RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, February 10, 2015

The Special Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by Mayor Butt and Councilmember Bates led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

<u>ROLL CALL</u>

Present: Councilmembers Bates, Beckles, Martinez, McLaughlin, and Mayor Butt. **Absent:** Vice Mayor Myrick arrived at 6:36 p.m.

<u>STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST</u>

None.

<u>COUNCIL AS A WHOLE</u>

In the matter to appoint a candidate to fill the vacant seat on the City Council that occurred on January 13, 2015, City Clerk Diane Holmes read the item and instructions into record. The following candidates for the vacant City Council seat were present and addressed the City Council in the following order: Ben Choi, Otheree Christian, Rosemary Corbin, Anthony Creer, Raquel Donoso, Oscar Garcia, Rhonda Harris, Claudia Jimenez, Dameion Demon King, Sheryl E. Lane, Marilyn Langlois, Jeff Lee, Vinay Pimplé, Jim Rogers, David Schoenthal, Kathryn Sibley, and Uche J. Uwahemu. Candidate Samuel Pooler was not present. The following individuals gave comments: Antwon Cloird, Leonard Taylor, Mike Parker, Kellye Denson, Rashon Lane, Duane Henry, Robert Menzimer, Amit Patel, Tim Laidman, June Pangelinan, Raymond Landry, Tarnel Abbott, Patrick Doyle, Maria Sahagun, Pam Bilbo, Michael Beer, Andrés Soto, and Amy Anderson. Each Councilmember gave comments and the City Council recessed at 9:14 p.m. to reconvene at 9:25 p.m. Following the recess, each candidate was given the opportunity for a two minute rebuttal. Anthony Creer, Vinay Pimplé, and David Schoenthal gave rebuttals. A motion by Councilmember McLaughlin, seconded by Councilmember Beckles to appoint *Marilyn Langlois* to the vacant Council seat failed by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Martinez, McLaughlin, and Beckles. **Noes:** Vice Mayor Myrick. **Abstentions:** Councilmember Bates and Mayor Butt. A motion by Vice Mayor Myrick, seconded by Mayor Butt to appoint *Sheryl Lane* to the vacant Council seat failed by the following vote: **Ayes:** Vice Mayor Myrick and Mayor Butt. **Noes:** None. **Abstentions:** Councilmembers Bates, Beckles, Martinez, and McLaughlin. **Absent:** None. A motion by Vice Mayor Myrick, seconded by Mayor Butt to appoint *Raquel Donoso* to the vacant Council seat failed by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmember Bates, Vice Mayor Myrick, and Mayor Butt. **Noes:** None. **Abstentions:** Councilmembers Beckles, Martinez, and McLaughlin. **Absent:** None. A motion

by Councilmember Beckles, seconded by Councilmember Martinez to appoint *Claudia Jimenez* to the vacant Council seat failed by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Beckles, Martinez, and McLaughlin. **Noes:** None. **Abstentions:** Councilmember Bates, Vice Mayor Myrick, and Mayor Butt. **Absent:** None. A motion by Mayor Butt, seconded by Vice Mayor Myrick to appoint *Kathryn Sibley* to the vacant Council seat failed by the following vote: **Ayes:** Vice Mayor Myrick and Mayor Butt. **Noes:** None. **Abstentions:** Councilmembers Bates, Beckles, Martinez, and McLaughlin. **Absent:** None. A motion by Vice Mayor Myrick, seconded by Mayor Butt to appoint *Rosemary Corbin* to the vacant Council seat failed by the following vote: **Ayes:** Vice Mayor Myrick and Mayor Butt. **Noes:** None. **Abstentions:** Councilmembers Bates, Beckles, Martinez, and McLaughlin. **Absent:** None. A motion by Mayor Butt, seconded by Vice Mayor Myrick to appoint *Ben Choi* to the vacant Council seat failed by the following vote: **Ayes:** Vice Mayor Myrick and Mayor Butt. **Noes:** None. **Abstentions:** Councilmembers Bates, Beckles, Martinez, and McLaughlin. **Absent:** None. A motion by Vice Mayor Myrick to appoint *Dameion Demon King* died for lack of a second. The City Council was unsuccessful in appointing a candidate to the vacant City Council seat and *continued the item to February 17, 2015.*

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m. in memory of Judge David Calfee to meet again on Tuesday, February 17, 2015, at 6:30 p.m.

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City Clerk

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Approved:

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Mayor