

RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, October 19, 2021

The Richmond City Council Evening Open Session was called to order at 5:00 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, on September 15, 2021, Governor Gavin Newsom issued Assembly Bill 361 that allowed cities to continue to hold public meetings via teleconferencing.

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 Assembly Bill 361, 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> and <http://www.youtube.com/user/KCRTTV>.

*The methods to submit public comment were via mail, email to cityclerkdept@ci.richmond.ca.us, teleconference, and telephone during the meeting. Written comments received by 1:00 p.m. on October 19, 2021, were put into the record and considered before council action. Written comments received after 1:00 p.m. and up until the public comment period on the relevant agenda item closed, were also put into the record. **Attached herewith all written public comments received.***

ROLL CALL

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

CITY COUNCIL

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

SPRAWLDEF et al. v. City of Richmond
North Coast Rivers Alliance et al./Point Molate
Alliance et al. v. City of Richmond

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL -
ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (initiation of litigation
pursuant to paragraph (4) of Subdivision (d) of Government
Code Section 54956.9):

In light of the California Court of Appeals' decision
in Fowler v. City of Lafayette, the City Attorney's
Office attached to the agenda two letters regarding

the amended judgment and various agreements related to Point Molate. These letters provided the existing facts and circumstances for going into closed session on these items pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) and (e)(3).

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
(Government Code Section 54957.6):

Agency Representatives: Laura Snideman, Marc Fox, and Jack Hughes

Employee organizations:

1. SEIU Local 1021 Full-Time and Part-Time Units
2. IFPTE Local 21 Mid-Level Management and Executive Management Units
3. Richmond Police Officers Association
4. Richmond Police Management Association
5. IAFF Local 188
6. Richmond Fire Management Association

PUBLIC COMMENT BEFORE CLOSED SESSION

The following individuals gave comments via teleconference regarding the litigations concerning Point Molate: Jeanne Kortz, Tarnel Abbott, and Sally Tobin.

The Open Session adjourned to Closed Session at 5:08 p.m. Closed Session adjourned at 6:27 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 Jimenez, Martinez, McLaughlin, Vice Mayor Johnson III, and Mayor Butt. **Absent:** Councilmember Bates was absent for the entire meeting. Councilmember Willis arrived after the roll was called.

PUBLIC COMMENT INSTRUCTIONAL VIDEO

The Public Comment Instructional Video was shown.

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

AGENDA REVIEW

Items J-4 and J-6 were continued to the November 2, 2021, City Council meeting. Item J-3 was continued to the October 26, 2021, City Council meeting. Item H-13 was removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion at the end of the agenda. Item J-2 was withdrawn from the agenda.

Mayor Butt ruled to continue Item H-15 for two weeks. On motion of Councilmember McLaughlin, seconded by Councilmember Jimenez, overruled the mayor to allow Item H-15 to remain on the Consent Calendar by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Jimenez, Martinez, McLaughlin, and Willis. **Noes:** Vice Mayor Johnson III and Mayor Butt. **Abstentions:** None. **Absent:** Councilmember Bates.

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

City Attorney Teresa Stricker reported a final decision was made in the matter of the Ninth Circuit appeal in *SPRAWLDEF v. City of Richmond*. The Council approved a motion with a vote of 4-3 (Councilmember Bates, Vice Mayor Johnson III, and Mayor Butt dissented) directing the city attorney not to defend the City of Richmond in the appeal filed in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and instead directed the city attorney to file a brief on behalf of the City of Richmond conceding the points petitioners raised in their brief and joining in the petitioners arguments.

REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Laura Snideman invited the community to participate in a Cannabis Equity Project virtual discussion on October 20, 2021. Ms. Snideman reminded the community to complete the Community Survey no later than October 25, 2021, by visiting: <http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/1871/Community-Surveys>

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The following individuals gave comments via teleconference:

David Sharples, Deborah Bayer, Lily Vasquez, David Reinertson, Jegy Sering, Glenda Mejia, Ben Hadley, and Sonia Bustamante (on behalf of Contra Costa County Supervisor John Gioia) gave comments in support of Item H-15, regarding the Richmond HelloFresh workers union organizing effort.

Tarnell Abbott thanked the Council for its hard deliberations concerning Point Molate. Ms. Abbott gave comments regarding Item H-21, a proclamation declaring October 2021 as Children's Environmental Health Month. Ms. Abbott expressed concerns regarding the Council's decisions regarding development at the Richmond Campus Bay site.

Mark Wassberg gave comments regarding police personnel obeying the law and the Police Department's former and current leadership.

Jennifer Ly and Ahmad Anderson expressed concerns regarding Item J-4, the proposed reorganization of specific departments.

Katrinka Ruk reminded business owners that the City of Richmond's new Measure U Gross Receipts Business License Tax was effective January 1, 2022. Ms. Ruk announced virtual informational meetings were scheduled for October 19-21, 2021.

Marisol Cantu, DeWanda Joseph, Jane Courant, Michael Gilksohn, Roxanne Garza, Itzi Delgado, and Valerie Jameson gave comments regarding Item J-6 in support of Tamisha Torres-Walker and against the proposed removal of Ms. Torres-Walker from the Reimaging Public Safety (RPS) Task Force.

John Varga gave comments in support of Item H-15. Mr. Varga expressed concerns regarding item J-4 and the lack of timely information regarding the matter.

Leisa Johnson requested the Council send a letter of support of protecting the Richmond residents and businesses that would be most impacted by the proposed Marin Municipal Water District Board Intertie Project. Ms. Johnson also requested a response to public inquiries concerning members of the Council turning off their teleconferencing video cameras during City Council meetings.

Carole Johnson, Emily Ross, and Sara Cantor gave comments regarding Item J-6 in support of Tamisha Torres-Walker. Ms. Johnson, Ms. Ross, and Ms. Cantor also gave comments in support of Item H-15. Ms. Johnson gave comments against disrespectful public comments during City Council meetings.

Mitchell Jacobs and Darin Alexander gave comments regarding Item H-15. Mr. Jacobs and Mr. Alexander expressed support for workplace safety. Mr. Jacobs provided an overview of employee benefits and COVID-19 safety measures provided to HelloFresh workers. Mr. Alexander provided an overview of the partnerships and contributions HelloFresh made in the community.

Benjamin Therriault gave comments in support of Item H-15 and requested the City of Richmond's Human Resources Department focus on union relationships. Mr. Therriault urged the public to respect other people's entitlement to due process.

Nikki Beasley gave comments regarding Item J-4 and recommended an analysis of roles, impact, recruitment, onboarding strategy, and an equity lens through the analysis. Ms. Beasley requested more clarification of the recommendation for Item J-6.

Oscar Garcia expressed support for Police Chief Bisa French. Yenny Garcia gave comments regarding the traumatic effects of human trafficking. Mr. and Ms. Garcia also gave comments regarding Item J-6 in support of the community work by Tamisha Torres-Walker. Mr. Garcia recommended that Ms. Torres-Walker considered apologizing for her actions.

Antwon Cloird and Rodney Alamo Brown gave comments in support of Item H-15. Mr. Cloird and Mr. Brown also gave comments regarding Item J-6 in support of Tamisha Torres-Walker. Mr. Cloird and Mr. Brown urged the community to stand in solidarity with Police Chief Bisa French. Mr. Brown thanked all participants of the Soulful Sunday Softball event on October 17, 2021.

Elsa Stevens and Eli Moore gave comments in support of Police Chief Bisa French. Ms. Stevens and Mr. Moore also gave comments regarding Item J-6 in support of Tamisha Torres-Walker. Mr. Moore provided the history of Ms. Torres-Walker's advocacy in Richmond.

Naomi Williams gave comments regarding Item J-6 and expressed concerns that Tamisha Torres-Walker was not a Richmond resident taxpayer.

Norma (last name not stated) recommended the implementation of new rules for the Richmond Safe Return Project and RPS Task Force concerning service calls, complaints, and funding repayments.

Tamisha Torres-Walker gave comments in her defense concerning item J-6. Ms. Torres-Walker also gave comments in support of Item H-15. Ms. Torres-Walker thanked everyone for their support.

Ruscal Cayanyang, Jamie McBean, and Alyssa Kang gave comments regarding Item J-6 in solidarity with Tamisha Torres-Walker. Mr. Cayanyang and Mr. McBean also gave comments in support of Item H-15. Mr. Cayanyang expressed concerns regarding personal attacks and urged accountability for egregious actions.

Mike Parker gave comments regarding Item J-6 in support of Tamisha Torres-Walker. Mr. Parker provided clarification concerning comments made by others regarding the residency of RPS Task Force members and the Police Department's budget.

Hulan Barnett expressed concerns regarding pedestrian safety and reckless driving in the Hilltop area.

Eduardo Martinez, Claudia Jimenez, and Gayle McLaughlin gave comments regarding Item J-6 in support of Tamisha Torres-Walker. Mr. Martinez and Ms. McLaughlin gave comments in support of Item H-15. Ms. McLaughlin gave comments in support of Item H-24, supporting Net Energy Metering.

Tom Butt gave comments regarding the report from the city attorney on final decisions made during the Closed Session. Mr. Butt advised that the Council's decision placed the City of Richmond at risk.

CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion of Councilmember Jimenez, seconded by Vice Mayor Johnson III, 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. **Abstentions:** None. **Absent:** Councilmember Bates.

***H-1.** Received the City of Richmond's Investment and Cash Balance Report for the month of August 2021.

***H-2.** Approved a contract with Shaw Sports Turf to replace the turf at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Turf Field in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 for a contract term beginning July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022.

***H-3.** Adopted **Resolution No. 121-21** authorizing service contracts with three material testing laboratories for 'as-needed' services in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 per contract over a three-year period with an optional two-year extension at \$250,000 per contract.

***H-4.** Adopted **Resolution No. 122-21** authorizing the execution of a sole-source contract to Pogo Park for various services related to the Greening the Yellow Brick Road project.

***H-5.** Rejected the bids received for the Unity Park Trash Enclosure Project and directed staff to re-advertise the project.

***H-6.** Approved the minutes of the September 14, September 21, and September 28, 2021, regular meetings, of the City Council.

***H-7.** Approved a contract with AmeriNat, LLC to provide loan-related services for the Housing Division in an amount not to exceed \$50,000, over three years, with an option to extend the contract for two years.

***H-8.** Approved a Legal Service Agreement with Goldfarb & Lipman LLP in an amount not to exceed \$150,000, to assist the Successor Agency and Housing Division in housing and real estate matters, including regulatory agreements, deeds of trust, loan documents, and disposition of surplus properties, for a term not to exceed June 30, 2023.

***H-9.** Approved and authorized a contract amendment with Advance Crime Scene Restoration. The contract amendment extended the contract end date to December 1, 2022, and increased the total contract amount by \$15,000.

***H-10.** Approved a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Richmond and the Richmond Police Activities League (RPAL) to subsidize RPAL staff and programs, ensuring that academic, athletic, and life-skills services offered by RPAL continued for the period July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$600,000 (\$300,000 annually for two years).

***H-11.** Authorized, accepted, and approved the Richmond Police Department to participate in the State of California rental vehicle program for the purpose of securing unmarked police vehicles with Enterprise Holdings Incorporated in an amount not to exceed \$180,000 from July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2024, with two one-year options to renew following the State of California's Department of General Services Standard Agreement.

***H-12.** Approved a sole-source contract for the continuation of STAND! For Families Free of Violence services to support those victimized by domestic abuse. The contract between the City of Richmond and STAND! For Families Free of Violence will begin July 1, 2021, to December 31, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$47,567.

H-13. The matter to approve a five-year agreement with an option for an additional two years with the non-profit group, MissionSquare Retirement (formerly ICMA-RC), for deferred compensation recordkeeping services and adopt three resolutions related to the establishment, management, and administration of 457 Deferred Compensation Plan, a Money Purchase Plan, and a

Retirement Health Savings Plan was introduced by Interim Human Resources Director Marc Fox and Acting Deputy Director Internal Services Anil Comelo. The initial five-year contract term would coincide with the date that assets transitioned from the current recordkeepers over to MissionSquare. Orlando Cruz and Dayla Cabeza de Vaca of MissionSquare Retirement provided an overview. Discussion ensued. The following individuals gave comments via teleconference: Luis Padilla, John Varga, and Ben Therriault. On motion of Councilmember Willis, seconded by Councilmember Jimenez, tabled the matter by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Jimenez, Martinez, McLaughlin, Willis, Vice Mayor Johnson III, and Mayor Butt. **Noes:** None. **Abstentions:** None. **Absent:** Councilmember Bates.

***H-14.** Received the 2020 Annual Report of the Personnel Board to adhere to the requirement that the annual report was transmitted to the City Council on an annual basis.

***H-15.** Adopted **Resolution No. 123-21** of the Richmond City Council in support of the union organizing effort currently being undertaken by HelloFresh warehouse workers in Richmond.

***H-16.** Adopted **Resolution No. 124-21** extending the Contra Costa County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Program and the associated fee.

***H-17.** Approved an appointment to the Human Rights and Human Relations Commission; Appointed Najari Smith new appointment, seat #9, term expiration date March 30, 2024.

***H-18.** Approved an appointment to the Workforce Development Board; Appointed Xavier Abrams, re-appointment, seat #1, business representative, term expiration date September 22, 2025.

***H-19.** Approved an appointment to the Library Commission: Appointed Megan Bleckinger new appointment, seat #4, term expiration date July 1, 2024.

***H-20.** Approved updated term limits for current Recreation and Parks Commission terms: Updated Brendan Havenar-Daughton, seat #2, term expiration date October 26, 2022; Joey Smith, seat #4, term expiration date October 26, 2022; Allison Blakely, seat #7, term expiration date October 26, 2022; and Maryn Hurlbut, seat #8, term expiration date October 26, 2022.

***H-21.** Proclamation declaring October 2021 as Children's Environmental Health Month in the City of Richmond.

***H-22.** Proclamation declaring October 23-31, 2021, as Red Ribbon Week in the City of Richmond.

***H-23.** Proclamation declaring November 1, 2021, as Extra Mile Day in the City of Richmond.

***H-24.** Adopted **Resolution No. 125-21** in support of Net Energy Metering and to send copies of the resolution to Governor Gavin Newsom, State Senator Nancy Skinner, Assemblymember Buffy Wicks, and the California Public Utilities Commission.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

I-1. CONTINUED to the November 2, 2021, City Council Meeting - the matter to introduce an ordinance (first reading) establishing certain fees for the proposed Master Fee Schedule.

COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

J-1. The matter to receive a report from the Implementation Subcommittee of the Reimagining Public Safety Community (RPSC) Task Force and consider adding a standing item on the regular City Council third Tuesday agenda to receive an update was introduced by Councilmember McLaughlin. Discussion ensued. A motion was made by Councilmember McLaughlin, seconded by Councilmember Martinez, to approve said standing item, agendaized at the top of future agendas before the Open Forum, and stated as, "Monthly Report from the Implementation Subcommittee of the Reimagining Public Safety Community Task Force". RPSC Task Force Implementation Subcommittee Member Deborah Small presented an oral report. Further discussion ensued. The Council suggested staff bring forward agenda items that provided for positions previously funded. The following individuals gave comments via teleconference: Don Gosney, Sara Cantor, Hulan Barnett, Randy Joseph, Tamisha Torres-Walker, Marisol Cantu, Mark Wassberg, Andres Soto, and Eli Moore. Further discussion ensued. On motion of Councilmember McLaughlin, seconded by Councilmember Martinez, approved adding said standing item on the regular City Council third Tuesday agenda by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Jimenez, Martinez, McLaughlin, Willis, and Vice Mayor Johnson III. **Noes:** Mayor Butt. **Abstentions:** None. **Absent:** Councilmember Bates.

J-2. WITHDRAWN from the agenda - the matter to adopt changes to the Council Rules of Procedure and Order to modify the procedure for removing items from the Consent Calendar and direct the City Clerk's Office to revise the instructions on City Council meeting agendas to reflect the new procedure.

J-3. CONTINUED to the October 26, 2021, City Council Meeting - the matter to direct staff to review ordinances from other jurisdictions to Prohibit Spectators at Illegal Speed Contests, Exhibitions of Speed, or Sideshows and draft an ordinance for the City of Richmond for the first reading in November 2022.

J-4. CONTINUED to the November 2, 2021, City Council Meeting - the matter to approve the Fiscal Year 2021-22 multi-year comparative position listing and adopt a resolution to amend the salary schedule to implement the city manager's reorganization of specific City departments.

J-5. The matter to direct city staff members to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a consultant with experience analyzing emergency services data was introduced by Councilmember Jimenez. The RFP would be released 45 days from the date of approval, returned to the Council for RFP approval by January 11, 2022, with an onboarding date of January 31, 2022. Discussion ensued. The following individuals gave comments via teleconference: Mark Wassberg, Andres Soto, Benjamin Therriault, Leisa Johnson, Ruscal Cayangyang, Hulan Barnett, and Emily Ross. On motion of Councilmember Jimenez, seconded by Councilmember Martinez, approved direction to staff to issue said RFP by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Jimenez, Martinez, McLaughlin, Willis, Vice Mayor Johnson III, and Mayor Butt. **Noes:** None. **Abstentions:** None. **Absent:** Councilmember Bates.

J-6. CONTINUED to the November 2, 2021, City Council Meeting - the matter to remove Tamisha Torres-Walker from the Reimagining Public Safety Task Force and request the City Council's affirmation.

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

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m., in memory of Peggy Lois Blackmon, to meet again on Tuesday, October 26, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.

Clerk of the City of Richmond

(SEAL)

Approved:

Mayor

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Dear City Clerk,
I just emailed you and used the wrong subject line. It better fits the above. Sorry for any inconvenience.

[SPRAWLDEF et al. v. City of Richmond North Coast Rivers Alliance et al./Point Molate Alliance et al. v. City of Richmond](#)

Dear Mayor and City Council,

As I look around the bay at land the military turned over to local governments, I see open space with hiking trails and access to undeveloped coastal spaces to sit and contemplate, relax and play and observe the local wildlife and all economically and cultural successful such as Hamilton Airforce base, Novato, The Headlands and China Camo in Marin, the Presidio and Crissy Fields in SF, and Alameda Naval base. Some enterprises exist but they are minor to open spaces for the population. When I look at Marina Bay I see a narrow bay trail, a tiny beach, no local wildlife and I wonder why we need another luxury development on the the last piece of open shoreline.

What makes sense and could create a healthy Richmond economically for all is a rebuild of city center. Put the money there.

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The eastbay parks want to buy the property and make it available to all and preserve the habitat and this is what the people of Richmond will most benefit from. Please reconsider.

Thank you,

Regina Gilligan, Richmond

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good evening Mayor Butt, council Members and staff, I have a couple of comments for the Record

1. I would request that the council Invite Ken Kirkey to provide a presentation on the housing element for Homelessness
2. I am in full support of H-17 - H-20

Sincerely
Cordell

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To City Council --

I encourage you to support item H-15 and adopt the resolution in support of the Union organizing effort currently being undertaken by HelloFresh warehouse workers in Richmond. I have been a subscriber to HelloFresh off and on over the years and love that I can support local business with this subscription, but it's disheartening to see headlines about the "Brutal Working Conditions" the workers in our city face working for them. I hope that we can keep them as a business in our city and attract more companies like them, but they *must* pay their workers living wages. If they can't afford to pay their workers what they deserve, they can't afford to be in business.

Sincerely,

Annie Pennell

Richmond resident and community member

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good evening Mayor Butt, council Members and staff, I have looked at the proposed changes on how the council members and the public that wishes to remove an item off the consent calendar, I am asking that the clerk's office revise the changes

Sincerely
Cordell

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To City Council --

I am opposed to item J-3 and urge you to reject it. Developing a law criminalizing being a spectator of a side show will only lead to furthering the divides in our city and community and criminalizing people of color. This will do nothing at all to resolve the problems seen with side shows, but rather will widen the prison pipeline and even eat into taxpayer dollars, for folks more concerned with that than our citizens. We should instead continue investing in reimagining public safety in our city.

Sincerely,

Annie Pennell
Richmond resident and community member

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good Evening Mayor Butt, council members and staff, let the record reflect that I am Responsible for the Proposed Reorg chart

I had looked at what other cities have implemented as far as which department head to report to.

I am asking that the council to APPROVE the fiscal year 2021-22 position Listing

Sincerely
Cordell

From: [Adey Teshager Essayas](#)
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Good evening council members my name is Adey Teshager I am a Richmond resident and also work in the city. I am writing in to show my unwrathred support for Tamisha Walker. I am so thankful that I was able to not only work for her but to get counseling from her that helped me get housed employed and reconnected. Back with my family .I support Tamisha because she is a fantastic fearless role model, she has shown me how to be accountable for my actions and take responsibility more than anyone else in my life. Besides all of her accolades, Tamisha is a fearless leader in our community that actually cares about the outcome of people lives after coming home and always extends her hands to help people.Because of her beautiful consistent character her name deserves the respect it has earned! I am embarrassed that our Mayor behaves in the way we are thought not to behave and feel that he should make a public apology for all of the sideways comments he's been making this year.shame on you tom butt

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Dear, Richmond City Council Members:

I am a Richmond resident, regular voter, member of SURJ Bay Area (Showing Up for Racial Justice), and the parent of a future Richmond voter. Today, I am writing to urge you to vote against the mayor's proposal to remove Tamisha Torres-Walker from the Richmond City Reimagining Public Safety Task Force.

As co-founder of the Safe Return Project, Tamika's voice and leadership are EXACTLY what we need on the public safety task force. This is a pivotal moment in the history of our country and Richmond needs people with Tamika's experience and vision to help heal our communities from decades of over-policing by an increasingly militarized police force and centuries of white supremacy culture that continues to produce staggering inequality. Let's choose to come together at this moment, centering the voices of those who have been impacted by policing and incarceration, to build a new foundation for the safety and well-being of our children.

I urge the City Council members to reject this proposal and, instead, lift up the voices of activists like Tamisha, who want safety and respect for their communities.

Thank you,

Amber Hatfield

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To the City Council --

I am strongly opposed to angered by agenda item #J-6, Mayor Butt's proposal to remove Tamisha Walker from the Reimagining Public Safety Task Force. Ms. Walker is a leader in the community of Richmond and we are incredibly lucky to have her in this city, and on the task force. Her experience is very relevant to the public safety of Richmond and she has worked tirelessly to improve the lives of many, which lifts up the entire city. Mayor Butt's attacks on her are disgraceful, disingenuous, and hypocritical. I implore you to reject this proposal.

Sincerely,

Annie Pennell
Richmond resident and community member

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Tamisha Walker is an outstanding member and leader of the Richmond community. Her work with Safe Return Project looks past the extractive policies and provides a pathway for those directly impacted by incarceration to thrive and revitalize our neighborhoods, businesses, and schools.

These attacks on her person brought by the mayor are unacceptable. He owes Tamisha and our city an apology for the continued abuse of leaders of color.

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Brendan Boland (he/him)
Richmond Resident

"If we give our children sound self-love, they will be able to deal with whatever life puts before them." ~bell hooks

"Economic growth without investment in human development is unsustainable - and unethical" ~ Amartya Sen

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Dear Richmond City Council Members,

I am part of SURJ Contra Costa County (Showing Up for Racial Justice). I am confused and unhappy at the mayor's attempt to remove Tamisha Torres- Walker from the Richmond City Reimagining Public Safety Task Force. Tamisha, the co-founder and director of the Safe Return Project, has shown through her actions, that Contra Costa County can and should invest in people coming home from incarceration. Her advocacy and organizing were essential parts of bringing about the Reentry Success Centers in East and West County, passing fair chance hiring and housing policies in Richmond, and giving hundreds of residents the chance to be part of the Richard Boyd Fellowship, Collective Impact Institute and other programs supporting transformation. These accomplishments should be lauded! The approach could be copied around the County to put Contra Costa at the forefront of innovative programs for communities. However, it appears the mayor is not comfortable with a strong, well-versed, Black woman who stands up for her community. I urge the City Council members to reject this bid to silence activists who want safety and respect for their community.

Christie McNickle

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Kind Regards,
Christie

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Dear Richmond City Council Members,

I am a member of SURJ Contra Costa County (Showing Up for Racial Justice). I am appalled at the mayor's attempt to remove Tamisha Torres- Walker from the Richmond City Reimagining Public Safety Task Force! Tamisha, the co-founder and director of the Safe Return Project, has shown through her actions, that Contra Costa County can and should invest in people coming home from incarceration. Her advocacy and organizing were essential parts of bringing about the Reentry Success Centers in East and West County, passing fair chance hiring and housing policies in Richmond, and giving hundreds of residents the chance to be part of the Richard Boyd Fellowship, Collective Impact Institute and other programs supporting transformation. It appears the mayor is not comfortable with a strong, well-versed, Black woman who stands up for her community. I urge the City Council members to reject this horrible bid to silence activists who want safety and respect for their community.

Courtney Coon, PhD
she/her

From: [Ellen Pechman](#)
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Dear Richmond City Council Members,

I am a resident of Marina Bay who counts among our community's greatest good fortunes the presence, leadership, and activism of Tamisha Torres-Walker.

I have watched with dismay Mayor Butt's abandonment of his principles and once proud Civil Rights legacy, and I am appalled at his latest maneuver to disparage the leadership and remarkable commitment of Tamisha and the Reimagining Public Safety Task Force.

Mayor Butt's latest shameful move is his egregious effort to remove Tamisha Torres- Walker from the Richmond City Reimagining Public Safety Task Force.

Tamisha's work through Safe Return and related projects has demonstrated that Contra Costa County can and should invest in people coming home from incarceration. Her advocacy and organizing have been essential I parts of bringing about the Reentry Success Centers in East and West County, passing fair chance hiring and housing policies in Richmond, and giving residents who seek second chances the opportunity to becoe part of the Richard Boyd Fellowship, Collective Impact Institute, and other programs supporting transformation.

Tamisha is the leader we have needed these last few years and we especially need her continuing leadership and presence in our community and on our Public Safety Task Force.

I trust we can rely on our outstanding City Council to firmly rebuff Mayor Butt's shameful actions in this and other ways he continues to try to create antagonism and division in Richmond, a community that has been courageously reimagining designs for a fully inclusive, economically viable, and ever SAFE community.

Thank you.

Ellen Pechman
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Dear Richmond City Council Members,
I am on the steering committee of SURJ Contra Costa County (Showing Up for Racial Justice). I am appalled at the mayor's attempt to remove Tamisha Torres- Walker from the Richmond City Reimagining Public Safety Task Force! Tamisha, the co-founder and director of the Safe Return Project, has shown through her actions, that Contra Costa County can and should invest in people coming home from incarceration. Her advocacy and organizing were essential parts of bringing about the Reentry Success Centers in East and West County, passing fair chance hiring and housing policies in Richmond, and giving hundreds of residents the chance to be part of the Richard Boyd Fellowship, Collective Impact Institute and other programs supporting transformation. It appears the mayor is not comfortable with a strong, well-versed, Black woman who stands up for her community. I urge the City Council members to reject this horrible bid to silence activists who want safety and respect for their community.

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Dear Richmond City Council,

I am a member of SURJ Contra Costa County (Standing Up For Racial Justice) and we stand in solidarity with Tamisha Torres-Walker in remaining on the Reimagining Public Safety Community Task Force.

Tamisha Walker is the co-founder and director of the Safe Return Project, a community organizer and advocate for people returning home from incarceration in West and East Contra Costa County.

Ms. Walker is a strong, Black woman and community leader, but unfortunately the Mayor is trying to silence her.

Please reject the Mayor's attempt to remove Ms. Walker from the Reimagining Public Safety Community Task Force.

Thank you,

Gretchen Tofflemire
SURJ Contra Costa County member
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Dear Richmond Mayor and City Council Members,

My name is Jan Warren and I am a member of SURJ (Showing up for racial justice) in Contra Costa County.

I was outraged that this item should even appear on the agenda. There should be a unanimous vote by the six City Council members to support keeping Tamisha Walker on the Reimaging Public Safety Community Task Force. You no sooner extend the Task Force for an additional 3 years and then you seek to remove a strong, effective leader.

Safe Return project received \$5.2 million from AB 109 towards employment and support services for formally incarcerated residents. Tamisha's program has brought investments and hope to formerly incarcerated residents who are members of your community. Tamisha's program has been duplicated and is nationally recognized. Re-entry Success Centers have been replicated in East County, which has fewer resources than West County.

Tamisha has opened seats at the table in which people were previously not welcome. If you want people with solutions to come from the community support Tamisha Walker's continuing engagement on the Reimaging Public Safety Community Task Force.

Jan Warren
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Walnut Creek, CA 94598

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Dear Richmond City Council Members,

As a member of SURJ Contra Costa County (Showing Up for Racial Justice), Lift Up Contra Costa and the county Racial Justice Coalition, I am appalled at the mayor's attempt to remove Tamisha Torres- Walker from the Richmond City Reimagining Public Safety Task Force!

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Tamisha, co-founded and now directs the Safe Return Project and has shown through her actions, that Contra Costa County can and should invest in people coming home from incarceration. Her advocacy and organizing contributed to bringing about the Reentry Success Centers in East and West County, passing fair chance hiring and housing policies in Richmond, and giving hundreds of residents the chance to be part of the Richard Boyd Fellowship, Collective Impact Institute and other programs supporting transformation.

It appears Tom Butt is uncomfortable with a strong African American woman standing up for her community. I urge the other City Council members to reject this terrible attempt to silence activists who want safety and respect for their community. It is a waste of time and effort when the council has other vital matters before them. Richmond residents suffer from this nonsense!

Sincerely yours,

Jane Courant, Richmond

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I urge the City Council to wholeheartedly oppose agenda item J-6. Wherever personal issues are involved, they do not affect the vital work that Ms. Torres-Walker continues to do in our community. Hers is an outstanding voice for the most disadvantaged and discriminated-against people in Richmond, the formerly incarcerated.

Thank you for your consideration.
Janet

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Janet Scoll Johnson
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[Sunflower Alliance](#)
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I acknowledge that I am on the ancestral homelands of the Ohlone Chochenyo people who cared for this land for centuries and are still present here. I advocate for land and ancestral remains to be returned to Indigenous ownership and management.

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Dear Richmond City Council Members,

I am a member of SURJ Contra Costa County (Showing Up for Racial Justice).

I am troubled by the mayor's attempts to remove Tamisha Torres- Walker from the Richmond City Reimagining Public Safety Task Force.

Tamisha is exceptionally well-qualified to be a voice for people who have been harmed and disenfranchised by the criminal justice system in Richmond.

She has a longstanding commitment to expanding community support for people returning from incarceration and in pushing for reforms that reduce the number of people who are impacted by the criminal justice system. She has a track record of great success in these vital efforts!

Tamisha is an amazing community organizer. Her leadership, vision, expertise, energy, dedication, and determination to create and sustain the beloved community are legendary.

I urge the City Council members to demonstrate respect for Tamisha Torres- Walker, demonstrate respect for Black women, and demonstrate respect for communities who are disproportionately harmed by the criminal justice system - by rejecting efforts to remove her from the Reimagining Public Safety Task Force.

Kate Collins

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Lucas Stuart-Chilcote

I stand beside Tamisha. Ms. Torres-Walker is a upstander beacon for the City of Richmond by being apart of the Reimagining Public Safety Task Force. She co-founded the Safe Return Project that has done so much good like help formally incarcerated residents get back apart of society.

Richmond residents should be ashamed that this is even on the agenda removing a leader we should all look up to.

I support Tamisha Torres-Walker, so should you.

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Dear Richmond City Council Members,

I am a member of the Mt Diablo Unitarian Universalist Church. I am appalled at the mayor's attempt to remove Tamisha Torres- Walker from the Richmond City Reimagining Public Safety Task Force!

Tamisha, the co-founder and director of the Safe Return Project, has shown through her actions, that Contra Costa County can and should invest in people coming home from incarceration. Her advocacy and organizing were essential parts of bringing about the Reentry Success Centers in East and West County, passing fair chance hiring and housing policies in Richmond, and giving hundreds of residents the chance to be part of the Richard Boyd Fellowship, Collective Impact Institute and other programs supporting transformation.

The reasons for the mayor's interest in removing Tamisha from the Richmond City Reimagining Public Safety Task Force can't be lack of qualifications. It appears the mayor is not comfortable with a strong, well-spoken, Black woman who stands up for her community. His issues should not stand in the way of Richmond becoming its best for ALL of its residents.

I urge the City Council members to reject this horrible bid to silence activists who want safety and respect for their community.

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Dear Richmond City Council Members,

I am a member of SURJ Contra Costa County (Showing Up for Racial Justice).

I am shocked at the mayor's attempt to remove Tamisha Torres- Walker from the Richmond City Reimagining Public Safety Task Force! As the co-founder and director of the Safe Return Project, and a strong advocate for the community, Tamisha has shown that Contra Costa County can and should invest in people coming home from incarceration.

I urge the City Council members to reject this horrible bid to silence activists who want safety and respect for their community.

-Meg Keeley, resident of Walnut Creek

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Dear City Council Members,

I am the Richmond Organizing Director for the Asian Pacific Environmental Network (APEN). I have worked with Tamisha Torres Walker for a number of years as part of the Richmond Our Power Coalition. I support her leadership not only in re-imagining public safety in Richmond or around criminal justice issues, but in making the community a better place for all working class people. Attempting to remove Tamisha from the Task Force is a disingenuous personal attack. I hope that the City Council members will see this and vote to support Tamisha.

Megan Zapanta

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Dear Richmond City Council,

I am writing to oppose the Mayor's attempt to remove Tamisha Torres-Walker, a founding member and the Executive Director of Safe Return Project, from Richmond's Reimagining Public Safety Community Task Force.

Ms. Walker brings an essential voice and perspective to the work of the Task Force. She grew up in Richmond. Her education includes professional training in research and advocacy for the formerly incarcerated and their families; violence prevention strategies; and conflict mediation to reduce urban gun violence. She has been a Richmond-based community organizer and an accomplished, well-known advocate on issues related to mass incarceration and racial disparity in the criminal justice system since her release from incarceration in 2009. Ms. Walker's organizing has resulted in millions of dollars coming into Contra Costa County for re-entry employment, housing, and services to support people coming home from incarceration. Her efforts with local organizations and initiatives including the Safe Return Project, Reimagine Richmond, and RYSE reflect her commitment to invest in the community. Ms. Walker's work consistently is characterized by her courage, directness, and community-centered compassion.

Please keep Tamisha Torres-Walker on the Reimagining Public Safety Community Task Force.

Respectfully,

O.G. Strogatz
Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ) Contra Costa County

Open Letter Supporting Tamisha Torres-Walker

October 19, 2021

We the undersigned wish to publicly celebrate the accomplishments of Tamisha Torres-Walker and the Safe Return Project. Over the last ten years, Tamisha's commitments and actions have shown that Contra Costa County can and should invest in people coming home from incarceration.

Her advocacy and organizing were essential parts of bringing about the Reentry Success Centers in East and West County, passing fair chance hiring and housing policies in Richmond, and giving hundreds of residents the chance to be part of the Richard Boyd Fellowship, Collective Impact Institute, and other programs supporting transformation.

Because of her many achievements Tamisha won awards, like the prestigious Leading Edge Fellowship, the Humanitarian of the Year 2020 award by Contra Costa County, and the San Francisco Foundation's Community Leadership Award.

Tamisha and all people transforming their lives and communities for the better deserve a seat at the table when policy decisions are made.

We support Tamisha.

Signed by:

Rev Kamal Hassan, Sojourner Truth Presbyterian Church

Jen Loy, Vice Chair, City of Richmond Planning Commission

Denise Abersold

Joshua Anijar, Contra Costa Labor Council

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Good evening all. This is just a friendly reminder that racism is disgusting, and still present among us, as it spreads like cancer from generation to generation, city to city. Since the racists of Antioch have dubbed this city as "little Richmond" and "Oakland 2.0", I feel obligated to be present on this agenda item since I live in "little richmond". I support Councilwoman Tamisha Walker, I support her resilience, I support her past, present and future. I support her even more, knowing that the racists and associates from city to city are actively trying to silence and discourage her. In reality, more community members, like myself, are really just getting more activated in learning who the leaders of our bay area communities are. I hope that more people are encouraged by Councilwoman Tamisha Torres' leadership to participate in decision making processes and stop the wrong people from getting elected, by actually voting and recognizing who the haters and racists are. Thank you Tamisha for all you have done and continue to do. One cannot change the system from the outside. It's understanding from the inside to make power moves on what is necessary to make these systematic changes for a better future FOR ALL. Oh, and Black Lives Matter. In my E-40 voice, Yeeee.

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Dear Richmond City Council Members,

I am on the steering committee of SURJ Contra Costa County (Showing Up for Racial Justice). I am appalled at the mayor's attempt to remove Tamisha Torres- Walker from the Richmond City Reimagining Public Safety Task Force! Tamisha, the co-founder and director of the Safe Return Project, has shown through her actions that Contra Costa County can and should invest in people coming home from incarceration. Her advocacy and organizing were essential parts of bringing about the Reentry Success Centers in East and West County, passing fair chance hiring and housing policies in Richmond, and giving hundreds of residents the chance to be part of the Richard Boyd Fellowship, Collective Impact Institute and other programs supporting transformation. It appears the mayor is not comfortable with a strong, well-versed, Black woman who stands up for her community. I urge the City Council members to reject this horrible bid to silence activists who want safety and respect for their community. Tamisha Torres- Walker's voice is needed in the effort to Reimagine Public Safety in Richmond.

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