

## **Charles Ramsey for City Council Candidate Statement**

We need real leadership to turn Richmond around. City Council meetings have become marathons of bickering and inaction while Richmond residents continue to suffer with not enough jobs or recreational opportunities, crumbling infrastructure, and the unconscionable scandal surrounding the Housing Authority.

As your Councilmember, I will bring my 20-year history of leadership and proven record of accomplishment on the West Contra Costa Unified School Board to work bringing real change to our city.

When I was first elected to the School Board, the District faced bankruptcy and an academic crisis. It wasn't easy, but I've gotten things done and made a real difference for our kids.

Working together, we rebuilt or remodeled nearly every school in Richmond and the District, increased test scores and graduation rates, and kept our adult education program open.

We developed innovative partnerships like the Peres Elementary Dental Clinic and the award-winning Ivy League Connection, which helped breed a college-going atmosphere and improved college attendance rates.

Now I want to take my dedication to our children, enthusiasm for the future, and energy and put it to work moving Richmond forward.

My goals include balancing the budget, investing in our roads and transit systems, encouraging economic development, and bringing jobs to our city.

Richmond needs change. With your vote on November 4th, I will use my passion and drive to build a stronger, more economically vibrant city that we can all be proud of.