

## **Ballot Title and Summary**

### Ballot Title:

A Proposed City of Richmond Charter Amendment to Require a Portion of General Fund Money Be Set Aside to Fund Youth Programs and Services.

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This measure (“Measure”) proposes to amend the City of Richmond Charter to establish a special fund (the “Fund”) to provide funding to programs servicing children, youth and disconnected transitional-aged young adults. The required amounts of funding to be set aside from the general fund into the Fund would be as follows:

FY 2016-2017 - \$250,000

FY 2017-2018 - \$700,000

FY 2018-2019 - 1% of the City’s annual actual unrestricted general purpose revenues (“Annual General Revenues”)

FY 2019-2020 – 2% of the Annual General Revenues

FY 2020-2021, and each fiscal year thereafter through FY 2026-2027 – 3% of the Annual General Revenues

The Measure states that before the end of FY 2026-2027, the City Council would evaluate the Measure’s effectiveness and either renew the provisions of the Measure for an additional ten years or present it to the voters for renewal or revision.

The Measure describes the programs and services that the Fund can be used on. The Measure also describes which youth demographics the Fund should prioritize, and restrictions on administrative costs and payments to public agencies. There are also certain services described in the Measure that would be excluded from receiving any portion of the Fund.

The Fund would be overseen by a fifteen-member Richmond Fund for Children and Youth Oversight Board (“Oversight Board”). The Funds would be disbursed pursuant to an application process administered by the newly-created Department of Children and Youth and in accordance with policies established by the Oversight Board.

The Oversight Board would be responsible for, among other things, creating and updating a Strategic Investment Plan that would set forth funding priorities for a three year period, and establish a plan for overseeing and evaluating the Fund. The Oversight Board would review applications for Fund grants and make recommendations to the City Council for grants to be awarded. The City Council would review and consider recommendations of the Oversight Board, determine the awarding of grants, and appropriate all necessary money from the Fund to the programs awarded grants.

Beginning in FY 2019-20, if the Council determines there is a fiscal emergency, as defined in the Measure, then the amount of the City's general fund money to be allocated to the Fund would be reduced in accordance with the terms of the Measure.

The Measure states that it may be extended without amendments for additional ten-year terms by the City Council, and if it is not extended, then the City Council must place a ballot measure on the November 2026 election for voters to decide whether to extend the Measure for an additional ten years. The Measure provides that this process to be repeated every ten years, unless the voters do not approve reauthorization of the Measure.