
WHEREAS portions of Redevelopment Project Areas experience significantly more graffiti, tagging and other blighting conditions than normal City of Richmond (“City”) services can adequately address at this time; and

WHEREAS the Richmond Community Redevelopment Agency (“Agency”) may augment City blight abatement efforts in Redevelopment Project Areas if the normal City services are not adequate to address blighting conditions; and

WHEREAS the Public Works Department operates graffiti abatement activities for the City, but does not have the resources to address the significant amount of graffiti and tagging that occurs in certain areas of Redevelopment Project Areas, which is in excess of typical graffiti and tagging in typical City neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS the YouthWORKS, YouthBUILD and RichmondBUILD programs, which are managed by the City of Richmond Employment & Training Department, will be able to provide a few workers for a few hours a week to help with graffiti abatement in specific Redevelopment Project Areas, which have been identified as the highest priority areas for revitalization by the Agency Board; and

WHEREAS a relatively small investment such as removing graffiti and tagging on a daily basis can have a significant positive impact of the appearance of the area; and

WHEREAS funding for a Targeted Graffiti Abatement Program is provided in the Project Areas-Blight fiscal year 2007 – 2008 and 2008 to 2009 capital budget under “Abatement.”

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Richmond and the Richmond Community Redevelopment Agency Board that the Memorandum of Understanding by and among the Richmond Community Redevelopment Agency and the Public Works Department and the Employment & Training Department of the City of Richmond for the purpose of implementing a Targeted Graffiti Abatement Program in certain Redevelopment Project Areas is hereby approved and the City Manager and Employment & Training Director are authorized to execute the MOU on behalf of the City.
I certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond and the Richmond Community Redevelopment Agency Board at a joint meeting thereof held February 19, 2008, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmember/Members Bates, Butt, Lopez, Marquez, Rogers, Sandhu, Viramontes, and Mayor Chairperson

NOES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Councilmember/Member Thurmond

DIANE HOLMES
City Clerk / Agency Clerk

Approved:

GAYLE McLAUGHLIN
Mayor / Agency Chair

Approved as to form:

LOUISE RENNE, Interim
City Attorney / Agency Attorney

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

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of Resolution No.19-08 / 08-8, finally passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond at a meeting held on February 19, 2008.