

BELIEVE IT OR NOT voting is important in that it is the only time in our lives we are all equal regardless of our wealth, race, religion or age.

During my tenure as an African American elected official while serving as your Mayor, Vice Mayor and Councilmember, fighting for social justice and equality was always one of my top priorities. I took pride in being the voice for the underprivileged and vulnerable senior citizens as well as our youth for the programs and benefits that enhanced their lives.

I consider myself to be a moderate who supports a balanced budget and will fight for the revenue we need to fund the services we depend on—retaining our local businesses while being more aggressive in attracting new businesses to invest in our city.

I promise to lead the effort to encourage tech and other companies within the Bay Area and Silicon Valley to locate satellite facilities in Richmond to bring in new revenue with good paying jobs.

I'm also committed to keeping rents low for families earning low wages and especially our seniors living on social security and inadequate pensions.

During my previous tenure, I always prided myself in being knowledgeable of my profession, independent, consistent, honest, fair and respectful of the total community.

Serving the citizens of Richmond has been one of my greatest pleasures and I would be honored and thankful to again receive your vote on Tuesday, November 6th.

Thank you.

Respectfully,
Nat Bates

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nat Bates', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.