

**RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA,
February 4, 2013**

The Special Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by Mayor Gayle McLaughlin who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Bates, Butt, Rogers Vice Mayor Boozé, and Mayor McLaughlin.
Absent: Councilmember Beckles arrived at 6:50 p.m.

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

The matter to appoint a candidate to fill the City Council seat vacancy that occurred on January 8, 2013, was presented. Mayor McLaughlin announced that the procedure will be as follows: The candidates will be called in order alphabetically with each candidate making a statement not exceeding eight minutes in length concerning their interest in the position and their qualifications. Each Councilmember will have an opportunity to ask any of the candidates questions after they have all made their statements. Candidates will be given one and a half minutes to respond. Then the members of the public will have an opportunity to speak. The Councilmembers will then have an opportunity to share their views and each candidate will have an opportunity to make a two minute closing remark. Then the Councilmembers can consider motions for appointments for the vacancy. A motion by Councilmember Bates, seconded by Vice Mayor Boozé, that public speakers be allowed to sign up to speak until after all of the candidates have made their statements, failed by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Bates, Rogers, and Vice Mayor Boozé. **Noes:** Councilmembers Beckles, Butt, and Mayor McLaughlin. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** None. The following candidates expressed their interest and qualifications for the City Council appointment: Mike

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Ali, Stann Cortez, Don Gosney, Eduardo Martinez, Jael P. Myrick, Vinay Pimplé, Bea Roberson, Kathleen Sullivan, Tony Thurmond, Eleanor Thompson, and Mark Wassberg. Discussion ensued. The following individuals gave comments: Billy Alexander, Jackie Thompson, Fletcher Oakes, Texanita Bluit, Reggie Russell, Pamela Bilbo, Antwon Cloird, Megan Roberts, Judy Herrera, Melissa Peebles, Tim Laidman, Joseph Puleo, Steve Greaves, Tarnel Abbott, Joe Fisher, Kathleen Wimer, Thomas Prather, Shukuru Sanders, Margaret Jordan, Michael Leedie, Roxanne Alexander, Gloria Wright, Patricia Byers, Michael Beer, Lesli Zephyr, Dr. Alvin Bernstine, Marilyn Langlois, Andres Soto, Jason Drisker, Melvin Willis, David Sharples, Dorothy Gilbert, Erica Millson, Michael Parker, Beth Gunston, Brenda Vega, Jim Russey, Joanne Orengo, and Teonna Thompson. ***(10:59 p.m. A motion by Councilmember Butt, seconded by Councilmember Beckles, extended the meeting 15 minutes by the unanimous vote of the Council).*** A motion by Mayor McLaughlin, seconded by Councilmember Beckles, to appoint Eduardo Martinez, failed by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Beckles, Butt, and Mayor McLaughlin. **Noes:** Councilmembers Bates and Vice Mayor Boozé. **Abstain:** Councilmember Rogers. **Absent:** None. A motion by Councilmember Butt, seconded by Councilmember Rogers, to appoint Jael Myrick, passed by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Beckles, Butt, Rogers, and Mayor McLaughlin. **Noes:** Vice Mayor Boozé. **Abstain:** Councilmember Bates. **Absent:** None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:16 p.m., to meet again on Tuesday, February 5, 2013, at 6:30 p.m.

City Clerk

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Approved:

Mayor

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