

## **City Manager's Weekly Report**

This is the weekly report for the week ending September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

### 1. **Meeting Notes**

The next City Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Finance Standing Committee meets on Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### 2. **Prop 1A Securitization Program**

A major part of the 2009-2010 California State budget included the required loan of 8% of local governments' property tax revenues to the state, with the promise of repayment in three (3) years. The effect on the city would be \$3.6 million reduction in property tax receipts. The city had previously determined that it could fund this loan through its reserves. As part of the budget package, local governments also have the opportunity to receive the monies being borrowed by the state upfront through a securitization financing offered by California Communities, a state-wide joint powers authority of local governments. California Communities will issue bonds securitizing the future payments by the state, and remit the proceeds of the bonds to the local governments who opt to participate in the securitization program. The state will then repay the bondholders, to pay off the outstanding bonds, including interest and costs of issuance, resulting in no cost to the city. The bonds are currently scheduled to close in mid-March, at which time the city would receive the full \$3.6 million.

### 3. **Contra Costa County Cities Citizens Corps Awards**

The Office of Emergency Services Manager, Kathy Gerk, recently received two awards on behalf of the Contra Costa County Cities Citizens Corps CERT Committee (C8). This committee was first formed many years ago by the Cities of Richmond, El Cerrito and Hercules to help organize a local Community Emergency Response Team program. Currently, every city in Contra Costa County is now a member, and Kathy has been the Chair for the past eight years. The first certificate was an honorable mention achievement award from FEMA's National Office of Citizens Corps in August. The C8 was recognized for "innovative practices and achievements that are making our communities safer, stronger, and better prepared to manage any emergency situation." The California Emergency Services Association (CESA) will present the C8 with the Diamond Award for "outstanding service in the field of emergency management and preparedness." This is the highest level of recognition given by the CESA Coastal Chapter. Coincidentally, the City of Richmond is hosting the CESA Quarterly Workshop on Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the multi-purpose room of the Community Services Building at 440

Civic Center Plaza. Kathy Gerk, representing the C8, will officially accept the award during a lunch-time ceremony.

4. **Office of Neighborhood Safety Highlights**

- The Office of Neighborhood Safety (“ONS”) participated in the Contra Costa County Adult School Quarterly Awards Ceremony. In conjunction with the Contra Costa County Sheriff’s Department and the Contra Costa County Office of Education, inmates incarcerated at the West County Detention Facility were celebrated for their accomplishments and successful completion in courses designed to improve their lives. The awards included a High School Diploma and/or a GED, certificates in Computer Applications, Web Design, Parenting, the Sheriff’s Engraving Award, and an Outstanding Academic Achievement award. The ONS will continue to work with the County Sheriff’s Department to improve public safety and health outcomes of the North Richmond Community.
- The ONS is working to establish a county-wide re-entry initiative in Contra Costa County. The ONS has secured funding and hired the Urban Strategies Council (Council) and Ijichi Perkins & Associates (IPA) to facilitate a planning and development process to staff and develop the planning initiative. The Council and IPA will provide the necessary technical assistance and support associated with creating a network that supports successful re-entry in Richmond and Contra Costa County.
- ONS staff made a presentation at the Contra Costa County Public Protection Committee meeting discussion on criminal justice re-entry issues impacting West Contra Costa County. The presentation provided information about the current status of jail and prison re-entry service coordination with the county, and how to achieve support from the county and its agencies for the development of a County-wide Re-entry Planning Initiative. The goal of this work would be to develop a comprehensive and coordinated response (strategic plan) to address the issues of imprisoned and jailed, youth and adult re-entry within the county. This initiative will develop a strong network to serve our communities and contribute to the success of individuals returning to Contra Costa County (please see attached flier).
- ONS staff facilitated a Professional Development Seminar on Community Violence at the John Muir Medical Center’s Walnut Creek Campus. “Selected Topics in Trauma 2009” was the theme of this year’s John Muir Professional Development Education Seminar series.

5. **Recreation Highlights**

- High School Twilight League: The Recreation Department began the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of its High School Basketball League. Games will be played on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the

- Commission on Aging: The Recreation Department's Richmond Commission on Aging will host an educational excursion to the Monterey Bay Aquarium in Monterey, CA on Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Currently, 32 community members have registered to participate. Admission to the Aquarium and transportation will be provided for a fee of \$30.
- Youth Futsal – Indoor Soccer League: The Recreation Department kicked off its 3<sup>rd</sup> year of Richmond Youth Futsal on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Each year, the league has added 6 or more teams, which makes the Richmond Recreation Department the fastest growing league in the state. This fall season, there is an 8-year-old division, a 10-year-old division, a 12-year-old division, a 14-year-old division and a girls division. Games are played on Sunday afternoons from noon to 7:00 p.m. and Monday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Richmond Recreation Complex. Teams represented the City of Richmond, West Contra Costa Unified School District, El Sobrante Christian, Berkeley Mavericks and the Boys Club of San Pablo. Last year, the Richmond Recreation League hosted the California State Championships. This year, the National Championship will be held in Los Angeles and the Richmond Tournament will be a qualifying tournament.

## 6. **Public Works**

Public Works completed the resurfacing of Roosevelt Avenue from Portola Avenue to 21<sup>st</sup> Street. Next week, Public Works will resurface Mesa Way from Clinton Avenue to 36<sup>th</sup> Street, and 32<sup>nd</sup> Street from Rheem to McBryde Avenues.

The Parks and Landscaping Division completed the landscaping at the Art Center courtyard with four (4) new benches as well as new flatwork and plantings. Additional plantings are planned to go in soon in adjacent outside areas.

## 7. **City Hosts Municipal Information Systems Association of California**

On September 11<sup>th</sup>, the City of Richmond hosted the Municipal Information Systems Association of California (MISAC) meeting presenting the City's New Data Center, Civic Center Renovation, CCTV and Shots Spotter status updates. Deputy Chief Ed Medina, Steve Duran, Kinshasa Curl, KCRT, and IT staff contributed to the success of this meeting.

Cities that attended were: City of Fairfield; Town of Danville; City of Healdsburg; City of Brentwood; City of Campbell; City of Rohnert Park; City of

Fremont; City of Dublin; City of Vacaville; City of San Pablo; City of Livermore; City of Petaluma; and the San Ramon Sewer District.

All of the twenty plus IT Managers and Chief Information Officers in attendance expressed their appreciation of the technical work the city has implemented. Many of these attendees requested a return visit with their teams to share our best practice approach to building a new campus network. The City of Richmond was recognized for its innovative approaches.

# Contra Costa County Reentry Planning Initiative

## Kick-Off Event

**When:** Wednesday, September 30th 1:00 3:00 PM (meeting will start promptly)

**Where:** Fireside Room, Contra Costa College, 2600 Mission Bell Dr. San Pablo, CA

**Who:** Representatives from city & county agencies/departments, and community-based organizations that focus on reentry or regularly work with formerly incarcerated people

## What is the Reentry Planning Initiative?

The City of Richmond's Office of Neighborhood Safety (ONS), Supervisor Gioia and Supervisor Glover are working with others across Contra Costa County to establish a countywide reentry network to improve services and outcomes for the formerly incarcerated and, thereby, increase public safety .

The Richmond Office of Neighborhood Safety has assisted Urban Strategies Council and Ijichi Perkins & Associates, consultants for the Alameda County Reentry Network ([www.acreentry.org](http://www.acreentry.org)), to obtain foundation funding to facilitate a planning and development process for the Contra Costa County effort. The planning process will consider models from Alameda, San Francisco and San Diego Counties in determining the best structure for Contra Costa County.

**The first step in the planning process will be a kick-off event to:**

- Introduce the Contra Costa Reentry Planning Initiative to all relevant stakeholders .
- Solicit feedback and input on the proposed Reentry Planning Initiative from stakeholders.
- Identify the ways in which people can get involved in the Reentry Planning Initiative.

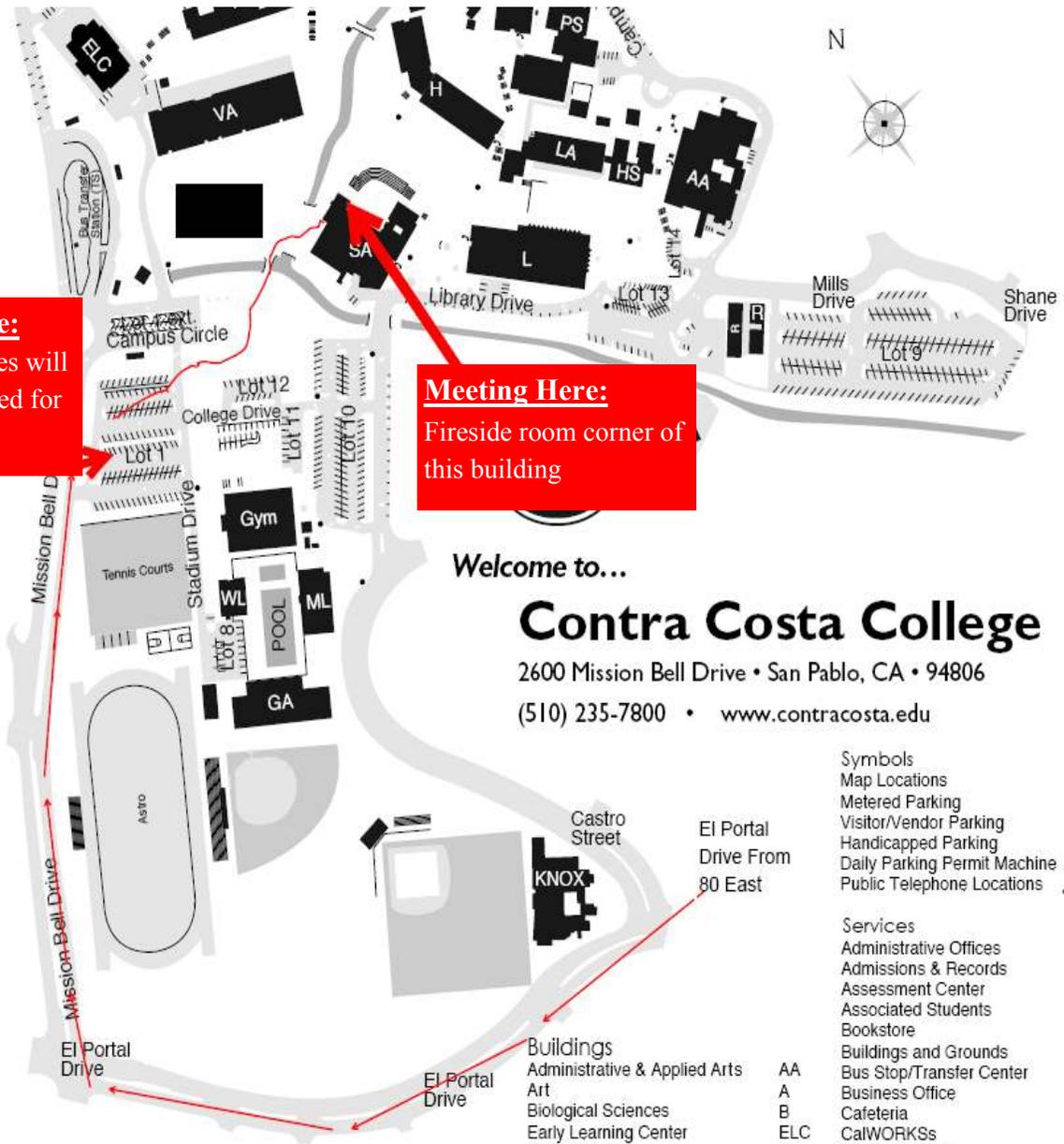
Space is limited so **please RSVP**@ [www.cocoreentry.org](http://www.cocoreentry.org)

For Questions, Concerns, or to let us know who else to invite, please contact Bill Heiser: [billh@urbanstrategies.org](mailto:billh@urbanstrategies.org) / (510) 893-1375

# MAP TO REENTRY PLANNING INITIATIVE KICK-OFF EVENT

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**Meeting Here:**  
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## Campus Map