

Tom Butt Candidate Statement of Qualifications

TOM BUTT
Mayor

My progressive priorities remain unchanged -- making Richmond safer, cleaner, healthier, and greener -- with equity, opportunity, fairness and social and environmental justice.

The last four years, we've helped Richmond achieve unprecedented success, with balanced budgets, historically low unemployment, award-winning job training programs, reductions in crime and homicides, progressive policing and environmental sustainability -- both recognized by the Obama administration. We provided Richmond Promise scholarships for every graduating senior, restoration of ferry service to San Francisco, downtown revival, increased homebuilding -- including more affordable housing than we've built in a decade -- doubling of street maintenance expenditures, rebirth of Hilltop Mall and settlement of the Point Molate litigation.

We've brought tens of millions of dollars in grants and appropriations to Richmond for recreational, sustainable and transportation infrastructure.

We've made progress together, but there's still much more work to do, because too many Richmonders are struggling in this economy to find meaningful work that pays a living wage, and to find affordable housing in a safe neighborhood.

I'll continue providing strong progressive leadership. I will continue to utilize my experience in public service, business, and the non-profit sector collaboratively to move Richmond forward.

Thanks to Congressmembers Mark DeSaulnier and George Miller, Assemblyman Tony Thurmond, Senator Nancy Skinner, Supervisor John Gioia, Mayors Irma Anderson and Rosemary Corbin, Richmond Firefighters, Richmond Police Officers Association, all West County mayors and Neighborhood Council Presidents from throughout Richmond for supporting me for re-election.

As Rosie said, "We can do it!" -- together.

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