

**Melvin Willis**

**I'm running to be a Mayor for every Richmond resident.**

**I don't accept campaign money from corporations or developers.** My loyalty is only to Richmond voters.

**As a Richmond City Councilmember (2016-2018) and Vice-Mayor (2018), I voted to:**

- Increase minimum wage to \$15
- Fully enforce the rent control protections passed by voters
- Stop sharing information about immigrants with ICE
- "Ban the Box" so the formerly incarcerated can rejoin our community
- Protect the shoreline from developers so it can be used by all

**Richmond today is safer, healthier, and more prosperous** than when I was born. The improvements are due to the work of progressive people and organizations who came together to set the city on a better path. As Vice Mayor and a housing-rights community organizer, I am proud to be part of this alliance.

Nevertheless, **there is more work to do, and the gains we have made are at risk.** We face local and federal attacks on working families, women, people of color, immigrants and the environment. We run the risk of becoming two cities, divided by race, wealth, health and opportunity. Or a city where people who are not affluent are pushed out completely.

I believe there is a better future for Richmond, one in which we all rise together. **My commitment is to work with you** to increase affordable housing, to improve wages and skills, to protect the environment, to secure a local hospital, and to expand opportunities for youth.

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