RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE AND SUPPORT THE CALIFORNIA READING AND LITERACY IMPROVEMENT AND PUBLIC LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION BOND ACT OF 2006.

WHEREAS, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger has signed into law the California Reading and Literacy Improvement and Public Library Construction and Renovation Bond Act of 2006; and

WHEREAS, approval by voters of that bond would authorized the State of California to sell $600 million in bonds to assist local governments in the construction of public libraries; and

WHEREAS, passage of that bond, which will appear on the June 2006 ballot, will permit many cities and counties across the State to construct library facilities, and

WHEREAS, the California State Library has identified that at least 579 unfunded library construction projects which total $4.4 billion in need statewide; and

WHEREAS, our community will continue to have ongoing needs for public library services; and

WHEREAS, use of libraries in Richmond continues to grow and expand; and;

WHEREAS, the Friends of the Richmond Public Library and the Richmond Public Library Foundation support the bond act to improve public libraries in California; and;

WHEREAS, the Richmond Public Library Commission approved a similar Resolution at their regular meeting on November 28, 2005:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Richmond Supports the passage and funding of the California Reading and Literacy Improvement and Public Library Construction and Renovation Bond Act of 2006, and urges all citizens, community leaders, and organizations in Richmond, California, to lend their support to the creation of this public library bond fund.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond, California at a regular meeting thereof held January 31, 2006 by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Bates, Butt, Griffin, McLaughlin, Rogers, Thurmond, Viramontes, and Mayor Anderson

NOES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Marquez

DIANE HOLMES
Clerk of the City of Richmond

IRMA L. ANDERSON
Mayor

Approved as to form:

JOHN EASTMAN
City Attorney
State of California
County of Contra Costa
City of Richmond

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of Resolution No. 8-06, finally passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on January 31, 2006, and published in accordance with law.