

RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, February 16, 2021

The Richmond City Council Evening Open Session was called to order at 4:19 p.m. by Mayor Thomas K. Butt via teleconference.

Due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, Contra Costa County and Governor Gavin Newsom issued multiple orders requiring sheltering in place, social distancing, and reduction of person-to-person contact. Accordingly, Governor Gavin Newsom issued executive orders that allowed cities to hold public meetings via teleconferencing (Executive Order N-29-20).

DUE TO THE SHELTER IN PLACE ORDERS, attendance at the City of Richmond City Council meeting was limited to Councilmembers, essential City of Richmond staff, and members of the news media. Public comment was confined to items appearing on the agenda and was limited to the methods provided below. Consistent with Executive Order N-29-20, this meeting utilized teleconferencing only. The following provides information on how the public participated in the meeting.

The public was able to view the meeting from home on KCRT Comcast Channel 28 or AT&T Uverse Channel 99 and livestream online at <http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/3178/KCRT-Live>.

*Written public comments were received via email to cityclerkdept@ci.richmond.ca.us. Comments received by 1:00 p.m. on February 16, 2021, were summarized at the meeting, put into the record, and considered before Council action. Comments received via email after 1:00 p.m. and up until the public comment period on the relevant agenda item closed, were put into the record. Public comments were also received via teleconference during the meeting. **Attached herewith all written public comments received.***

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Demnlus Johnson III, Gayle McLaughlin, Melvin Willis, Vice Mayor Nathaniel Bates, and Mayor Thomas K. Butt. **Absent:** Councilmembers Claudia Jimenez and Eduardo Martinez arrived after the roll was called.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The city clerk announced the public comment procedures and that the purpose of the Open Session was for the City Council to hear public comments on the following items to be discussed in Closed Session:

CITY COUNCIL

LIABILITY CLAIMS - (Government Code Section 54956.9):

Kathleen Jones v. City of Richmond

Terrance Jackson v. City of Richmond

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

Levin Richmond Terminal Corp. v. City of Richmond
(Two cases)
Wolverine Fuels Sales LLC v. City of Richmond
(One case)
Phillips 66 Co. v. City of Richmond (Two cases)
SPRAWDEF et al. v. City of Richmond
Point Molate Alliance et al. v. City of Richmond
North Coast Rivers Alliance et al. v. City of Richmond

The following individuals gave comments via teleconference regarding the Point Molate Alliance item: Jeanne Kortz, Tarnel Abbott, Pam Stello, David Helvarg, and Margaret Childs.

The Open Session adjourned to Closed Session at 4:32 p.m.
Closed Session adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Butt via teleconference.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Johnson III, Martinez, McLaughlin, Vice Mayor Bates, and Mayor Butt. **Absent:** Councilmembers Jimenez and Willis arrived after the roll was called.

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

AGENDA REVIEW

Item H-2 was removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion at the end of the agenda.

The city clerk announced the public comment procedures published on the agenda.

ELECTION OF THE VICE MAYOR FOR 2021

D-1. A motion by Councilmember Willis, seconded by Councilmember Martinez, elected Councilmember Johnson III as vice mayor of 2021, by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Jimenez, Johnson III, Martinez, McLaughlin, Willis, and Mayor Butt. **Noes:** None. **Abstained:** None. **Absent:** Vice Mayor Bates.

REPORT FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY ON FINAL DECISIONS MADE DURING CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Theresa Stricker stated there were no final actions to report.

REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Laura Snideman announced that the Richmond Fund for Children and Youth was accepting grant proposals until midnight on Monday, February 22, 2021. Ms. Snideman also announced that the Richmond Public Library Foundation was presenting a virtual lecture by Dr. Terrence Elliott on music, hip/hop, culture, and history on February 18, 2021.

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The following individuals gave comments via teleconference:

Gabriel Goffman, David Helvarg, and Patricia Saenz expressed concerns regarding the oil spill incident that occurred at the Richmond Chevron Refinery on February 9, 2021.

Tom Kaun, Chris Farwell, Christine Denson, Jeff Denson, Mala Mahlebashian, April Roy, and Platon Kavvadias expressed concerns regarding the Council's decision on February 2, 2021, considering the Hilltop Mall parking lot for a Safe Parking Program. Many in the group suggested that the vacant lot near the Greater Richmond Interfaith Program (GRIP) building was a more suitable location. Others mentioned that residents were not informed of this matter before the Council's decision.

Leisa Johnson gave comments in support of a Safe Parking Program. Ms. Johnson expressed concerns regarding public transparency, funding, voluntary dwellers, and potential issues.

Jeanne Kortz, Will Balon, Jorge Sandoval, Alix Mazuet, Jose Onofre-Erostico, Sherry Padgett, Michael Gliksohn, Dorothy Gilbert, and Benjamin Ordaz gave comments in opposition to the proposed Astra-Zeneca Richmond Campus Bay development and urged the Council to consider a complete toxic cleanup.

Randy Joseph invited the community to join a Reimagining Public Safety (RPS) Community Task Force virtual conversation on homelessness on February 18, 2021. Mr. Joseph urged the Council to appoint council liaisons to the RPS Community Task Force and Community Police Review Commission (CPRC).

Elsa Stevens gave comments in support of the proposed Safe Parking Program at the Hilltop Mall Parking lot.

Andres Soto announced that the Richmond Our Power Coalition was holding a series of town hall meetings on topics of importance to the Richmond community. Mr. Soto invited the community to a virtual meeting regarding decommissioning refineries on March 18, 2021, hosted by the Community for Better Environments. Mr. Soto announced that the Bay Area Air Quality Management District's Community Equity Health and Justice Committee were selecting applicants on February 19, 2021, to serve on the Community Emissions Reduction Program Steering Committee. Mr. Soto expressed concerns regarding the proposed Safe Parking Program at the Hilltop Mall parking lot.

Angela Cox announced the various services provided by the Richmond Main Library during the pandemic. Ms. Cox encouraged the community to visit the www.richmondlibrary.org website for various Black History events.

Doug Linney gave comments in support of item H-8, regarding zero emissions.

Deborah Bayer gave comments regarding 2021 electoral redistricting. Ms. Bayer recommended having an independent community review as part of the process to start discussions.

Councilmember Nathaniel Bates congratulated the newly elected Vice Mayor Demnlus Johnson III. Councilmember Bates requested a reconsideration item be placed on the February 23 or March 2, 2021, City Council agenda regarding the proposed Hilltop Mall Safe Parking Program that was considered by the Council at its February 2, 2021, meeting.

Ben Therriault gave comments in support of a council liaison for the CPRC. Mr. Therriault encouraged the community to participate in the RPS Community Task Force meetings. Mr. Therriault advised that the Richmond Police Officers Association terminated its Workers' Compensation Alternative Dispute Prevention and Resolution Program agreement with the City of Richmond.

Pam Stello gave comments in opposition to the proposed development at Point Molate.

Cesar Zepeda gave comments in support of item H-8, regarding zero emissions. Mr. Zepeda expressed concerns regarding the proposed Safe Parking Program at the Hilltop Mall parking lot. Mr. Zepeda urged support for locating the program at the vacant lot near the GRIP building.

Oscar Garcia expressed concerns regarding the lack of notification to residents regarding the potential Safe Parking Program at the Hilltop Mall parking lot. Mr. Garcia gave comments in support of a council liaison for the CPRC.

Tarnel Abbott gave comments in support of items H-8 and item H-10 regarding emissions. Ms. Abbott urged the Council to extricate from the development agreement for the Astra-Zeneca Richmond Campus Bay site and conduct a stringent cleanup. Ms. Abbott advised that the GRIP's services and the parking lot near the Richmond Main Library were too limited for the proposed Safe Parking Program.

CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion of Councilmember Martinez, seconded by Councilmember McLaughlin, the items marked with an (*) were approved by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Jimenez, Martinez, McLaughlin, Willis, Vice Mayor Johnson III, and Mayor Butt. **Noes:** None. **Abstained:** None. **Absent:** Councilmember Bates.

***H-1.** Approved a legal services agreement for \$300,000 with the law firm of Downey Brand LLP for services rendered from January 27, 2021, through June 30, 2024, to address an ongoing contract dispute with the City of Richmond's wastewater operator, and a first amendment to add \$400,000 to an existing legal services agreement with Shute, Mihaly & Weinberger LLP for services rendered February 16, 2021, through June 30, 2025, to represent and defend the City of Richmond in pending municipal law litigation in state and federal court.

H-2. The matter to introduce an ordinance (first reading) amending RMC chapter 14.46 Neighborhood Parking Regulations, section 14.46.005 Definitions, section 14.46.010 (a) Neighborhood parking zones, section 14.46.010 (b) Electric Vehicle Charging, section 14.46.010 (c) Car Share, section 14.46.020 Installation and maintenance of parking revenue equipment, section 14.46.030 Curbs, street lines, markings and parklets, section 14.46.050 Unlawful parking in on-street parking spaces, section 14.46.070 Unlawful parking in off-street parking spaces, section 14.46.030, 14.46.100 Rates charged for use of parking spaces, 14.46.130 Notice of parking violation and vehicle removal, section 14.46.140 Disposition and use of revenue, 14.56 Neighborhood Permit Parking, section 14.56.020 (a) Legislative Findings, section (b) Specific Findings, section 14.56.030 (k) Definitions, section 14.56.060 (b) Designation process of a neighborhood permit parking area, section 14.56.080 (b)(3) Issuance of vehicle parking permits, section 14.56.090 Visitor permits, section 14.56.150 Revocation of permits, section 14.56.170 (b) Deletion of streets from neighborhood permit parking areas, section 14.44 Stopping, Standing, or Parking Restricted or Prohibited on Certain Streets, section 14.40.150 Parking in city-owned or operated lots, section 14.40.210 Parking areas for electric or low emission vehicles, section 14.08 Traffic Administration, and section 2.62 Administrative Citations was introduced by Transportation Project Manager Denee Evans. Ms. Evans confirmed that the unhoused parked along Rydin Way would not be displaced before the City of Richmond had a Safe Parking Pilot Program in place. Discussion ensued. A motion was made by Councilmember Willis, seconded by Councilmember McLaughlin, to receive the first reading of the said ordinance. A substitute motion made by Councilmember Martinez to postpone the matter for further discussion died for the lack of a second. The said ordinance received the first reading and was laid over for two weeks to receive the second reading by the following vote. **Ayes:** Councilmembers Jimenez, McLaughlin, Willis, Vice Mayor Johnson III, and Mayor Butt. **Noes:** Councilmember Martinez. **Abstained:** None. **Absent:** Councilmember Bates.

***H-3.** Adopted **Resolution No. 13-21** adopting the Ferry to Bridge to Greenway Complete Streets Plan.

***H-4.** Adopted **Resolution No. 14-21** authorizing the execution of a construction contract with Ghilotti Bros., Inc., for construction of the Macdonald Avenue and 33rd Street Intersection Project in an amount not to exceed \$790,654.70, including a 10% contingency (\$71,877.70).

***H-5.** Adopted **Resolution No. 15-21** authorizing a request to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for the allocation of Fiscal Year 2021-22 Transportation Development Act Article 3 pedestrian/bicycle project funding; and accepting and appropriating the funds should the grant be awarded.

***H-6.** Adopted **Resolution No. 16-21** appropriating funds from the 2019A Wastewater Bond proceeds and approving Veolia Water to manage and award contracts for the First Street Wet Weather Improvement project to D'Arcy and Harty Construction and Questa Engineering (testing and inspection) for an amount not to exceed \$2,719,422 [project cost of \$2,290,764 plus a 20% contingency cost of \$428,658].

***H-7.** Approved Amendment No. 1 to the contract with The Backflow Team, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$25,000. The original contract in the amount not to exceed \$9,999 was executed on December 17, 2019. Contract Amendment No. 1 brings the total contract amount to \$34,999.

***H-8.** Adopted **Resolution No. 17-21** in support of reaching the goal of 100% zero-emission new vehicle sales in California by 2030.

***H-9.** Approved the appointment of Marisol Cantu to the Reimagining Public Safety Task Force to fill a vacancy created by Tania Pulido.

***H-10.** Adopted **Resolution No. 18-21** in support of recommending that the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) adopted the strongest health and safety protections in its amendments to BAAQMD Regulation 6, Rule 5 on Particulate Emissions from Petroleum Refinery Fluidized Catalytic Cracking Units.

***H-11.** Approved the minutes of the Special meetings of December 21 and 29, 2020, and Regular meetings of January 19 and 26, 2021.

BUDGET SESSION

I-1. The matter to review the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-21 operating and capital improvement budgets at mid-year; and adopt a resolution approving the proposed FY 2020-21 budget adjustments were introduced by Acting Deputy City Manager Internal Services LaShonda White. Mrs. White, Finance Director Belinda Brown, and Accounting Manager Antonio Banuelos presented a Powerpoint that highlighted the following: mid-year overview and budget goals; General Fund revenue and expenditures increases; FY 2020-21 adopted vs. mid-year budget; budget considerations; and future steps and opportunities for input. Discussion ensued. The Council requested the following items: documentation regarding the salaries and wages standby pay system error; details regarding 41 job positions moved from the Enterprise Fund to the General Fund including the number of vacant positions; documents that supported the validity of the budget estimates presented; documents that substantiated exactly where surplus funds were allocated and where the funds owed (negative cash balances) were coming from; an explanation regarding frozen job positions and expenses; and to prioritize a cost of living wage increase for employees. The following individuals gave comments via teleconference: Ben Therriault, Randy Joseph, Yen Do, and Tarnel Abbott. Further discussion ensued. The Council requested further clarification on the state of the budget concerning the California State Auditor's report. On motion of Councilmember Willis, seconded by Vice Mayor Johnson III, adopted **Resolution No. 19-21** by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Jimenez, Martinez, McLaughlin, Willis, Vice Mayor Johnson III, and Mayor Butt. **Noes:** None. **Abstained:** None. **Absent:** Vice Mayor Bates.

COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

J-1. The matter to discuss and direct staff to explore options for additional eviction protections for Richmond residential renters during the local state of emergency due to COVID-19 so as to preserve the public health and safety threatened by COVID-19 and to keep residents of Richmond housed was introduced by Councilmembers McLaughlin and Willis. The following individuals gave comments via teleconference: Stan Niedzwiedz, Anne Tamiko Omura, Denny Khamphanthong, Tarnel Abbott, Elsa Stevens, Christina Retze, Andres Soto, Jackie Zaneri, Randy Joseph, Yen Do, Amanda Lara, Susan Sing, Andrea Henson, Tuan (last name not stated), Lauren Russo, and Raul Vasquez. A motion was made by Councilmember Willis, seconded by Councilmember McLaughlin, directing staff to draft eviction options based on the Oakland ordinances for the Council's consideration as soon as possible. Discussion ensued. The Council requested staff to also consider protections for landlords with mortgages. The motion passed by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Jimenez, Martinez, McLaughlin, Willis, and Vice Mayor Johnson III. **Noes:** Mayor Butt. **Abstained:** None. **Absent:** Councilmember Bates.

J-2. The matter to direct staff to request representatives from the Chevron Richmond Refinery, the United States Coast Guard, San Francisco Baykeeper, California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, and the Office of Spill Recovery and Response attend the Richmond City Council meeting on February 23, 2021, to present reports on the causes, responses and probable impacts of the spill incident on February 9, 2021, and coordinate with these agencies to be prepared to present monthly updated reports on the spill incident to inform the council of causal reports and remediation activities required of Chevron by the agencies was introduced by Councilmember Jimenez. Discussion ensued. A motion was made by Councilmember Martinez directing staff to research case studies of other cities that have had transitions from the fossil fuel industry and to engage local partners in drafting recommendations for the Council's consideration on how to plan for a just transition. Further discussion ensued. The following individuals gave comments via teleconference: Yenny Garcia, Tarnel Abbott, Andres Soto, Torm Nompraseurt, Flora (last name not stated), Marisol Cantu, Tania Pulido, and Floy Andrews.

(At approximately 11:00 p.m., a motion made by Councilmember Martinez, seconded by Councilmember McLaughlin, extended the meeting to 11:30 p.m. by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Jimenez, Martinez, McLaughlin, Willis, and Vice Mayor Johnson III. Noes: Mayor Butt. Abstained: None. Absent: Councilmember Bates).

Ben Eichenberg of the San Francisco Baykeeper presented a Powerpoint that highlighted an overview of the Chevron Richmond Refinery oil spill incident, impacts, and questions for Chevron officials. The Richmond Chevron public affairs representative, Linsi Crain, provided a response and encouraged interested individuals to visit the unified command website at www.recoveredoillineleak.com. Contra Costa County Deputy Health Services Director Randy Sawyer provided a response report on the incident. Richmond Fire Marshal Eric Govan presented a Powerpoint that highlighted the Recovered Oil Line Leak Response. Further discussion ensued. The Council requested that

the questions raised by Mr. Eichenberg be addressed by Chevron as part of the incident investigation. The Council requested the reason why Chevron declined the Richmond Fire Department's vessel assistance. The Council also requested Chevron's incident update letter that was sent to the mayor and city manager; and for Chevron to include all councilmembers with future correspondence. The motion made by Councilmember Martinez, seconded by Councilmember Jimenez, directing staff to research case studies of other cities that have had transitions from the fossil fuel industry and to engage local partners in drafting recommendations for the Council's consideration on how to plan for a just transition was passed by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Jimenez, Martinez, McLaughlin, Willis, and Vice Mayor Johnson. **Noes:** Mayor Butt. **Abstained:** None. **Absent:** Councilmember Bates.

(At approximately 11:30 p.m., a motion made by Councilmember Willis, seconded by Councilmember McLaughlin, suspended the rules and extended the meeting to complete the discussion for item H-2 by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Jimenez, Martinez, McLaughlin, Willis, and Vice Mayor Johnson III. Noes: Mayor Butt. Abstained: None. Absent: Councilmember Bates).

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS; REFERRALS TO STAFF, AND
GENERAL REPORTS (INCLUDING AB 1234 REPORTS)**

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:39 p.m., in memory of Joe Clark, Lahoma Dos Santos, Carol Teltschick-Fall, Gloria Jean Abram, and Sylvester McBryde to meet again on Tuesday, February 23, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.

Clerk of the City of Richmond

(SEAL)

Approved:

Mayor

From: [Al M](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept](#); [Laura Snideman](#); [Lina Velasco](#); [Teresa Stricker](#)
Cc: [Gayle McLaughlin](#); [claudia jimenez](#); [Demnlus Johnson](#); [Nat Bates](#); [Eduardo Martinez](#); [Melvin Willis](#); [Tom Butt - external](#)
Subject: Public Comment Before Closed Session, Agenda Item B: SPRAWDEF et al. v. City of Richmond and Point Molate Alliance et al. v. City of Richmond
Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 12:13:07 PM

To the City Clerk, City Manager, City Attorney, Community Developer Director, Mayor and Councilmembers:

Building over 2,000 units in a fire severity zone next to the Chevron refinery with one narrow access road to a frequently backed up freeway is not safe. It's another Paradise, Ca.

The city must not proceed with this project because (1) severe fire danger and the developer has no realistic plan for how to evacuate 8,000 or more residents in the event of a fire or an earthquake; (2) the destruction of extremely rare habitat, including habitat important for SF Bay health and commercial fisheries; and, (3) the financial risks to the city. Two independent studies found that if the project were to proceed it would cost Richmond taxpayers millions of dollars each year and could bankrupt the city.

Retaining Point Molate as public land and developing the Community Plan, a world-class public park with a cultural/educational/commercial district, will provide important public amenities for Richmond residents and the region, including much needed sports fields and recreation opportunities for our youth and families and employment and small business opportunities, and a positive revenue stream for the city.

Cordially,

Alix Mazuet
Richmond Resident and Property Owner

From: [Carolyn Graves](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept](#)
Cc: [Laura Snideman](#); [Teresa Stricker](#); [Lina Velasco](#); [Eduardo Martinez](#); [Gayle McLaughlin](#); [Claudia Jimenez](#); [Melvin Willis](#); [Demnlus Johnson](#); [Nat Bates](#)
Subject: Public Comment Before Closed Session Agenda Item B: SPRAWDEF et al. v. City of Richmond and Point Molate Alliance et al. v. City of Richmond
Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 10:19:51 AM

Greetings.

I oppose the current Point Molate plans to build over 2,000 units in a fire severity zone next to the Chevron refinery, with just one narrow access road that leads out to a frequently backed up freeway. It is just not safe, and will lead to another Paradise, CA catastrophe, but this one would be right here in the heavily populated East Bay. Such a failure to protect human health would be visible daily to the many that cross the San Rafael bridge each day, for many months, perhaps years, afterwards.

The city must not proceed with this project because (1) severe fire danger and the developer has no realistic plan for how to evacuate 8,000 or more residents in the event of a fire or an earthquake; (2) the destruction of extremely rare habitat, including habitat important for SF Bay health and commercial fisheries; and, (3) the financial risks to the city. Two independent studies found that if the project were to proceed it would cost Richmond taxpayers millions of dollars each year and could bankrupt the city. In addition the current proposal is deficient in compensation to the public for the likely impact of the new sewage treatment infrastructure proposed to be installed immediately adjacent to the public beach area, especially as sea level rise seems underrated in the SunCal plans.

Retaining Point Molate as public land and developing the Community Plan, a world-class public park with a cultural/educational/commercial district, will provide important public amenities for Richmond residents and the region, including much needed sports fields and recreation opportunities for our youth and families and employment and small business opportunities, and a positive revenue stream for the city.

Regards,
Carolyn Graves

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From: [Jeannette Kortz](#)
To: [Gayle McLaughlin](#); [claudia jimenez](#); [richcityservant](#); [Eduardo Martinez](#); [Melvin Willis](#); [Demnlus Johnson](#); [Nat Bates](#); [Tom Butt - external](#)
Cc: [City Clerk Dept](#); [Laura Snideman](#); [Teresa Stricker](#); [Lina Velasco](#)
Subject: Agenda Item B, Public Comment Before Closed Session: SPRAWLDEF et al vs. City of Richmond, and Point Molate Alliance vs. City of Richmond
Date: Monday, February 15, 2021 1:49:04 PM

Dear City Council Members,

I am against the housing development in the South Watershed of Point Molate. This is public land. It should be a public park, not a private housing enclave.

If this project moves forward with the proposed 2,000 housing units, it will be putting future residents in danger, for the following reasons:

- 1) Point Molate is in a high fire zone as stated by the City of Richmond's fire chief.
- 2) The developer has no realistic plan to evacuate 8,000 plus residents in the event of a fire, an earthquake, or an explosion/fire at the Chevron refinery located just over the ridge from the development.
- 3) There is only one road in and out. This road leads to a frequently backed up freeway.
- 4) The plan to use a ferry to evacuate people is unrealistic given the number of people needing to board the ferry in the event of an emergency or disaster.

Also, building housing in the South Watershed will:

- 1) Endanger rare California native habitats.
- 2) Endanger the largest and healthiest eelgrass bed in San Francisco Bay.
- 3) Two studies have shown that this development will cost Richmond taxpayers millions of dollars each year.
- 4) If the housing units fail to sell, or do not sell at a high enough price to cover the cost of the infrastructure required to build at this remote site, the project could bankrupt the City.

Finally, the City must abide by the Community Plan. Point Molate could be a world class public park with a cultural, educational, and commercial district. It could provide public amenities for Richmonders such as sports fields, recreational opportunities for youth and families, employment and small business opportunities, and positive revenue for the City.

Please do not let this housing plan for Point Molate go forward.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Jeanne Kortz
Richmond Resident Since 2006

From: [Jim Hite](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept](#)
Subject: Agenda Item B, Public Comment before Closed Session: Sprawdef et al. v. City of Richmond and Pt. Molate Alliance et. al. v. City of Richmond
Date: Monday, February 15, 2021 3:13:17 PM

Hi, Jim Hite Richmond resident. What responsible human would allow a development of housing that potentially could incinerate the residents? A perfect storm: The Richmond - San Rafael Bridge is jammed from before the toll booths, high winds, and an uncontrollable fire at Pt. Molate, emergency vehicles cannot get in, cars fleeing the inferno can't get out. Survival swimming lessons should be requirement for anyone who wants to take a chance living out there. Thank you

From: [Michele Rappaport](#)
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Cc: [Laura Snideman](#); [Lina Velasco](#); [Teresa Stricker](#)
Subject: Agenda Item B, Public Comment Before Closed Session: SPRAWDEF et al. v. City of Richmond and Point Molate Alliance et al. v. City of Richmond.
Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 3:05:23 PM

To the City of Richmond Mayor, City Council, and Staff:

As a resident of Richmond for 33 years, a service provider for communicatively impaired and special needs students and adults for 35 years, I am concerned about the safety of the proposed Sun Cal development at Point Molate. I cannot say it better:

"Building over 2,000 units in a fire severity zone next to the Chevron refinery with one narrow access road to a frequently backed up freeway is not safe. It's another Paradise, Ca.

The city must not proceed with this project because (1) severe fire danger and the developer has no realistic plan for how to evacuate 8,000 or more residents in the event of a fire or an earthquake; (2) the destruction of extremely rare habitat, including habitat important for SF Bay health and commercial fisheries; and, (3) the financial risks to the city. Two independent studies found that if the project were to proceed it would cost Richmond taxpayers millions of dollars each year and could bankrupt the city.

Retaining Point Molate as public land and developing the Community Plan, a world-class public park with a cultural/educational/commercial district, will provide important public amenities for Richmond residents and the region, including much needed sports fields and recreation opportunities for our youth and families and employment and small business opportunities, and a positive revenue stream for the city."-Point Molate Alliance

Sincerely,
Michele Rappaport

Stay safe, wash hands, and lovingly together we keep social distance.

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Subject: Agenda Item B, Public Comment Before Closed Session: SPRAWLDEF et al. v. City of Richmond and Point Molate Alliance et al. v. City of Richmond
Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 9:56:16 AM

Memorandum

To: City of Richmond Mayor Butt and City Council Members Bates, Jimenez, Martinez, McLaughlin, Johnson, and Willis
From: Sara L. (Sally) Tobin, Richmond Resident
Subject: Agenda Item B, Public Comment Before Closed Session: SPRAWLDEF et al. v. City of Richmond and Point Molate Alliance et al. v. City of Richmond
Date: February 16, 2021

The project that has been presented for Point Molate is fatally flawed in several respects:

1. Fire danger and evacuation
2. Environmental damage from increased traffic delays and auto emissions
3. Destruction of habitat that is critical to fisheries and to the health of San Francisco Bay
4. Destruction of rare assemblages of plants and animals and over 300 mature trees
5. Destruction of cultural resources of the Ohlone and the Chinese shrimp camp
6. Transfer of public recreational assets to private purchasers of units and reducing recreational opportunities for Richmond residents
7. Financial risks that have the potential to bankrupt the City.

Further, the development of the project and did not incorporate the wishes of the Richmond residents who participated in public events. The project also appears to ignore legal protections for the environment.

With the newly constituted City Council in place, I support working with the City to find creative and mutually beneficial ways to resolve the current legal issues and to retain Point Molate as public land. I would like to see Point Molate benefit the entire community of Richmond with recreational opportunities, education programs, employment, and small business opportunities. Development at Point Molate should be limited to the historical area. The City should promote residential construction programs that emphasize the downtown area and are close to transit and infrastructure.

Thank you for the opportunity to make these comments.

From: [Shirley Dean](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept](#)
Subject: Public Comments - Open Session prior to Closed Session
Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 12:59:30 PM
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Importance: High

February 16, 2021

To: Mayor Butt, Vice Mayor Bates and Council Members Jimenez, Johnson, Martinez, McLaughlin and Willis

From: Shirley Dean

Via: E-mail to cityclerkdept@ci.richmond.ca.us

Subject: Public Comments – Open Session Prior to Closed Session

Dear Mayor Butt, Vice Mayor Bates and Council Members Jimenez, Johnson, Martinez, McLaughlin and Willis,

I notice that once again you will be discussing Point Molate in closed session. I strongly urge you to reconsider the proposed plan that will allow the construction of some 2,000 residential units with all of the cars that will be generated along with those housing units.

I remind you that there is only one narrow access road which your own environmental analysis indicates will result in increased traffic backups every day and increased danger to public safety during a wildfire or other emergency. It cannot be ignored that the nearby presence of the Chevron Refinery not only increases the danger of fire but also the danger to the health and well-being of nearby residents. The City of Richmond should not become another Paradise, CA. Also, unfortunately, flare-ups and other problems associated with the Refinery have become rather frequent. Please keep in mind the happenings of the last few days when chemicals were spilt into the Bay.

Furthermore, the housing plan you are considering exacerbates racial injustice by 1) hampering Bay waterfront access to existing communities and 2) including only a miniscule 67 or so “affordable” units. Not only is this number too small, these units are shown in the plans as being all located in one building separate from all the other housing rather than being placed throughout the project.

There are also many unanswered questions about the financial benefit or more likely, the financial risks to the City. Two independent studies found that if the project were to proceed it would cost Richmond taxpayers millions of dollars each year and could bankrupt the city.

Fortunately, you have an alternative to consider, The Community Plan, found by your own consultant to be environmentally “superior” to the proposal you are considering. The land could be continued to be owned by the public as a world-class park with a cultural/educational/commercial component that will not only distinguish the City of Richmond throughout the United State but also

provide physical and mental health benefits to Richmond residents. With much needed recreation areas and sports fields combined with educational, cultural and historical opportunities you will be able to provide needed jobs and financial benefits that are lasting. This is your chance to weave a legacy that will long be remembered and beloved.

I urge that you put the current plan on hold and explore the exciting future that The Community Plan offers.

Thank you,

From: [TARNEL ABBOTT](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept](#); [Tom Butt - external](#); [Gayle McLaughlin](#); [richcityservant@gmail.com](#); [jimenez.claudia78@gmail.com](#); [Melvin Willis](#); [Demnlus Johnson](#); [Nat Bates](#)
Subject: Agenda Item B, Public Comment Before Closed Session: SPRAWDEF et al. v. City of Richmond and Point Molate Alliance et al. v. City of Richmond."
Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 12:52:37 PM

City Clerk, Please forward to : City Manager Snideman, City Attorney Teresa Stricker, and Lina Velasco for some reason I am getting a bounce notification February 16, 2021

To : Richmond City Council, City Attorney, City Manager and Project manager
RE : "Agenda Item B, Public Comment Before Closed Session: SPRAWDEF et al. v. City of Richmond and Point Molate Alliance et al. v. City of Richmond."

From: Tarnel Abbott, Richmond resident

I am opposed to the SunCal 2,000 unit housing development at Point Molate .One road in and out in a high fire severity zone right next to the Chevron refinery and tank farm which stores a huge quantity of highly flammable fuel, is a disaster waiting to happen.You should not allow 8,000 future residents to be put at risk of being trapped in their cars trying to flee in the event of a fire and/or earthquake.You should learn from what happened to the people of Paradise, CA and make sure it doesn't happen here.

In addition to the risk of it becoming a death trap for human residents, the development will inevitably harm the healthiest eelgrass in the entire San Francisco Bay.Two important food sources that people enjoy, Dungeness Crab and Pacific herring, are dependent on healthy eelgrass habitat.Of course many other species need it as well.The Point Molate eelgrass is studied extensively by SF State biologist, Dr. Boyer.The Point Molate eelgrass is healthy because it is indigenous, not transplanted- this is why it is used to propagate in areas of the bay where this important habitat resource has been destroyed by over development of our San Francisco Bay shorelines.

Point Molate is the last undeveloped publically owned headland on San Francisco Bay which is, and should remain, for public use and enjoyment.The Community Plan has more viable income generating ideas which will benefit the entire community, not just developers.

Thank you

Tarnel Abbott

From: [Fredia Lucas](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept](#)
Subject: 1) public comments – Open Session prior to Closed Session; 2) public comments – Open Forum; or 3) public comments agenda item #__ [Demnlus Johnson for Vice Mayor]
Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 10:52:40 AM

Demnlus Johnson for Vice Mayor

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"Peace be with you."

Fredia Lucas
Editor-in-Chief | [Fictional](#)

From: [Veronica C. Cummings](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept](#)
Subject: Public comments agenda item # D-1
Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 8:37:11 AM

I am writing to express my support for Councilmember Demnlus Johnson III to become Vice Mayor.

I am a homeowner in the Hilltop District and am confident in Councilmember Johnson's leadership and genuinely having Richmond's best interests in mind. I am impressed with him and know that Richmond is in his capable hands.

Thank you.

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With best wishes always,

Veronica

I accept what I cannot change and change what I cannot accept.

From: [Al M](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept](#); [Laura Snideman](#); [Lina Velasco](#); [Teresa Stricker](#)
Cc: [Gayle McLaughlin](#); [claudia jimenez](#); [Demnlus Johnson](#); [Nat Bates](#); [Eduardo Martinez](#); [Melvin Willis](#); [Tom Butt - external](#)
Subject: Public Comment – Open Forum Campus Bay/ Zeneca site
Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 12:16:20 PM

To the City Clerk, City Manager, City Attorney, Community Developer Director, Mayor and Councilmembers:

The City must not proceed with this project because of severe risks to public health, safety and environmental health. The proposed project, 4,000 residential units on on one of the most toxic sites in CA without a comprehensive clean up, is not safe. It will put the health and safety of future residents and workers at risk and surrounding neighborhoods, pollute the SF Bay and expose the city to years of litigation. Already the current site is leaking hazards via groundwater under buildings located on adjacent properties as well as into the adjacent marsh and Bay, and the proposed Shopoff/Zeneca cleanup will do nothing to stop this.

Request that the City re-open the Campus Bay EIR, to fully evaluate the risks due to the increased predictions of sea level rise and the more stringent TCE hazardous waste health standards implemented by the US-EPA last February. Also insist the City request DTSC to enforce removal of the majority of the hazardous waste using highly trained and experienced personnel, so that the Zeneca site meets the highest residential standard, rather than the current proposal for the lesser multi-family capped site standard. Full and complete removal will protect human and environmental health today and in the future, as well as protect the City and its residents from financial risk from future lawsuits from harmed citizens.

Cordially,

Alix Mazuet
Richmond Resident and Property Owner

From: [Alpa Agarwal](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept](#)
Subject: Public comments – Open Forum
Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 9:40:47 AM

Dear Councilmembers,

I am writing as Vice President of the Stoneglenn Condo Association and a concerned resident of Hilltop.

We are opposed to the Safe Parking Project/Homeless Encampment pilot being considered for the Hilltop Mall property.

I believe that the mall is not the correct location for this project, for many reasons outlined below:

1. The mall location is not near any services for the unhoused.
2. The mall should be used to bring revenue to the city. Forcing the new potential owner to have this project on their site would scare them away or prevent new development from happening. Richmond needs more businesses and revenue! Don't scare potential businesses away.
3. It is inappropriate to place this on private land. This should be placed on land owned by the City, such as near City Hall.
4. Your department had placed Hilltop at the bottom of the list because it is an inappropriate location.

The way that you have approached this project, trying to force it onto our community without any community input or outreach is also inappropriate and a misuse of our taxpayer dollars. The lack of transparency is also concerning.

Potential locations are by city hall or the GRIP site.

The Hilltop community is in full support of the GRIP site. We believe the GRIP site would be the best place for this project to be a long-term solution for the City and for the people in need.

Thank you,

Alpa Agarwal

Vice President, Stoneglenn Condo Association
Hilltop, Richmond, California

From: [April Roy](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept](#)
Cc: [Tom Butt - external](#)
Subject: Public Comment - Open Forum, 02.16.21 _ Objection to Safe Parking Pilot at Hilltop Mall
Date: Saturday, February 13, 2021 5:31:04 PM

REF STRONG OBJECTION TO SAFE PARKING PILOT PROGRAM AT HILLTOP MALL LOCATION.
I wish to speak on the 02.16.21 open forum.

Reaction on just finding out about this Pilot - this is an initial **strong objection** to the Safe Parking Pilot Program at Hilltop Mall location. There was NO communication outreach or legal notification to our Association; there was NO legal impact discussion from the Council or Leaders of this Pilot with our Association. Do utilize City space -- either Civic Center, or preferable, the City property across the street from GRIP, where ready services, food, facilities are available; GRIP provides an excellent service to the Homeless. Certainly the designated resources will assist GRIP further, while providing a suitable longer-term sustainable solution. Separate communications forthcoming.

April Roy -
President - - Hilltop Village Owners Association
Resident - - Hilltop Village

From: [Cordell Hindler](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept](#)
Subject: OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT
Date: Thursday, February 11, 2021 9:15:32 PM

hello Sabrina, i have a couple of comments for the record:

1. i was unhappy that the council would consider having the folks park their RVS in the lot where Wilson and Kratzer is located
2. the update is that my projects is coming along okay and i will provide more info every other month

sincerely
Cordell

From: [M. Knight](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept](#)
Subject: public comments – Open Forum - My parents" house
Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 12:11:06 PM

My name is David Harlow. I am the son of the deceased couple Donald James Harlow and Angela Anjo Harlow. I have been attempting to liaise with proper support for cleaning their house to no avail due to a lack of acceptable response. I have a whole host of complaints that have led me to even write up a 24 page Google Document showing both screenshot evidence and testimony, though I can only point out as much on the current deadline in case this would be completely public. Please get back to me actively so as to help me figure out a solution, because as it stands, there's simply too much risk of my parents' house being a potential arson target that could even engulf the general vicinity as a result if this is not addressed.

From: [Doria Mueller-Beilschmidt](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept](#); [Gayle McLaughlin](#); [Melvin Willis](#); [Claudia Jimenez](#); [Demnlus Johnson](#); [Tom Butt - external](#); [Nat Bates](#); [Laura Snideman](#); [Lina Velasco](#); [Teresa Stricker](#); richcityservant@gmail.com
Subject: Public Comments: OPEN FORUM
Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 1:14:44 PM

Dear Mayor Butt, City Council Members Martinez, Jiminez, McLaughlin, Bates, Willis & Johnson, City Clerk, City Manager Ms. Snideman, City Attorney Ms. Strickler, and Community Development Director Ms. Velasco,

I am writing to ask that you take pause to undertake another thorough and unbiased review of the information and assessments provided to you by the Richmond Schorline Alliance and the Community Advisory (CAG) over the last 20 years on behalf of the health and well-being of all Richmond residents and the greater Bay Area Community/Environment with regards to the AstraZeneca/Bay Campus site.

I and many many other Richmond and Bay Area residents strongly believe that the development agreement which was approved by the 2020 Richmond City Council is very bad for Richmond and the greater Bay Area short term but especially long term for all of those who would live and work on or near the area due to chronic exposure to the dozens of highly toxic chemicals dumped there over 100 years.

We ask that the December 2020 agreement be reversed, and that the remediation of the AstraZeneca Site be completed BEFORE any developments are considered anywhere in Richmond.

With appreciation,

Doria Mueller-Beilschmidt

Richmond Resident

From: [Enrico Rossi](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept](#)
Subject: Public Comments – Open Forum
Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 9:49:34 AM

I work in the construction industry. The zeneca project definitely needs to be treated as a superfund site, for the safety and wellbeing of the watershed, those building it, and the future residents.

Those who stand to profit from this construction will not bear the health and environmental damage. They will take their money and leave our community and bay to suffer.

From: [Jaine KOPP](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept](#); [Laura Snideman](#); [Lina Velasco](#); [Teresa Stricker](#); [Tom Butt - external](#); [richcityservant@gmail.com](#); [Melvin Willis](#); [Claudia Jimenez](#); [Gayle McLaughlin](#); [Demnlus Johnson](#); [Nat Bates](#)
Subject: Public Comments – Open Forum
Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 8:23:54 AM

City Council, Manager, Attorneys and Planners:

The lame duck City Council members made a rushed and ill-informed decision to move forward with the Campus Bay Housing Project in November and December 2020. This EIR needs to be re-opened on the basis of health and safety reasons, as the City's current Campus Bay Housing Project (up to 4,000 units) that is proposed calls for LESS THAN 2% of the high volumes of HIGHLY toxic waste on the Zeneca site to be removed. To be noted: *It was because of the high volumes and toxicity that the US-EPA categorized the Zeneca site as "Superfund-qualified", which means the site is "hazardous to human and environmental health."* Despite this decision by the US-EPA this site avoided the formal "Superfund" site label because Astra-Zeneca corporation used a loophole in the Superfund legislation to have the site overseen by the state Dept. of Toxic Substances and Control (DTSC). Make no mistake: the Zeneca site is a Superfund-qualified site; this means it is an EXTREMELY hazardous site and is much worse than a "brownfield." [Please support FULL REMOVAL of the hazardous waste BEFORE any homes are built!](#)

A little history:

The Zeneca site on the Richmond southeast shoreline has been leaking highly contaminated water and vapors for decades, from the 550,000 cubic yards of hazardous material left behind after 100-years of chemical manufacturing on this shoreline site. Despite the known risks of sea level rise, liquefaction (which is more likely as sea level rise progresses), and health risks should any of the proposed "remedies" fail, the small majority of lame duck City Council members approved pouring concrete over most of the 86-acre site (but doing nothing about the toxics flowing underground onto neighboring properties and into the Bay), with up to 4,000 multi-story condos to be built on top of the mess.

The outgoing council gave no consideration to updated sea level rise data available from the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC). They also failed to heed Cal EPA's more health-protective vapor intrusion standards

announced on February 14, 2020, which apply to the most dangerous and widespread contaminants on this site. In addition, the lame duck council members blatantly and arrogantly ignored the residential and business community's near-unanimous 15-plus years of requests for a full and complete cleanup of this site before any person begins working or living on this site. The City's extremely cumbersome and poorly executed public participation tools through Zoom have also called into question the City's intent regarding public participation during this unprecedented COVID pandemic.

The community objected so strongly to the City's railroading of this bad proposal, that in November a new City Council majority was voted in, who support working with the highly engaged community. However despite many requests that all remaining decisions be held until the new council was seated, the lame duck council members still pushed through additional decisions regarding the Campus Bay/Zeneca development proposal in December. Due to the gross judgement errors by those few council members, a lawsuit was filed on December 30, 2020 against the City of Richmond. Now your support is needed to help the new council members fight for a health-protective review, and reversal, of all those bad decisions.

Once again I urge you:

Please support FULL REMOVAL of the hazardous waste BEFORE any homes are built!

Sincerely,
Jaine Kopp

From: [Jeannette Kortz](#)
To: [Gayle McLaughlin](#); [richcityservant](#); [claudia jimenez](#); [Melvin Willis](#); [Demnlus Johnson](#); [Nat Bates](#); [Tom Butt - external](#)
Cc: [City Clerk Dept](#); [Laura Snideman](#); [Teresa Stricker](#); [Lina Velasco](#)
Subject: Public Comment - Open Forum - Campus Bay/Astra Zeneca
Date: Monday, February 15, 2021 3:45:32 PM

Dear City Council Members,

The Campus Bay/Astra-Zeneca housing development must not proceed for the following reasons:

- 1) This is an ill advised project because of the severe risks to public health and safety, and environmental health.
- 2) This site is one of the most toxic sites in California. It is a US EPA Qualified Superfund site.
- 3) Without a complete residential cleanup it is not safe for residents and wildlife. It is presently leaking toxins into San Francisco Bay.
- 4) Without a complete residential cleanup, it will expose the city to years of litigation when residents become ill from the toxins because the City failed to do a complete residential cleanup.

The City must require the regulator, CAL EPA and DTSC to enforce removal of the site hazards using highly trained and experienced personnel. Removal of the hazard wastes will protect the construction workers, the future residents, and the environment.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Jeanne Kortz
Richmond Resident since 2006

From: [John English](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept](#)
Subject: Public Comment - Open Forum, 02.16.21 - Objection to Safe Parking Pilot at Hilltop Mall
Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 11:25:55 AM

REF STRONG OBJECTION TO SAFE PARKING PILOT PROGRAM AT HILLTOP MALL LOCATION. I wish to speak during the 02.16.21 open forum

Just recently finding out about this Pilot Program - I have a strong objection to the Safe Parking Pilot Program at Hilltop Mall. No community outreach or notification was made prior to making this decision by the City Council nor any consideration of the neighborhoods surrounding the mall as well as schools and other businesses. Utilizing City property at either GRIP or Civic Center should be preferable where services are in the immediate area where they are not at Hilltop Mall. City property would be a permanent solution rather than a temporary one at Hilltop Mall. Funds would be better spent to support GRIP in their efforts of a long term solution to enhance the excellent services they provide to the houseless.

John English
Vice President - Hilltop Village Owners Association
Vice President - Meadow Crest Owners Association in Hilltop Village

From: [Karen Marcus](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept](#)
Subject: 1) public comments – Open Session prior to Closed Session; 2) public comments – Open Forum; HILLTOP MALL SAFE PARK
Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 11:18:53 AM

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

I have owned my home and lived across from Hilltop Mall for over 30 years. I object to the City unilaterally deciding to put the Safe Park in the Hilltop Mall parking lot. The residents in this area have put up with enough neglect from the City.

How is it that the “Brickyard Cove community killed th[e] idea” of a “Safe Park at the historic shipyard Cafeteria building parking lot on Canal”, and the Hilltop community residents have been presented with essentially a *fait accompli*?

You can not expect us to accept your empty assurances that the 100 RVs housing otherwise homeless and indigent people that will be parked in the Mall lot will not negatively impact the quality of our lives and our property values.

Karen Marcus



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From: [Maggie Paul LAZAR](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept](#); laura_sniderman@ci.richmond.ca.us; [Lina Velasco](#); [Teresa Stricker](#)
Cc: [Gayle McLaughlin](#); [Demnlus Johnson](#); [Tom Butt - external](#); [Nat Bates](#); [richcityservant](#); [Melvin Willis](#); [Claudia Jimenez](#)
Subject: Public Comment - Open Forum Campus Bay/Zeneca site
Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 12:16:49 PM

Dear RIchmond City Officials:

The proposed building of 4,000 residential units on a superfund site is not safe. Re-open the Campus Bay EIR to fully evaluate risks due to sea level rise. Caps are not the most protective option and they do nothing to stop hazards leaking out underneath them. I have worked for 30 years next to the site, where toxic plumes flow under our buildings. I urge you to do what is best for the long term safety of Richmond residents and workers on and near the site.

Sincerely,

Maggie Lazar

From: [Marissa Peck](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept](#)
Subject: public comments – Open Session prior to Closed Session
Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 11:01:34 AM

Dear Councilmembers,

I am writing as a concerned resident of Hilltop opposed to the Safe Parking Project pilot being considered for the Hilltop Mall property.

I believe that the mall is not the correct location for this project for many reasons. Some of the reasons: 1. The mall location is not near any services for the unhoused. 2. The mall should be used to bring revenue to the city. Forcing the new potential owner to have this project on their site would scare them away or prevent new development from happening. Richmond needs more businesses and revenue! Don't scare potential businesses away. 3. The site is in very close proximity to at least 3 schools as well as homes and business. 4. There are other more suitable sites that have the potential for long term assistance for these citizens that have been overlooked for reasons that remain unclear.

The way that you have approached this project, trying to force it onto our community without any community input or outreach is not only disrespectful but shameful. Further, Hilltop lacks adequate representation and it appears that this was taken advantage of in this instance.

The Hilltop community wants to make sure that the City Council is looking for a permanent site for this project. Hilltop Mall is not going to be a permanent site.

The Hilltop community is in full support of the GRIP site. We believe the GRIP site would be the best place for this project to be a long-term solution for the City and for the people in need.

We in the Hilltop community want the best for our unhoused brothers and sisters.

Thank you for your time.

Marissa Peck

From: [Michele Rappaport](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept](#); [Tom Butt - external](#); [claudia jimenez](#); [Eduardo Martinez](#); [Nathaniel Bates9](#); [richcityservant@gmail.com](#); [Gayle McLaughlin](#); [Lina Velasco](#); [Teresa Stricker](#); [Demnius Johnson](#); [Laura Snideman](#)
Subject: Public Comment - Open Forum Campus Bay/ Astra Zeneca
Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 3:12:32 PM

Dear Mayor, Council members, and staff:

As a 33 year resident of Richmond and after 35 years serving special needs and communicatively impaired patients in the Bay Area, this project is of great concern to me because of severe risks to public health, safety and environmental health. The proposed project, 4,000 residential units is one of the most toxic sites in CA. Without a comprehensive clean up, is not safe. It will put the health and safety of future children and adult residents and workers at risk as well as surrounding neighborhoods. It will pollute the SF Bay and expose the city to years of litigation.

Require the regulator, Cal EPA and DTSC, to enforce removal of site hazards using highly trained and experienced personnel. Removal will protect human and environmental health today and in the future.

See this video for more information: <https://vimeo.com/506552634> and visit our website, richmondshorelinealliance.org.

Please oppose this partial toxic clean-up.

Michele Rappaport

Stay safe, wash hands, and lovingly together we keep social distance.

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From: [Nick Brooks](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept](#)
Subject: Public Comments – Open Forum
Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 10:49:06 AM

Chevron must be held accountable for continuously neglecting the health and safety of the people and the environment of West County. Simply "creating jobs" in the pursuit of corporate profit does not mask the long-term consequences resulting from this destructive form of energy production, we must hold all companies including Chevron to a much higher standard than this. All hazardous waste currently on on top of the Zeneca site *must* be thoroughly removed before building up to 4,000 Campus Bay condos! Inaction will not only place the construction workers and their families at risk, but all future residents will be at risk as well.

From: [Shirley Dean](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept](#); [Tom Butt - external](#); [Nat Bates](#); [Claudia Jimenez](#); [Demnlus Johnson](#); ["Eduardo Martinez"](#); [Gayle McLaughlin](#); [Melvin Willis](#)
Cc: [Laura Snideman](#); [Lina Velasco](#); [Teresa Stricker](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT - OPEN FORUM CAMPUS BAY/ZENECA SITE.
Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 3:01:37 PM
Importance: High

Dear Mayor Butt, Vice Mayor Bates and Council Members Jimenez, Martinez, McLaughlin, Johnson, and Willis

I had earlier sent you an e-mail regarding the Point Molate discussion in Closed Session. Because of a misunderstanding of your agenda, I did not include comments on the Zeneca site which is apparently also under discussion during this same time. This e-mail concerns my comments regarding the Zeneca site.

In addition to my comments re Point Molate, I strongly urge that you not proceed with the proposal to build some 4,000 housing units on the Zeneca Toxic Waste site, known as Campus Bay, but by any name is still an acknowledged fully qualified Superfund site.

My reasons for making these comments are based on my deep concerns about the severe risks to public health, safety and the environment. I share this concern with thousands of people who live along the East Shore of the Bay. The development that you are considering not only puts the health and safety of future residents on the site at huge risk, it pollutes SF Bay and exposes the City of Richmond to years of litigation. Please, just take a look at what happened in New York regarding the Love Canal. It is a startling and heads-up comparison of what not to do. People have already plainly told you about the leaking of hazardous waste into the Bay and onto adjacent properties and into nearby marsh lands that is occurring today. You already know that sea level rise is increasing this situation. It is long past time to stop considering this proposal and to begin to correct the problems you have inherited from despoiling the land and environment for 100 years.

You still have time to do the right thing. Re-open the Campus Bay Environmental Impact Report and apply the TCE hazardous health standards that were recently implemented. The land can be safely used if done right. Families should not have to live on land where frequent reviews will have to be undertaken every year to determine whether it is safe or not. Can you imagine what that would be like for them when and if they were told it was unsafe to be there. Not only would the future be bleak, the worry about the air already inhaled over previous months would be devastating and you and all the residents of Richmond would be liable.

Please take the time to do the right thing. No one has ever regretted taking that path. In the long run, considering all the hazards and costs of removing the hazardous waste and cleaning it up, will be less costly than if you continue with this housing proposal. I am sure many books and documentaries will ensue.

Thank you for considering these comments.

Shirley Dean

From: [Susan Gaines](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept](#)
Subject: Public Comment - Open Forum for 2/16/21 - Objection to Safe Parking Pilot at Hilltop Mall
Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 10:59:47 AM

Reference to and Strong objection to the Safe Parking Pilot Program at Hilltop Mall Location. I wish to speak during the Open Forum 02/16/21

The reaction is a very strong objection to the Safe Parking Program at Hilltop Mall. First, the community was not included or advised of this decision. We found it out from a newspaper article in the East Bay Times. There was no outreach to the communities that will be affected. Utilizing public property for a long term solution not a temporary one makes more economic sense. GRIP provides great services to the unhoused now and has the facilities and space for the Safe Parking Program and children and pets would be welcome there where they are not allowed at the potential Hilltop Mall location. Assisting GRIP with the funding to improve their program is a better choice than a temporary solution which will be a waste of funds.

Susan Gaines
Hilltop Village

From: [S. Terris](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept](#)
Cc: [Susan C Terris](#); [Laura Snideman](#); [Lina Velasco](#); [Teresa Stricker](#); [Tom Butt - external](#); richcityservant@gmail.com; [Melvin Willis](#); [Claudia Jimenez](#); [Gayle McLaughlin](#); [Demnlus Johnson](#); [Nat Bates](#)
Subject: Public Comments - Open Forum
Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 11:38:35 AM

Dear Richmond Councilmembers, City Managers, Attorneys, and Mayor Butt:

If my understanding is correct, there is a plan to build up to 4,000 Campus Bay condos on top of a US EPA Superfund-qualified site (the Zenica site) in Richmond, CA. I am informed that the extremely toxic hazardous waste on the site has not been removed, and that the current proposal before building is to remove only 2% of the waste. Groups opposing this plan will have provided you with all the facts and arguments necessary, so I won't repeat that here.

To protect the lives and health of future construction workers, their families, and all future visitors or residents who may or will come into contact with the toxins on that site, I am asking and insisting that all hazardous waste currently on site there be removed COMPLETELY prior to any building or construction there. It would be common sense to take action to protect **all people** from identified toxins that remain there.

I hope that you, Richmond Council members, City manager, planners, and Mayor Butt, collectively, will require the reasonable action of a full Superfund cleanup to protect the lives and health of people, animals, our environment and wildlife as well. Thank you for considering my thoughts and request to clean up the hazardous waste before building on the Zenica site.

Susan Terris
6206 Sutter Ave.
Richmond, CA 94804

“One of the advantages of being disorganized is that one is always having surprising discoveries.”

The Tao of Pooh

From: [TARNEL ABBOTT](#)
To: [Gayle McLaughlin](#); richcityservant@gmail.com; jimenez.claudia78@gmail.com; [Melvin Willis](#); [Demnlus Johnson](#); [Nat Bates](#); [Tom Butt - external](#)
Cc: [City Clerk Dept](#)
Subject: Public Comment Open Forum
Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 1:01:01 PM

February 16, 2021

To: Richmond City Council

My name is Tarnel Abbott, I live in Richmond. I have been a member of the RSSCAG since its formation in 2005 so I am very familiar with the Zeneca Site- now referred to as Campus Bay mixed use development aka HRP Campus Bay Property; LLC developers (AstraZeneca, Shopoff Real Estate Investors and Hillco Development), which will allow up to **4,000 residential units** to be built on the huge toxic waste site on our shoreline **without requiring a full clean up** . More than 100 years of industrial chemical manufacturing by Stauffer Chemical and Zeneca, left a brew of more than 100 hazardous materials under a temporary cap including VOCs, PCBs, Heavy Metals, Arsenic, Barium, Cobalt, Nickel, PCE, TCE, Vinyl Chloride, ... remain with no liner beneath, no barrier on the sides, with toxic plumes streaming into adjacent properties, Stege Marsh and the Bay. We think leaving these chemicals in the ground is a great threat to future residents, workers and all life "downstream". Deed restrictions will not allow schools, day care centers or hospitals on the site, yet families will be living there.

It is time to get the DTSC back on board for ordering a full clean up to residential standards.

From: [Al M](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept](#); [Laura Snideman](#); [Lina Velasco](#); [Teresa Stricker](#)
Cc: [Gayle McLaughlin](#); [claudia jimenez](#); [Demnlus Johnson](#); [Nat Bates](#); [Eduardo Martinez](#); [Melvin Willis](#); [Tom Butt - external](#)
Subject: Public Comment – Item H-10 Cat Cracker Rule
Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 12:38:15 PM

To the City Clerk, City Manager, City Attorney, Community Developer Director, Mayor and Council Members:

I want to offer my full support to the resolution brought on the agenda by Council Member Eduardo Martinez, H-10.

I respectfully ask that the City Council act to protect the health and safety of Richmond residents and all people living and/or working in the areas (land, water) affected by the Chevron refinery's pollution.

The City Council should ask the Bay Area Air Quality Management District to adopt the strongest possible "Cat Cracker" rule. The Cat Cracker will severely cut toxic particulate emissions that have been poisoning our air and waters for way too long now.

Cordially,

Alix Mazuet
Richmond Resident and Property Owner

From: [Amanda Millstein](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept](#)
Subject: Public comments agenda item #H-10
Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 12:27:39 PM

Dear Members of the Richmond City Council,

My name is Amanda Millstein, MD. I'm a primary care pediatrician in Richmond. I care for babies, toddlers, young children, and teenagers who live and breathe in the shadows of the Chevron refinery.

I write to you in strong support of Councilmember Martinez's resolution to the Bay Area Air Quality Management District to adopt the strongest health and safety protections in their amendment to Regulation 6, Rule 5.

As a pediatrician, I understand what it means to health when jobs are lost. But I also understand -- and see every day at work -- the cumulative impact that particulate matter pollution has on the people of Richmond's polluted air every day, year in and year out. Particulate matter is deadly. It is linked to heart attacks, asthma, and premature death. Babies and children are especially susceptible to particulate matter pollution -- they breathe at a faster rate and their lungs are still developing. In fact, children who breathe more PM2.5 have smaller lungs and slower lung growth compared to those who breathe less.

My patients -- Richmond's children -- suffer from asthma at rates double the national average. I can prescribe them albuterol and steroids and tell them to stay inside. But I need BAAQMD to do the job that I can't -- I need them to protect my patients' health. We are at the precipice of making a decision: will we continue down the path we've been on for a hundred years, degrading our environment and hurtling our children toward an unlivable planet, or will we change course, for our kids? We need the strongest, best available technology. Anything less is selling our children -- Richmond's children -- severely short.

Sincerely,
Amanda Millstein, MD

From: [Ben Montclair](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept](#)
Subject: Public comments -- agenda item #H-8, #H-10
Date: Monday, February 15, 2021 8:02:02 AM

Richmond City Councilmembers, Mayor, and Vice Mayor

Thank you for considering my public comments on the following Agenda items:

H-8

I strongly support adoption of a resolution set a goal of 100% zero emissions new vehicle sales in California by 2030, which gives us about 3200 days to get it done.

H-10

I strongly support adopting the resolution in support of BAAQMD adopting the strongest possible health and safety protections for people living in the pollution shadow of fossil fuel operators in Richmond, like me and my family and my community.

Ben Montclair
Marina Bay

From: [Jeannette Kortz](#)
To: [richcityservant](#); [Gayle McLaughlin](#); [claudia jimenez](#); [Melvin Willis](#); [Demnlus Johnson](#); [Nat Bates](#); [Tom Butt - external](#)
Cc: [City Clerk Dept](#)
Subject: Public Comment - Agenda Item H-10 -Chevron Cracker Unit
Date: Monday, February 15, 2021 5:05:44 PM

Dear Council Members,

I write to you in support of Council Member Eduardo Martinez' agenda item to adopt a resolution in support of recommending the the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) adopt the strongest health and safety protections in its amendments to BAAQMD Regulation 6, Rule 5 on Particulate Emissions from Petroleum Refinery Fluidized Catalytic Cracking Units.

Please see my email below which I sent to the BAAQMD on February 3, 2021:

"I am writing to urge the BAAQMD to adopt the most stringent proposal to Regulation 6 Rule 5 regarding Chevron's Fluidized Catalytic Cracking Units. The more stringent standard proposed of 0.01 gr/dscf would likely require wet gas scrubbers.

Chevron has for years been polluting and adversely affecting the health and well being of Bay Area residents, especially the low income residents of Richmond. Chevron is a multi billion dollar corporation that has been polluting all over the world, and accelerating climate change. Their Richmond refinery has had explosions, fires, and since their new "modernization project" went on line, there has been frequent and disturbing flaring.

People of color are unjustly and disproportionately exposed to Chevron's emissions; FCCU PM2.5 at rates 1.4 and 2.6 times higher compared to their proportion of the Bay Area population.

Staff analysis shows that the more stringent rule could yield \$12,000,000 to \$27,000,000 in community health benefits every year for Chevron alone.

Also, the possibility of explosions and fires is much less, eliminating economic loss when such occurrences take place.

Wet gas scrubbers create construction jobs, and the majority of FCCUs across the country already use wet gas scrubbers. Why not Chevron in Richmond?

Please do the right thing and adopt the most stringent proposal. The people and the planet deserve no less."

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Jeanne Kortz
Richmond Resident

From: [Nayeli Maxson Velazquez](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept](#)
Subject: Public comments: Agenda item #H-10
Date: Monday, February 15, 2021 12:07:36 PM

I am writing regarding agenda item #H-10, to express my anger and outrage in the aftermath of this spill.

I stand in support of the resolution by Councilmember Eduardo Martinez recommending that the Bay Area Air Quality Management District adopt the strongest possible "Cat Cracker" rule to severely reduce toxic particulate emissions poisoning our community.

To put an end to this environmental degradation and to the ensuing negative health impacts for the community, I ask that the city council direct staff to start working on a plan for a just transition in Richmond. It is important that the city council make its plans clear today, with representatives from Chevron, the Coast Guard, SF Baykeeper, California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, and the Office of Spill Recovery and Response present.

Thank you.
Nayeli Maxson Velázquez

From: [Noël Rohayem](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept](#)
Subject: Public comments agenda item #H-10
Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 10:59:34 AM

Richmond City Council needs to recommend that the Bay Area Air Quality Management District put the 'strongest air restrictions' on Chevron. The refinery is the second-largest source of greenhouse gases in California. Richmond residents deserve a clean and healthy environment.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Dena Nelson](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept](#)
Cc: [Gayle McLaughlin](#); [Michael Gliksohn](#)
Subject: public comments agenda item #H-2
Date: Monday, February 15, 2021 3:01:28 PM
Attachments: [image.png](#)

Dear City Council,

I would like to request that you please remove the Rydin Road changes from the consent calendar so that the council and community can have a full discussion on the options and expected outcomes for the people currently residing at Rydin Road as a result of the ordinance.

I am pasting below the comments that I submitted on this proposed ordinance on December 21, 2020.

Thank you,

Dena Nelson
5732 San Jose Ave, Richmond, CA 94804

Dear Richmond City Council,

My name is Dena Nelson and I live in Richmond Annex and am currently serving on the Richmond Housing Advisory Commission. I am very concerned about the proposal to restrict parking on Rydin Road and Central Avenue and to establish it as a commercial permit zone. I strongly urge the council to prioritize the needs of the vulnerable vehicle dwellers in this area.

I live near Central Avenue and I run and walk on the Bay Trail in this area very frequently. In my experience, the people sheltering along Central Ave and Rydin Road are respectful neighbors. I have never had a negative interaction. Now more than ever, this community needs our support.

This summer, the [CDC released guidance](#) for local officials related to homelessness. It states clearly, "If individual housing options are not available, allow people who are living unsheltered or in encampments to remain where they are. Clearing encampments can cause people to disperse throughout the community and break connections with service providers. This increases the potential for infectious disease spread."

As the city manager's agenda report states, "The COVID-19 pandemic has negatively impacted resources that are normally available to shelter the homeless." The people living along Rydin and Central are Richmond residents. They should not be forced out period. But they especially should not be forced out without guaranteed safe alternative arrangements.

The agenda report also states that the city has extensively consulted with the impacted commercial stakeholders to discuss actions to ensure adequate parking. Has the city consulted with the impacted Richmond residents living in this area?

We are currently in a shelter-in-place order. We should always be crafting our city's policies in ways that put the most vulnerable first—but if there was any time to prioritize the need of Richmond residents attempting to shelter-in-place, it is now, and this is our opportunity.

Thank you,
Dena Nelson
5732 San Jose Ave

From: [Jim Nantell](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept](#)
Subject: FW: Ítem H2 onCouncil Agenda 2/16/21
Date: Monday, February 15, 2021 7:09:38 PM

I am not sure why this would have been forwarded to me as Item H2 is not from the Community Services Department.

H-2.

ADOPT a resolution in support of recommending that the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) adopt the strongest health and safety protections in its amendments to BAAQMD Regulation 6, Rule 5 on Particulate Emissions from Petroleum Refinery Fluidized Catalytic Cracking Units - Councilmember Martinez (620-6593)

Jim Nantell
Interim Library and Community Service Director
650 274-9941

From: Deborah Bayer [mailto:dbayer49@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2021 4:14 PM
To: Jim Nantell
Subject: Fwd: Ítem H2 onCouncil Agenda 2/16/21

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From: **Deborah Bayer** <dbayer49@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Feb 15, 2021 at 4:12 PM
Subject: Ítem H2 onCouncil Agenda 2/16/21
To: jim_nantel@ci.richmond.ca.gov <jim_nantel@ci.richmond.ca.gov>

Please pull Item H2 from the consent calendar. I feel there needs to be a discussion. Feel free to call me if you have any questions. 510-685-5999 Debbie Bayer

From: [TRAC](#)
To: [Claudia Jimenez](#); [Eduardo Martinez](#); [Melvin Willis](#); [Gayle McLaughlin](#); [Nat Bates](#); [Tom Butt - external](#); [Demnlus Johnson](#)
Cc: [Laura Snideman](#); [Jim Nantell](#); [Lori Reese-Brown](#); [City Clerk Dept](#); [Bruce Brubaker](#); [Mike Nilsson](#)
Subject: :Public Comments - Agenda Item H-3 F2B2G Plan
Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 7:12:33 AM

Mayor Butt and City Councillors.

Please approve the recommended resolution of Consent Calendar Item H-3 adopting the Ferry to Bridge to Greenway Complete Streets Plan.

Funded by a Caltrans' Sustainable Communities Transportation Planning Grant, this plan was developed through extensive public outreach and input to lay out a blueprint for making bicycling and walking more attractive and safer between the Richmond-San Francisco Ferry Terminal, the Richmond Greenway and the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge Trail. Carrying out the F2B2G Plan also will make it more attractive to walk and bicycle between neighborhoods such as the Iron Triangle, Atchison Village, Point Richmond, Santa Fe, Coronado, & Marina Bay and to reach employment centers such as Chevron Richmond Refinery and destinations such as Downtown Richmond and the Richmond BART Station.

Implementation of this important plan will increase healthy active transportation and reduce use of automobiles with attendant reduction of traffic and lower emissions of air pollutants and greenhouse gases. By encouraging cycling and walking, it also will alleviate the need to create more parking for patrons of the Richmond-San Francisco ferry service.

Please adopt agenda item H-3 by Consent.

Bruce

Bruce Beyaert, TRAC Chair

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<http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/109/TRAC>

Photos: <https://sfbaytrailinrichmond.shutterfly.com/pictures/5> .

From: [Ben Montclair](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept](#)
Subject: Public comments -- agenda item #H-8, #H-10
Date: Monday, February 15, 2021 8:02:02 AM

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Ben Montclair
Marina Bay

From: [Jeannette Kortz](#)
To: [Gayle McLaughlin](#); [richcityservant](#); [claudia jimenez](#); [Melvin Willis](#); [Demnlus Johnson](#); [Nat Bates](#); [Tom Butt - external](#)
Cc: [City Clerk Dept](#)
Subject: Public Comment - Agenda Item H-8
Date: Monday, February 15, 2021 4:51:29 PM

Dear City Council,

I support Council member Gayle McLaughlin's agenda item to adopt a resolution in support of reaching the goal of 100% zero emission new vehicle sales in California by 2030.

This would send a clear message to the rest of the state that Richmond is on board with this goal.

While we have the goliath Chevron refinery in our city, it will show that the Richmond community will not tolerate the negative environmental and health consequences of the fossil fuel industry.

Support a Just Transition.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Jeanne Kortz

From: [Cordell Hindler](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept](#)
Subject: Public Comments I-1 Budget Session
Date: Thursday, February 11, 2021 9:12:00 PM

hello Sabrina, i have reviewed the Presentation and the staff has done an exquisite job, so i am asking that the council to adopt the Resolution as submitted

Sincerely
Cordell

From: [Alex Werth](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept](#)
Subject: Public Comments - Agenda Item J-1
Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 11:50:54 AM

Dear Members of the Richmond City Council,

My name is Alex Werth, and I'm a member of the Policy Team at East Bay Housing Organizations. With over 400 individual and organizational members, EBHO works to promote housing security across Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. **On behalf of our members, I encourage you to advance a true moratorium on all residential evictions, with a narrow exception in cases that present an imminent and severe threat to public health and safety.**

EBHO's geographical scope gives us a unique perspective on the impacts of housing policies across jurisdictional lines, especially between Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. As noted in the KOED research, **residents of Contra Costa are over 16 times as likely to be evicted during this pandemic than their neighbors just across the county line.** This difference is due to the fact that Alameda County prohibits evictions in all but the most serious instances. Contra Costa, on the other hand, continues to allow a dozen different causes of action for eviction to proceed--including many minor and no-fault evictions. These needless loopholes have allowed bad-actor landlords to skirt state and local law by evicting households who have been unable to pay their rent due to COVID-19, and thus qualify for protection under the current moratoria.

Closing these loopholes is a matter of common sense. In terms of transmitting COVID-19, the threats of more people living on the street or in overcrowded apartments are far greater than allowing people to stay in their homes. But this policy is also a matter of racial and gender justice. Nationwide, Black and Latinx women--who experience the worst rates of discrimination in the housing market--are far more likely than their White and male counterparts to experience eviction, even under non-emergency conditions.

Therefore, in the interest of housing security, public health, and equity, we urge you to enact a moratorium on all residential evictions except in the most severe cases.

Thank you.

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Alex Werth | Policy Associate
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From: [Al M](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept](#); [Laura Snideman](#); [Lina Velasco](#); [Teresa Stricker](#)
Cc: [Gayle McLaughlin](#); [claudia jimenez](#); [Demnlus Johnson](#); [Nat Bates](#); [Eduardo Martinez](#); [Melvin Willis](#); [Tom Butt - external](#)
Subject: Public Comment – Item J-1 Eviction Protections for Richmond Residential Renters
Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 12:56:44 PM

To the City Clerk, City Manager, City Attorney, Community Developer Director, Mayor and Council Members:

I offer my full support to the resolution brought on the agenda by Councilmembers Gayle McLaughlin and Melvin Willis to protect Richmond residential renters from eviction.

The City of Richmond must protect its residents and ensure that they stay housed and their health and safety is not jeopardized due to the COVID-19 pandemic we are still suffering from.

Cordially,

Alix Mazuet
Richmond Resident and Property Owner

From: [Jeannette Kortz](#)
To: [Melvin Willis](#); [Gayle McLaughlin](#); [richcityservant](#); [claudia jimenez](#); [Demnlus Johnson](#); [Nat Bates](#); [Tom Butt - external](#)
Cc: [City Clerk Dept](#); [Teresa Stricker](#); [Laura Snideman](#)
Subject: Public Comment - Agenda Item J-1 Protection for Renters
Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 11:41:14 AM

Dear City Council Members,

I am writing this in support of Gayle McLaughlin's and Melvin Willis' agenda item to discuss and direct staff to explore options for additional eviction protections for Richmond residential renters during the local state of emergency due to COVID-19 so as to preserve the public health and safety threatened by COVID and to keep residents housed.

This pandemic has put residents/renters into situations where they have lost their jobs, or their hours have been cut back resulting in a loss of income. These people need rental/eviction protections so that when the pandemic is finally under control, they can resume their livelihoods and pay their rent as they had in the past. Throwing people out of their homes and adding to the unhoused population is no solution. It causes a yet bigger problem.

Also, seniors and the disabled should be protected from evictions during this pandemic.

I am a Richmond homeowner, but I care about my neighbors and fellow residents who are renters. They should not be evicted from their homes because of the hardships caused by this pandemic.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Jeanne Kortz
Richmond Homeowner Since 2006

From: [Adey Teshager](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept](#)
Subject: public comments agenda item J2
Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 12:32:07 PM

Good morning city clerk

My name is adey teshager, a i am a richmond resident emailing in full support of council members eduardo martinez and claudia jimenez for a just transition plan for richmond ca. its painfully clear that we must have an immediate plan to transition out of our toxic corporate relationships and the time is now and we should not miss this opportunity to lead our communities into the future!

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ADEY TESHAGER

From: [Cecilia Lucas](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept](#)
Subject: Public Comment - Agenda Item #J2
Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 2:29:34 PM

Good evening. My name is Cecilia Lucas, and I am a Richmond resident. I live across the street from the Chevron refinery.

This oil spill is only the most recent visible environmental disaster caused by Chevron. The fact that the refinery was allowed to stay in operation after the devastating 2012 fire led to the inevitability of this moment, and more events like this will continue to occur, as long as we continue with business as usual.

Beyond these major events, though, there is the slower damage being caused to all living beings, every day, as a result of the pollution of the refinery, and our reliance on fossil fuels more generally.

In addition to thoroughly cleaning up this spill, Chevron needs to provide reparatory payments that support the city of Richmond in transitioning away from fossil fuels in a just way.

Chevron has profited off of this community, even as their PR machine tries to tell us that their presence benefits us through taxes and jobs. If the presence of a refinery in your neighborhood were a net benefit, though, you'd be seeing them in rich white neighborhoods, not in low-income communities of color, where they contribute to disproportionately high rates of asthma, cancer, and other environmental illnesses.

The crisis we are facing at the planetary level has already made it abundantly clear that we need to close all refineries and shift away from fossil fuels. Let's not wait till we hit rock bottom to do this, or until it is too late to do anything at all. I urge the council to develop a plan that enables the city to close down this refinery as part of a just transition to a green regenerative economy.

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Cecilia Cissell Lucas
Faculty Member, UC Berkeley
Founder, Creating Freedom Movements: more justice, more joy
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"dedicate yourself to transforming perceptions of reality, and thus the conditions of
life" (guiding words from Gloria Anzaldúa)

From: [George Speckman](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept](#)
Subject: public comments agenda item #J2
Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 8:19:33 AM

The Chevron oil spill into the bay last week is only the latest in a long series of devastating environmental polluting events into the air, soil, and water of Richmond and the region. **It is vital that Chevron is held accountable for this event, not only by sufficiently cleaning up the spill, but by giving back to the community** in compensation for the damage this has caused to our fragile ecosystems and the damage it is doing to plant, animal, and human life and well-being.

The Chevron refinery is also the second largest emitter of Carbon Dioxide in the State of California, actively contributing to the global ecological catastrophe that is underway and will only become more severe. **This emission cannot continue.**

Clearly, it is time for a just transition. **It is inevitable that the Chevron refinery will close soon. We must ensure that the process by which it closes is swift and just.** These items should be part of that just transition:

1.
Setting regular meetings to plan our Just Transition
2.
Ensuring a complete clean-up of soil and water across all of Chevron's 2900 acres in Richmond
3.
Prioritizing health services for residents who have suffered environmental health impacts
4.
Developing a restorative economy, including green jobs and other well-paid employment opportunities, for Chevron workers and workers of the supporting economy (from other industries who have contracted with the fossil fuel industry or provided service to refinery workers).
5.
Making reparative investments to Black, Indigenous and People of Color communities that have been historically and disproportionately harmed by the fossil fuel industry

6.
Supporting the City as it replaces tax revenues historically funded by
Chevron

7.
Identifying funding sources for these Just Transition efforts.

George Speckman
Richmond Resident

From: [Jeannette Kortz](#)
To: [Gayle McLaughlin](#); [claudia jimenez](#); [richcityservant](#); [Melvin Willis](#); [Demnlus Johnson](#); [Nat Bates](#); [Tom Butt - external](#)
Cc: [City Clerk Dept](#); [Laura Snideman](#)
Subject: Public Comment - Agenda Item J-2
Date: Sunday, February 14, 2021 2:09:11 PM

Dear Richmond City Council Members,

I am writing in support of Agenda Item J-2, "DIRECT staff to request representatives from the Chevron Richmond Refinery, the United States Coast Guard, San Francisco Baykeeper, California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, and the Office of Spill Recovery and Response attend the Richmond City Council meeting on February 23, 2021, to present reports on the causes, responses and probable impacts of the spill incident on February 9, 2021, and coordinate with these agencies to be prepared to present monthly updated reports on the spill incident to inform the council of causal reports and remediation activities required of Chevron by the agencies -Councilmember Jimenez (620-6565)."

This latest oil spill occurring on February 9, 2021 is one of the many horrible incidents, including the many recent incidents of flaring, that have occurred during my residence in Richmond. I have lived in Richmond since 2006. I remember the day of August 6, 2012, which was scary, infuriating, and affected not only the people of Richmond, but other cities in the SF Bay Area as well. I thought to myself, why is Chevron so laissez faire about the upkeep of their 100 plus year old refinery? Why do they not care about the environment or the community?

Sure, they donate to various Richmond charitable organizations, but this does not give them license to pollute and endanger us, nor make up for the harm and expense they have caused our community and the environment.

It continues to this day, the latest awful incident occurring on February 9th, 2021. Where is the accountability? Why was this not attended to immediately?

With the dangers of fossil fuels contributing to climate change, the endangering wildlife and people's lives, where fossil fuel companies are losing money as people transition to electric vehicles, where sustainable energy provides many more jobs than what the fossil fuel industry provides, it's time for a Just Transition. This would ensure a complete cleanup of soil and water on all of Chevron's 2900 acres.

If Chevron transitions to a green energy economy model, it will provide green jobs and other well-paid employment opportunities for Chevron's employees. It will also provide reparative investments to communities of color that have been disproportionately affected by Chevron's pollution and accidents. It would support

the City as it replaces tax revenues historically funded by Chevron, and would identify funding sources for these Just Transition efforts.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Jeanne Kortz
Richmond Resident

From: [Nayeli Maxson Velazquez](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept](#)
Subject: Public comments: Agenda item #J-2
Date: Monday, February 15, 2021 12:07:33 PM

I am writing regarding agenda item #J-2, to express my anger and outrage in the aftermath of this spill. I stand with all community members demanding facts about the spill's cause and impact.

To put an end to this environmental degradation and to the ensuing negative health impacts for the community, I ask that the city council direct staff to start working on a plan for a just transition in Richmond. It is important that the city council make its plans clear today, with representatives from Chevron, the Coast Guard, SF Baykeeper, California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, and the Office of Spill Recovery and Response present.

I will also be submitting a comment with strong support for the Council recommending the BAAQMD adopt the strongest refinery emissions ("cat cracker") rule.

Thank you.
Nayeli Maxson Velázquez

From: [Noël Rohayem](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept](#)
Subject: Public comments agenda #J-2
Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 10:59:39 AM

The Chevron oil spill on February 9 is one of many hazardous incidents that have occurred in Richmond. The refinery is also the second-largest source of greenhouse gases in all of California. Chevron must be held accountable for the disproportionate harm done to our BIPOC communities in Richmond.

Sent from my iPhone

From: saratheiss@aol.com
To: [City Clerk Dept](#)
Subject: Public Comment, Agenda Item J2, 2/16/2021 City Council Meeting
Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 12:37:13 PM

Dear Council members,

As a Richmond resident, I write in support of Councilmember Jimenez's proposal to direct staff to request representatives from the Chevron Richmond Refinery, the United States Coast Guard, San Francisco Baykeeper, California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, and the Office of Spill Recovery and Response attend the Richmond City Council meeting on February 23, 2021, to present reports on the causes, responses and probable impacts of the spill incident on February 9, 2021, and coordinate with these agencies to be prepared to present monthly updated reports on the spill incident to inform the council of causal reports and remediation activities.

I further urge the council to begin preparing for the closure of the Chevron refinery, which is inevitable given economic forces and the necessities of the ongoing climate disaster. I am thrilled that Richmond has a chance to do right by assuring that Chevron cleans up its mess, that the community receives recompense for the decades of ill health caused by Chevron's toxic emissions, and that workers in Richmond as well as Chevron workers can transition to clean, well-paid jobs. This is a historic opportunity for Richmond to shine and I knew we can do it.

Sincerely,

Sara Theiss
Richmond CA