

Jovanka Beckles

I have worked in Richmond with young people and their families as a mentor and youth mental health advocate for over 15 years. I have been on the City Council for four of those years. I seek reelection with a solid record of accomplishment and the determination to apply my experience to continue to improve Richmond for all residents. We deserve clean, well-lit streets free of potholes, a full service hospital, stable housing, continued crime reduction and educational opportunities. Our youth deserve the promising futures that I am determined to see they have.

When I was elected, Richmond struggled in a shaky economy and had a reputation for violence and poverty. We are changing that. Listening to the community, I work to make things better with and for residents. I work to attract new jobs to Richmond. I support locally owned and locally grown businesses. I champion policies such as raising the minimum wage and Ban the Box, or fairness in hiring the formerly incarcerated. I support our diverse community, including immigrants and queer people.

I fought for and won an ADA accessible Kennedy Swim Center, tennis and other courts and playground restoration, as well as bike and pedestrian friendly pathways. I championed replacement of streetlights throughout the city.

I have never taken corporate money to finance my campaign. I am accountable only to the people of Richmond. Join me in building the prosperous, safe, and healthy city we deserve.

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