

RESOLUTION NO. 40-20

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA,
IN SUPPORT OF ASSEMBLY BILL 1851 (WICKS), FAITH-BASED AFFILIATED
HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, TO REDUCE OR ELIMINATE ANY
PARKING REQUIREMENTS FOR HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS BUILT
ON RELIGIOUS-USE PARKING LOTS**

WHEREAS, expanding housing supply in the Bay Area is necessary to address the immediate need to house the region's growing population; and

WHEREAS, like many other cities in the Bay Area, the City of Richmond has been committed to help address the regional housing crisis by supporting housing policies and development projects that add housing for all levels of affordability; and

WHEREAS, it is of particular importance to support affordable housing for residents who experience the greatest housing insecurity, including low-income and very low-income individuals and families, and people who are experiencing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 EveryOne Counts Homeless Point-in-Time Count & Survey showed that the number of unsheltered individuals in Richmond grew by 23% compared to the previous year; and

WHEREAS, many faith-based organizations locally and throughout the region have sought to address the housing crisis by repurposing unused or underutilized parcels for development; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill (AB) 1851 will allow faith-based organizations to build housing development projects on and/or adjacent to parcels designated for religious-use parking; and

WHEREAS, AB 1851 would make it easier for thousands of faith-based organizations that would like to dedicate their resources to helping resolve the housing crisis; and

WHEREAS, AB 1851 qualifies housing development projects for a density bonus pursuant to Section 65915; and

WHEREAS, AB 1851 shall waive local agency's parking requirements and shall ministerially approve and request local agencies to reduce or eliminate any parking requirements that would otherwise be imposed, if the housing development project qualifies as a faith-based organization affiliated housing development project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Richmond City Council hereby endorses AB 1851 and urges the California State Legislature and Governor Gavin Newsom to support its enactment into law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Richmond City Council requests that the City Clerk transmit a copy of this resolution to the Office of Senator Nancy Skinner and the Office of Assemblymember Buffy Wicks.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting thereof held May 5, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Choi, Johnson, Martinez, Myrick, Willis,
Vice Mayor Bates, and Mayor Butt.
NOES: None.
ABSTENTIONS: None.
ABSENT: None.

PAMELA CHRISTIAN
CLERK OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND
(SEAL)

Approved:

TOM BUTT
Mayor

Approved as to form:

RACHEL SOMMOVILLA
City Attorney (Interim)

State of California }
County of Contra Costa } : ss.
City of Richmond }

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of **Resolution No. 40-20**, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on May 5, 2020.



Pamela Christian, Clerk of the City of Richmond