RESOLUTION OF THE RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A LEASE WITH THE WATERSHED NURSERY, A NON PROFIT ORGANIZATION, TO LEASE CITY-OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED IN FRONT OF THE VEOLIA WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY AT 601 CANAL BOULEVARD

WHEREAS, the City Manager negotiated an agreement between the City of Richmond, (“City”) and The Watershed Nursery (“WN”) to lease city-owned property located on Canal Boulevard, adjacent to the Veolia Wastewater Treatment Facility at 601 Canal Boulevard; and

WHEREAS, the WN will landscape the frontage along Canal Boulevard with California native plants upgrading the existing streetscape, and provide appropriate local native plants for City landscaping and restoration projects; and

WHEREAS, the WN will develop an undeveloped site, which is not currently generating any revenue to the City, will screen the wastewater Treatment Plant, and relieve the City of any obligation to establish or maintain landscaping on the site; and

WHEREAS, the WN business will attract visitors to the City of Richmond and potentially create job opportunities for Richmond residents, and provide native plants for small and large restoration projects around the San Francisco Bay Area; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council authorizes the City Manager to execute a lease between the City of Richmond and The Watershed Nursery to lease City-owned property along Canal Boulevard.

I certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted by the City Council at a meeting held on July 22nd, 2008 by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Bates, Butt, Marquez, Rogers, Sandhu, Thurmond, and Mayor McLaughlin

NOES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

DIANE HOLMES
Clerk of the City of Richmond

Approved:

GAYLE McLAUGHLIH
Mayor

Approved as to form:

LOUISE RENNE
City Attorney

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

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of Resolution No. 81-08, finally passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond at a meeting held on July 22, 2008.