

Carole Johnson

I am married, with three daughters and a son, who went to Richmond schools. Although I'm originally from San Francisco, I have lived in Richmond since 1996. I earned my Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice (2008) and my Paralegal Certificate (2010), from San Francisco State University. In 2004, while pursuing my education, I received news of the tragic gun-related death of one of my cousins. Then, in 2006, another cousin was killed, in addition to a good friend from Contra Costa College.

After these tragedies, I felt that I had to do something to help stop the violence. I joined the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence and served as the Chapter President in West CC County for 3 years. I also became active with a group of mothers (and others) who had lost loved ones to gun violence. In 2011, I began participating with Richmond Ceasefire, in weekly walks through different neighborhoods every Friday night, to increase awareness about efforts to save precious lives and outreach to those most at risk of shooting or being shot. I served on the Human Rights/Human Relations Commission in Richmond from 2013-2015 as well.

My activism in our community segued into other areas, advocating for formerly incarcerated people, those struggling with addictions and/or mental illness, working to reduce homelessness, supporting Rent Control/Just Cause for Evictions, and campaigning for minimum wage increases. If elected to the City Council, I would continue my commitment to serving Richmond residents in an increased capacity.

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