



SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

For

***Gayle McLaughlin
Mayor-elect***

and

Re-elected and Elected Councilmembers

***Ludmyrna Lopez
Jim Rogers
Tony K. Thurmond
Maria T. Viramontes***

Tuesday, January 9, 2007

6:30 p.m.

***Council Chamber
Richmond City Hall
1401 Marina Way South
Richmond, California***

**BRIEF HISTORY
OF THE
RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL**

(the following information was taken from minutes of the Board of Trustees and the Council of the City of Richmond dated August 14, 1905, and July 6, 1909, respectively)

On August 14, 1905, the first meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Richmond was called to order at 8:25 p.m. in the main office of the Critchett Building located at 224 Richmond Avenue. Trustees present were: Critchett, Babcock, Kenny, Garrard, and Curry. Trustee Garrard nominated Trustee Curry to be President of the City Board. The nomination was seconded by Trustee Kenny, and “Mr. Curry was declared elected and took the chair.”

A special election was held on February 9, 1909, and the qualified voters of the City voted in favor of and duly ratified the City Charter as proposed by the Board of Trustees. Section 1 of Article III of the Charter states that “All powers herein granted to and vested in the City of Richmond, except as herein otherwise provided, be exercised by a Council to be designated the Council of the City of Richmond . . .” As a result of the voters’ approval of the City Charter, the Board of Trustees became the Council of the City of Richmond. Section 3 of Article III of the Charter states that the Council shall be composed of nine members.

An election was held on May 10, 1909, and the first Councilmen were elected. At the July 6, 1909, meeting of the Council, the City Clerk read Certificates of Election for the following Councilmen: Edward J. Garrard, John N. Hartnett, James C. Owens, Edward McDuff, Otto R. Ludewig, Homer Eugene Wyatt, John Joseph Dooling, Joseph Benjamin Willis, and Gerry Alton Follet. During the July 6, 1909, meeting the Council, by secret ballot, elected Councilman Joseph Benjamin Willis as the Presiding Officer of the Council to be known as Mayor of the City of Richmond.



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I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to Rabbi Dean Kertesz, Dr. Curtis Shaw, and Mahesh Rao for accepting my invitation to participate in this Swearing-In Ceremony. You are a member of the Richmond community and you were selected because you would add something special to the ceremony. Thank you for taking the time to be a participant in this event.

Sincerely,

*Diane Holmes
City Clerk*

PROGRAM

***INTRODUCTION OF MASTER OF CEREMONY
BILL LINDSAY, CITY MANAGER
By Mayor Irma L. Anderson***

***MASTER OF CEREMONY
Bill Lindsay***

***PRESENTATION AND POSTING OF FLAGS
Richmond Police Department Explorers
(Please Stand)***

***PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
(Remain Standing)***

***NATIONAL ANTHEM
Demitrea Foster
(Remain Standing)***

***OFFICIAL WELCOME TO THE SWEARING-IN CEREMONY
Mayor Irma L. Anderson***

***INVOCATION
Rabbi Dean Kertesz
Temple Beth Hillel***

***COMMENTS BY OUTGOING
MAYOR IRMA L. ANDERSON***

***COMMENTS BY OUTGOING
COUNCILMEMBER RICHARD GRIFFIN***

***BEST WISHES TO MAYOR ANDERSON
AND COUNCILMEMBER GRIFFIN
From City Councilmembers***

***ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE
AND PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION
TO
LUDMYRNA LOPEZ
JIM ROGERS, INCUMBENT
TONY K. THURMOND, INCUMBENT
MARIA T. VIRAMONTES, INCUMBENT
By Diane Holmes, City Clerk***

***PRESENTATION OF CHAIRPERSON'S CEREMONIAL
GAVEL
By Mayor Anderson to Mayor-elect Gayle McLaughlin***

***ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE
AND PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION
TO
MAYOR-ELECT GAYLE MCLAUGHLIN
By Diane Holmes, City Clerk***

Guest Speakers
Matt Gonzalez
Former president, San Francisco Board of Supervisors
(Five minutes)

Van Jones, Executive Director, Ella Baker Center
for
Human Rights
(Five minutes)

COMMENTS BY
MAYOR GAYLE MCLAUGHLIN
(Five minutes)

PRESENTATION OF HONORARY GAVEL
TO FORMER MAYOR IRMA L. ANDERSON
AND
PRESENTATION OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS
TO FORMER MAYOR ANDERSON
AND
FORMER COUNCILMEMBER RICHARD GRIFFIN
By Mayor Gayle McLaughlin

ROLL CALL
Diane Holmes, City Clerk

COMMENTS AND
EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION
BY
COUNCILMEMBERS LOPEZ, ROGERS, THURMOND,
AND VIRAMONTES
(Three minutes each)

CLOSING REMARKS
Mayor Gayle McLaughlin

BENEDICTION
Dr. Curtis Shaw
Outreach Ministries
for
Grace Lutheran Church

ADJOURN
Mayor Gayle McLaughlin

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