge to Freeway Complete Streets Plan](#) adopted by the Council in February 2021. The final Priority Project yet to be completed is the Downtown Point Richmond Bicycle and Pedestrian Connectivity Project also on your agenda for Sept.16.

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Dear Mayor Martinez and Honorable Members of the Richmond City Council,

On behalf of the Prologis Hilltop Development Team, please find attached our written comments for consideration during tomorrow's City Council deliberation on New Business Agenda Item #0.2, the Draft Land Plan for the Hilltop Horizon Specific Plan.

We wish to acknowledge the efforts of City staff, the consultant team, and City Council in advancing this important process.

Our letter outlines concern with the current draft and identifies key considerations we believe are necessary to ensure the Hilltop Horizon Specific Plan is both practicable and capable of achieving the City's long-term objectives.

We respectfully request that our comments be entered into the public record for this agenda item.

Sincerely,

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RE: PUBLIC COMMENT NEW BUSINESS AGENDA ITEM #0.2 DRAFT LAND PLAN HILLTOP HORIZON SPECIFIC PLAN

Dear Mayor Martinez and Honorable Members of the Richmond City Council:

On behalf of the Prologis Hilltop Development Team, we respectfully submit our comments for your consideration of the Draft Land Plan for Hilltop Horizon Specific Plan (HHSP). We commend City staff and the consultant team for their thoughtful engagement and for the progress made in framing a vision for the Hilltop Mall within the broader HHSP context.

The Need for Feasibility

Redeveloping Hilltop Mall is a once-in-a-generation opportunity, and a highly complex challenge. Since acquiring the site, Prologis has actively engaged with staff, community stakeholders, and tested a range of concepts with potential users and builders. We have evolved from industrial, to residential, and now towards a balanced mixed-use approach. Through this process one principle has remained clear: without careful attention to feasibility, the HHSP risks producing unbuildable entitlements rather than a feasible market framework.

Areas of Alignment and Concern

We are encouraged by areas where the City team has expressed alignment with Prologis' master planning approach:

- **Neighborhood connections** are supported by appropriately scaled retail, commercial, and residential uses.
- **Maintaining CM-5 zoning flexibility** remains essential for encouraging a broad range of feasible uses and site activation.
- **A residential program averaging a blended 40 dwelling units per acre (net)**, which balances market feasibility with surrounding neighborhood character. Importantly, this average density should allow for a range of housing types including both lower-and-mid density options as appropriate, rather than establishing an unrealistic minimum density across the site. Higher densities may be most suitable in select areas, such as the east side of the site, where they can strengthen connectivity and placemaking.

At the same time, we caution against pushing densities or program assumptions beyond what the market and City's public services can support.

Short-term Activation, Long-term Success

Prologis is committed not only to long-term redevelopment but also near-term activation. Initiatives such as Glydways illustrate how interim uses can generate jobs, foster innovation in Richmond, and keep Hilltop activated during the planning horizon. We will continue to partner with the City to explore such opportunities while advancing a viable redevelopment framework.

Specific Requests for City Council Consideration

To ensure the HHSP establishes a framework that is both visionary and buildable, we respectfully request that the City Council:

1. **Preserve CM-5 zoning flexibility** within the HHSP to allow a wide range of uses and market-responsive site activation.
2. **Adopt a residential density target of 40 dwelling units per acre (net) as an average**, allowing a mix of lower-and-mid density housing types as appropriate, rather than setting an inflexible minimum. Encourage higher densities in select areas, such as the east side of the site, where they can best support placemaking and connectivity.
3. **Phase higher-density development strategically**, aligning it with incremental City public services, such as infrastructure, transit, and utility upgrades.
4. **Define “net acreage” clearly** as buildable area excluding rights-of-way, parks, easements, and stormwater areas to provide certainty for future planning and feasibility testing.
5. **Support interim activation uses**, such as Glydways, that generate jobs and maintain Hilltop activation while long-term redevelopment is advanced.

Moving Forward

Prologis has a long history of partnership with the City of Richmond, and we remain committed to seeing Hilltop succeed. With the inclusions outlined above, the HHSP can become a feasible framework that delivers housing, jobs, and community benefits for the long-term.

Sincerely,



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