

RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, September 28, 2021

The Richmond City Council Regular Meeting was called to order at 6:30 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). dd

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.

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*Written public comments were received via email to cityclerkdept@ci.richmond.ca.us. Comments received by 1:00 p.m. on September 28, 2021, were 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 Nathaniel Bates, Claudia Jimenez, Eduardo Martinez, Gayle McLaughlin, Melvin Willis, Vice Mayor Johnson III, and Mayor Thomas K. Butt. **Absent:** None.

PUBLIC COMMENT INSTRUCTIONAL VIDEO

The Public Comment Instructional Video was shown.

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

AGENDA REVIEW

Items J-1 and J-2 were removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion after Open Forum. Item L-6 was moved for discussion after Items L-1 and L-2.

REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Laura Snideman announced that California Clean Air Day was on Wednesday, October 6, 2021, and invited the community to a lunchtime community bike ride at the Community Center at 139 Washington Avenue at 11:45 a.m. Ms. Snideman also announced that Spooky Sips, a virtual wine tasting fundraiser

benefiting the Richmond Promise scholarship fund, would be held on October 29, 2021.

RECENT CRIME REPORT FROM POLICE CHIEF

Assistant Police Chief Louie Tirona, reported the following activity: one assault with a firearm; 12 firearm recoveries, eight robberies, seven domestic violence cases, two sexual assaults, and 19 shots fired calls. Assistant Chief Tirona also reported that year to date there had been 75 shooting incidents, with 61 people injured, and 15 homicides. There was a police vehicle that was vandalized during a sideshow incident.

ABATEMENT REPORT FROM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Public Works Director Joe Leach reported on the cleanup activities conducted at the “Targetville” location on September 26, 2021.

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The following individuals gave comments via teleconference:

Mark Wassberg stated there was an individual living in an RV parked on 25th Street and Nevin Avenue that was there for months that should be removed.

Don Gosney stated that Botz Dotz were expensive to install as a preventive measure for sideshow activity.

Tarnel Abbott stated that the unhoused individuals who were camped on South 49th Street near Seaport Avenue should be relocated due to the toxicity at the Zeneca site.

Jonathan Livingston stated he would like to discuss Design Review Board matters with Councilmembers Martinez and McLaughlin.

Naomi Williams stated that Blues in the Park event was a success and thanked Councilmember McLaughlin and others for attending.

Councilmember McLaughlin asked that Jonathan Livingston try to reconnect with them to discuss Design Review Board issues.

Deborah Bayer stated that 900 Hello Fresh workers would have a union election and asked for support from the city and community.

Councilmember Martinez stated Robert’s Rules of Order allowed a motion to call speakers out of order due to abusive behavior and crude language.

CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

J-1. The matter to adopt a resolution approving a successor collective bargaining agreement between the city and the General Employees Bargaining Unit represented by SEIU Local 1021 and

direct the city manager or designee to update the publicly available salary schedule with the adopted wage increases during the term of the collective bargaining agreement was presented by Human Resource Director Marc Fox. Discussion ensued. Councilmember Bates expressed concern regarding the agreement due to the city's financial situation with large expenditure with a limited amount of revenue. City Manager Laura Snideman replied that the agreement was necessary in order to attract and retain its best and most productive employees. The following individuals gave comments via teleconference: Sean Staulbaum, Don Gosney, Mark Wassberg, Tarnel Abbott, and David Cassidy. On motion of Councilmember McLaughlin, seconded by Councilmember Martinez approved the item and adopted **Resolution No. 111-21** by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Jimenez, Martinez, McLaughlin, Willis, and Vice Mayor Johnson III. **Noes:** Councilmember Bates and Mayor Butt. **Absent:** None. **Abstain:** None.

J-2. The matter to adopt a resolution approving a successor collective bargaining agreement between the city and the Mid-Managers Association represented by IFPTE Local 21 and direct the city manager or designee to update the publicly available salary schedule with the adopted wage increases during the term of the collective bargaining agreement. Councilmember Bates stated that salaries should reflect revenue available. Mayor Butt stated concern for committing to compensation when possible future salary increases based on the city's salary survey were unknown. The following individuals gave comments via teleconference: Yvette Williams, Kimberlyn Carson-Thrower, John Varga, Mark Wassberg, Tarnel Abbott, and David Cassidy. On motion of Councilmember McLaughlin, seconded by Councilmember Willis, approved the item and adopted **Resolution No. 112-21** by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Jimenez, Martinez, McLaughlin, Willis, and Vice Mayor Johnson III. **Noes:** Councilmember Bates and Mayor Butt. **Absent:** None. **Abstain:** None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

K-1. The matter to hold a public hearing to adopt a resolution to rename South Street to Ethel Dotson South as recommended by the Recreation and Parks Commission at its June 2, 2021, regular meeting was presented. The public hearing was published for the September 21, 2021, City Council Meeting, but was inadvertently omitted. Mayor Butt declared the public hearing open. The following individuals gave comments: Naomi Williams, Tarnel Abbott, Mark Wassberg, and Kariti Dotson. Mayor Butt closed the public hearing. On motion of Councilmember Martinez, seconded by Councilmember Willis adopted **Resolution No. 113-21** by the unanimous vote of the City Council.

STUDY AND ACTION SESSION

L-1. The matter to receive a presentation from staff to discuss and answer questions regarding potential or actual restrictions on sanitary sewer hookups in Point Richmond was presented by Mayor Butt and Public Works Director Joe Leach. Discussion ensued. The building permit was stopped, and the developer was told to figure out a different routing. Jim Hanson and Eric Von Hippel gave comments via teleconference. The City Council requested that this matter be expedited and requested additional information on whether property owners could pump into a different main.

L-2. The matter to direct staff to develop an ordinance amending the Richmond Municipal Code to regulate permanent encroachments by adjacent property owners, such as fencing, and landscaping improvements was presented by Mayor Butt. Discussion ensued. The property owner on Western drive across from Keller Beach built a fence and enclosed about two thirds of the street right of way. The owner requested an encroachment agreement, which was subsequently granted. Eli Berland and Mark Wassberg gave comments via teleconference. A motion made by Mayor Butt, seconded by Vice Mayor Johnson III, to direct staff to draft an ordinance amending the Richmond Municipal Code to regulate permanent encroachments by adjacent property owners, such as fencing, and landscaping improvements passed by the unanimous vote of the City Council.

L-3. The matter to receive a presentation from leaders of the Richmond Rapid Response Fund (R3F) on impact and activities was presented by Executive Director of Ed Fund West Jasmine Jones and Program Officer of the Richmond Rapid Response Fund Jessica Travenia. The PowerPoint presentation highlighted the following: Collective Intelligence and Community Collaboration; Priority Areas and Goals; Demographic Data; Disbursement Areas; Lessons learned; Community Engagement and Planning; Fundraising; and Crisis Recovery.

L-4. The matter to receive a presentation and PROVIDE input on the development of a city-wide Community Benefits Policy was presented by Deputy City Manager Shasa Curl and Renne Public Law Group representatives Julian Gross and Taliah Mirmalek. The PowerPoint presentation highlighted the following: Categories of Community Benefits Policies and Initiatives; Current City Policies; Community Benefits Negotiation Policies; Local Employment Program; Living Wage Ordinance; Green Building Requirements; Ban the Box; Business Opportunity; Environmentally preferable Purchasing; Transportation Demand Management; Vacant Property; Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts; Community Facilities Districts; Community Benefits Districts; and Landscape Analysis. The next stakeholder Community Input Sessions were scheduled for October 13, 2021, at 6 p.m. and on October 14, 2021, at 12 p.m. Discussion ensued. The City Council requested that threshold language was included regarding community input on the policy and that preference was given to projects that included low and very low-income housing, if possible. Don Gosney, Bobbi Lopez, and Ruscal Cayangyang gave comments via teleconference.

L-5. The matter to receive a presentation from PG&E regarding power outages in Richmond was presented by Senior Management of Government Relations Darin Cline. Mr. Cline's , who presented a PowerPoint presentation highlighted the following: Safety; Insulator Washing Program; Moisture and Contaminant Build-Up; Ignition and Fire Risk; Lack of Heavy Rainfall; Targeting Critical Areas; Yearly and Monthly Rainfall in Richmond. Discussion ensued. Individuals that required uninterrupted power due to operation of medical equipment was available by registering through the Medical Baseline Program. The matter would return to the City Council for an outage update and a future infrastructure plan.

(11:00 p.m. - A motion by Councilmember Willis, seconded by Councilmember Jimenez, to extend the meeting to complete Item L-5, passed by the unanimous vote of the city council). Leisa Johnson gave comments via teleconference.

L-6. The matter to receive a presentation by Soheila Bana from 94803 Emergency Preparedness Alliance, a group of residents in both incorporated and unincorporated Richmond/El Sobrante area with that shared zip code, who along with other community groups emphasize on the need for a regional wildfire prevention plan, and adopt a City of Richmond resolution that resolves to make staff available to participate in negotiations and meetings to consider formation of a regional Vegetation Management Joint Powers Agency (EBVMJPA) to address fire safety in the East Bay Area was presented by Councilmember McLaughlin and Soheila Bana. The PowerPoint presentation highlighted the following: Plan Development; Raise Funds; Create Programs; Protect Area; Fire Severity Map; AB-9 Approval; Potential Member Jurisdictions. The following individuals gave comments via teleconference: Susan Piper, Jon Kaufman, and Mark Wassberg. Discussion ensued. Concern arose that funding was not identified for the JPA and there was no identified list of what was going to be accomplished with the JPA. On motion of Councilmember McLaughlin, seconded by Councilmember Jimenez adopted **Resolution No.114-21**, and that the city participate in the negotiations and meetings to consider formation of a regional JPA to address fire safety in the east bay area, and that the city manager assign which staff person would participate by the unanimous vote of the city council.

L-7. Deferred the matter to announce recent resignation from City of Richmond boards, commissions, and committees; and announce vacancies as of September 22, 2021, and ask that interested individuals send applications to the city clerk to a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:04 p.m., to meet again on Tuesday, October 5, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.

Clerk of the City of Richmond

(SEAL)

Approved:

Mayor

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good evening Mayor Butt, Council members and City Staff, I have a couple of comments for the Record

1. I am proposing that the council should consider reinstating the standing committees to go over the budget for next Fiscal year

2. the council is invited to a performance of Our Town at Contra Costa civic Theater, October 1st-31st

Adults 35.00 dollars

youth 15.00 dollars

Sincerely
Cordell

From: [TARNEL ABBOTT](mailto:TARNEL.ABBOTT)
To: [City Clerk Dept User: Laura Snideman](mailto:City.Clerk.Dept.User:Laura.Snideman)
Subject: Fwd: Dust/ odor Zeneca
Date: Tuesday, September 28, 2021 7:10:08 PM

What I read at public forum please include in written record/minutes

----- Original Message -----

From: TARNEL ABBOTT <tarnelabbott@comcast.net>
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Date: 09/28/2021 3:49 PM
Subject: Fwd: Dust/ odor Zeneca

City Council members, I am sharing with you this note (below) which I sent to DTSC, because I thought you might help relocate the houseless people who are camped on South 49th St. near Seaport Ave. 5,000 cubic yards of some of the worst toxics on the planet are being excavated just feet from where these people are camped. Sheltering in place when the wind picks up is hardly an option for a tent dweller.

Tarnel Abbott
Richmond Resident

----- Original Message -----

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Date: 09/28/2021 3:35 PM
Subject: Dust/ odor Zeneca

After a community member who was working near the Zeneca/former Stauffer Chemical AKA Campus Bay excavation site complained about seeing dust and smelling a strong odor, I drove to the intersection of Seaport Ave and So. 49th St. I smelled a strong strange gassy odor. I did talk to someone from Bay Area Air Quality Management District- he thought the smell was due to a fire in a grill in front of homeless person's tent. I walked over to where a woman in a wheelchair was grilling some food. Her tent is right at the fence line within a few feet of the excavated dirt piles. Most of

the piles are covered with plastic except one which has a large amount of exposed dirt as you will see in one of the attached photos.

When I was near the grill/fire it smelled like smoke, not the same smell as what I first noticed. I think DTSC should post large warning signs on the fence telling the public what they should do if they see dust or smell odors.

Tarnel Abbott, Member At Large, Richmond South Shoreline Area Community Advisory Group





From: [TARNEL ABBOTT](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept User](#); [Gayle McLaughlin](#); [Eduardo Martinez](#); mrmelvinwillis@gmail.com
Subject: Agenda Item K1- Ethel Dotson South
Date: Tuesday, September 28, 2021 8:22:54 PM

For the record:

Ethel Dotson Presente!

Ethel Dotson was a founding member of the Richmond South Richmond Shoreline Area Community Advisory Committee (RSSA CAG) which was formed in 2005 to ensure a residential level cleanup of the Astra/zeneca /former Stauffer Chemical site now called Campus Bay . Tonight in city council we have heard a lot about air quality and cumulative impacts and yet not one thing about the toxic waste dump left on our south shoreline by Astra Zeneca that Ethel fought so hard to get clean up which remains a pox on the land that Ethel so f

Ethel Dotson: Presente!

How I miss you MY SISTER

My beautiful sister, so honored to be called your sister by you

Ethel, my beautiful sister

proud of carriage

beautifully coiffed

reflecting African heritage

Sister Ethel

fire in the heart

I will always feel your presence

woman warrior

for environmental and social justice

Sister Ethel

May the Orishas hold you in their hearts

Ife Effe Yoruba African roots spiritual legacy

Ethel Dotson Presente!

lovingly

sister Tarnel Abbott

From: [Jim Hanson](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept User](#)
Cc: [Laura Snideman](#); [Irene Lozano](#)
Subject: Public comments - L - 1
Date: Tuesday, September 28, 2021 1:22:30 PM

Members of the Council,

Council members, as you know, the proposed big SunCal condo development for Pt. Molate would require sewer line construction though Pt. Richmond's residential streets in the general area cited in the Mayor's sewer line item L-1.

Please ask staff to also include information on the plans and location of SunCal's Pt. Molate sewer line in any city discussion related to this item.

Thank you.

Background:

Item K-3 submitted by Mayor Butt asks for a presentation from staff regarding actual and potential restrictions on sanitary sewer hookups on some unbuilt parcels in Pt. Richmond.

As you know, major sewer line construction into Pt. Richmond is part of the SunCal development deal on Pt. Molate which was approved at the end of 2020 on a 4-2-1 vote (Butt, Bates, Choi, Johnson yes, - Martinez, Willis no, - Myrick absent).

Issues have been raised about the skewed development agreement associated with his Council vote, and the direct and indirect infrastructure costs it could put on all City tax and rate payers.

Any discussion of waste water service in Pt. Richmond, including for unbuilt parcels in Pt. Richmond, needs to also include information on the plans and location for planned Pt. Molate sewer line construction though Pt. Richmond's residential streets. Services and costs originating from SunCal's proposed development needs to be kept separate from services and cost of serving current Richmond residents. Ongoing full disclosure can at least help the Council and the public to separate these costs and responsibilities.

thank you,

Jim Hanson
Richmond

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09/24/21

Public Comment for the Regular City Council Meeting Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at 6:30PM.
Agenda Item # L-2

Hello,

My name is Eli Berland. I live in Richmond at 130 E. Scenic Ave.

I applied for an encroachment permit to build a fence in the city ROW in front of my home. The application was submitted, and accepted by the city. The notice letter to neighbors was being drafted by engineering, when I got an email from the public works department notifying me that our application was suspended pending the mayor's proposal.

I believe that this proposed ordinance is directed at me. The mayor lives on my street, and has from the very beginning of this project attempted to block my efforts to improve the area (making it safer for pedestrians and drivers) . My proposal includes a safe refuge area for pedestrians to step off the road, which does not currently exist. There is only a steep embankment for pedestrians to face if a car is coming down the street.

I have no opposition to public comment or hearing on my project. However, I do not understand why my application has been suspended, pending the mayor's proposed ordinance. I believe this is a denial of fundamental fairness and treating all Richmond citizens equally. I would hope that the city council would direct the appropriate powers that my application be processed now, and that it should not have to wait for the potentially long debate process of the mayor's proposal.

Thank you for your time

Eli Berland



Eli Berland
Principal

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To Whom it may Concern,

Please support a Resolution with regards to an East Bay JPA for Vegetation Management and Wildfire Prevention, item L-6.

We are concerned of the possibility of a severe wildfire which could sweep the entire 94803 area and City of Richmond by ember storm! Such a JPA would have a uniform code for vegetation management to all property owners, from City and County to EBRPD and EBMUD and private owners. Moreover, the JPA will be eligible for grants, and more. It is our best chance for Wildfire prevention.

Thank you for your serious consideration of our email.

Best,
Alan & Simone Odom

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Dear Richmond City Council Members:

As a many-year resident of Richmond (May Valley, 94803), I am writing to urge you to support a resolution with regards to establishing an East Bay Joint Powers Authority for Vegetation Management and Wildfire Prevention, item L-6.

With the ongoing drought conditions and the terrible fires that have faced other communities in California recently, it is time for the Council to act to help prevent a disastrous wildfire in this area of Richmond. We need for a regional wildfire prevention plan.

It is critical that the Council adopt a City of Richmond resolution that makes staff available to participate in negotiations and meetings to consider formation of a regional Vegetation Management Joint Powers Agency (EBVMJPA) to address fire safety.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,
Amy Dunn

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Please support a Resolution with regards to an East Bay JPA for Vegetation Management and Wildfire Prevention, item L-6". The amount of dead brush, trees and poison oak is unbelievable in the City of Richmond space behind our homes.

Thank you,

Ann & Markku Ratilainen

Thunderhead Ct, 94803

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(510) 604-0827 mobile

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Please support a Resolution with regards to an East Bay Joint Powers Authority for Vegetation Management and Wildfire Prevention item L-6.

I see much dead flammable vegetation in and around my neighborhood which is very concerning.

THank you,

Athena Craig 94803 homeowner

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Greetings Richmond City Council,

As a resident and homeowner in Richmond/El Sobrante area, I appreciate the opportunity to share my comments regarding the **need for** a Regional Wildfire Prevention Plan.

I would like to express my family's support for the proposed **East Bay Wildfire Prevention and Vegetation Joint Powers Agency (JPA)**.

I respectfully request the Richmond City Council please consider and support a Resolution regarding an East Bay JPA for Vegetation Management and Wildfire Prevention, item # L-6 on the Agenda.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this very timely and important safety issue.

Regards,
Dina Taylor

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To whom it may concern,

Please support a Resolution with regards to an East Bay JPA for Vegetation Management and Wildfire Prevention, item L-6

Thank you,
Erica Backus
4032 Archery Way
El Sobrante 94803

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Please support a Resolution with regards to an East Bay JPA for Vegetation Management and Wildfire Prevention, item L-6.

Thanks.

Erin Addiego

From: [Jacqueline VanLiew](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept User](#)
Subject: Public comments agenda item # L- 6
Date: Tuesday, September 28, 2021 7:17:28 AM

Hello,

I'm a homeowner in the 94803 zip code and I would like to request the council to please support a Resolution with regards to an East Bay JPA for Vegetation Management and Wildfire Prevention, item L-6.

Thank you!

Best wishes,
Jacqui VanLiew

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Please support a Resolution with regards to an East Bay JPA for Vegetation Management and Wildfire Prevention, item L-6

An east bay JPA is urgently needed in order to address the exceptionally high fire risk posed by the wildland urban interface - particularly within the hills of El Sobrante and Richmond.

In general, these neighborhoods represent a lower-income area that has historically been underserved. Lot sizes tend to be large, wooded, and many are neglected. Residents often lack the funds needed to properly manage their properties, which is exacerbated by increased costs associated with maintaining sloping lots. Properties in the hills are heavily wooded (a combination of oaks and pines), with extensive invasive (and highly flammable) species such as scotch broom. More oversight and intervention is needed in order to bring properties into compliance. People who choose to live at the wildland urban interface tend to value privacy and nature. Unfortunately, some homeowners fall strongly into the "privacy" camp - and are resistant to reasonable interventions that are in the best interest of public health and safety. Greater community organizing and support from our local government (in the form of a JPA) is needed in order to ensure that we are doing everything we can to reduce the risk of wildfire in the east bay.

thank you

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Dear Richmond City Council Members,

I am writing to request your support for a resolution with regards to an East Bay Joint Powers Agency (JPA) for Vegetation Management and Wildfire Prevention, Item L-6. I live in Richmond near the border of an East Bay Regional Park (Kennedy Grove/San Pablo Dam Reservoir) which is filled with vegetation and huge PG & E power lines. There are numerous areas of dead trees and overgrown vegetation in my neighborhood. We are intertwined with County property and Regional Park property which makes it difficult to have the wildfire issues addressed by any one entity. I think it behooves us to form a regional JPA to address fire safety in our area. Please vote to have Richmond join the efforts for formation of an East Bay JPA.

Sincerely,
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Richmond, CA 94803
510-681-6021

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Please support a Resolution that supports the immediate formation of an East Bay JPA for Vegetation Management and Wildfire Prevention committee, item L-6

Protecting all Richmond residents against the very real threat of wildfire danger in our community should be of paramount and immediate importance for Mayor Butts and all Richmond City Council members.

Karen Peterson, Richmond

From: [Ken Koziol](#)
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Dear City Clerk,

Please support a Resolution with regards to an East Bay JPA for Vegetation Management and Wildfire Prevention, item L-6.

Kenneth Koziol
5928 Amend RD Richmond

From: [Laurent Liscia](#)
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Please support a Resolution with regards to an East Bay JPA for Vegetation Management and Wildfire Prevention, item L-6.

Laurent

From: [Lisa Kokin](#)
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Dear Council Members,

Please support a Resolution with regard to an East Bay JPA for Vegetation Management and Wildfire Prevention, item L-6.

Sincerely,
Lisa Kokin
94803 Resident

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www.lisakokin.com

"I use chance as a discipline." --John Cage

From: [Lori Clawson](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept User](#)
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To Whom It May Concern,

"Please support a Resolution with regards to an East Bay JPA for Vegetation Management and Wildfire Prevention, item L-6".

I feel that we have a chance to save our parks, neighborhoods, businesses, and homes by a united and mandated effort in fire preparedness.

I view the status of our situation as an emergency—with 98% drought, increasing global warming, homeless encampments building camp fires and having fire wars, arsonists, and the Diablo winds.

At my home we've hired gardeners to help overhaul our yard—tree trimming, pruning of bushes, and ground cleanup—it's an affordable and important expenditure.

Through ongoing maintenance ourselves, we hope to be safer and help protect our neighbors, as well!

Best Regards,
Lori Makow Clawson

3411 May Road
El Sobrante, CA
94803

Sent from my iPad

From: [lori scott](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept User](#)
Subject: wildfires
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 8:16:43 PM

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hello, I would like there to be a lot more done to prevent fires This should be one of the top priorities

From: [LOUANA SERGEANT](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept User](#)
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Please support a Resolution with regards to an East Bay JPA for vegetation management and Wildfire Prevention item L-6

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From: [Louise Harris](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept User](#)
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Please support a Resolution with regards to an East Bay JPA for Vegetation Management and Wildfire Prevention, item L-6.

I am very concerned about dead and downed in the EB Regional Parks near my neighborhood which greatly increases fire risk to our area.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Louise Harris

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From: [Marla Miyashiro](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept User](#)
Subject: public comments agenda item #L-6
Date: Tuesday, September 28, 2021 11:13:21 AM

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Dear Richmond City Council,

Please support a resolution with regards to an East Bay JPA for vegetation management and wildfire prevention, item L-6.

The danger of wildfire in Richmond and El Sobrante has never been higher. As a matter of fact, there was a fire on the hillside just two backyards away from mine last month. With the ongoing severe drought and high fuel load, immediate action is needed. Therefore, I respectfully urge you to support the above-mentioned resolution.

Thank you,

Marla Miyashiro
May Valley

From: [Martha Booz](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept User](#)
Subject: Request for Joint Powers Authority
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 1:46:13 PM

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To the City Clerk,

I support the request for the Joint Powers Authority because of the huge wildfire danger for the 94803 zip code area.

There is one row of houses across the street from me, and then the wildlands. It is mostly private property (owned by China-based firms) till the top of the hill.

Thank you for your attention.

Martha L. Booz, Ph.D.
3823 Valley Lane
El Sobrante, CA 94803
510-222-4698

From: [Marya Kurwa](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept User](#)
Subject: Public comments agenda item #L-6
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 4:19:40 PM

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Please support a Resolution with regards to an East Bay JPA for vegetation and Wildfire Prevention , itemL-6. Marya Kurwa

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From: [Oahu View Lot](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept User](#)
Subject: public comments agenda item # L- 6
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Please support a Resolution with regards to an East Bay JPA for Vegetation Management and Wildfire Prevention, item L-6. My neighbors do not clear brush nor trim trees. Ignoring property care is rampant in this very fire prone area of Richmond/El Sobrante. Please save us from these people. Heeeeelp.
MJ Jirik, voting and politically active Richmond resident

From: [Nancy Burke](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept User](#)
Subject: Public comments agenda item # L-6
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 2:39:47 PM

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Please support a resolution with regards to an East Bay JPA for vegetative management and wildfire prevention item L-6.

Sincerely,

Nancy Burke

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Sabrina Lundy

From: Pam Morris <pammorris@me.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 28, 2021 12:54 PM
To: City Clerk Dept User
Cc: Soheila Bana
Subject: public comments agenda item # L- 6

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I am a 29 year resident.. the fire 10 or so years ago when the hillside was on fire required evacuation 11 fire tucks and sir drops of retardant.

With the drought
High winds
Firecrackers and
homeless encampments

WE MUST BE PROACTIVE AND REDUCE FUEL

"Please support a Resolution with regards to an East Bay JPA for Vegetation Management and Wildfire Prevention, item L-6".

There is no Source of Darkness
.... Only absence of LIGHT.

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From: [Pat Collins](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept User](#)
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From: [Randell](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept User](#)
Subject: Public comments agenda item # L- 6
Date: Tuesday, September 28, 2021 12:07:41 PM

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Folks,

Please support a Resolution with regards to an East Bay JPA for Vegetation Management and Wildfire Prevention, item L-6.

Sincerely,

Randell Lee

5760 Skyview Place

Richmond, CA 94803

From: [Ray K](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept User](#)
Subject: L-6. RECEIVE a presentation by Soheila Bana from 94803 Emergency Preparedness Alliance,
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 8:14:01 PM

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Hello City Council Members,

We are in favor of removal of fire fuel (mostly dead trees) from government and public utility owned lands.

We are very strongly Against any City or County edict, order or rule affecting the same for individual Private Homeowners.

THANKS,
Ray Khoury
510-407-1960

From: [Rebecca Chemla](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept User](#)
Subject: Public Comments Agenda Item # L- 6
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Please Please Please

Support a Resolution with regards to an East Bay JPA for Vegetation Management and Wildfire Prevention, item L-6.

From: [serge glushkoff](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept User](#)
Subject: Public Comments agenda item # L- 6.
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Please support the Resolution to form an East Bay JPA for Vegetation Management and Wildfire Prevention, (item L-6-). With proper fire scientists and vegetation ecologists, areas and residents at risk of wildfire will be protected through the oversight of a JPA.

Thank you,

Serge Glushkoff
Richmond 94803 Resident Homeowner since 1998
Environmental Scientist

From: [SUSAN DREXLER-PRICE](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept User](#)
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“Please support a Resolution with regards to an East Bay JPA for Vegetation Management and Wildfire Prevention, item L-6”

Thank You
SUSAN DREXLER-PRICE

From: [Theresa Kobak](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept User](#)
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We need it desperately.

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To: [City Clerk Dept User](#)
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good evening Mayor Butt, council members and City Staff, the update is that I had a conference call with the previous chair of the Youth council and I have been in the process of emailing administration to schedule a presentation to the students on what the youth council does

Sincerely
Cordell