RESOLUTION OF THE RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND BUILDING SERVICES TO INITIATE A REQUEST TO CHANGE BUILDING ADDRESSES FOR THE MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM, CITY HALL AND THE FORMER HALL OF JUSTICE BUILDINGS WITHIN THE CIVIC CENTER PLAZA AT 403 CIVIC CENTER, 2600 BARRETT STREET AND 401 27TH STREET, RICHMOND, CA

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Richmond recognizes the importance of having a uniform address system for buildings within the Civic Center Plaza; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Planning and Building Services has prepared an official request to the Postmaster of both Richmond Postal Branches and to Levidon Woods, Address Management Systems of the Main United States Postal Service (“USPS”) in Oakland, California to change the building addresses within property located in the boundaries of the Civic Center Plaza from 403 Civic Center (Memorial Auditorium) to 403 Civic Center Plaza, from 2600 Barrett Street (City Hall) to 450 Civic Center Plaza, and from 401 27th Street (Hall of Justice) to 440 Civic Center Plaza to provide a comprehensive addressing system for uniformity among buildings within the renovated Civic Center Plaza; and

WHEREAS, the new addresses will provide readable and cohesive addresses on buildings within the plaza, starting with a three digit number and including the words, “Civic Center Plaza;” and

WHEREAS, a cohesive addressing system will consist of sequential numbering and building signage that will allow visitors easily to identify the location of buildings within the Civic Center Plaza; and

WHEREAS, the proposed address system for the City Hall and the Hall of Justice buildings coincide with objectives established by the City Council for the newly renovated Civic Center plaza. These objectives are: 1) create a cohesive workable environment for employees, 2) enhance customer service to Richmond residents; and 3) provide a comprehensive Civic Center plaza that serves the interests of the community; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Richmond has determined that changing the addresses of buildings within the Civic Center Plaza is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per CEQA Guidelines, Section 15301, Existing Facilities, Class 1, Subsection G, as it pertains to new signage and addressing of existing buildings and per CEQA Guidelines, Section 15061(b)(3), No Possibility of Significant Effect;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council authorizes the Director of Planning and Building Services to request an address change for the Memorial Auditorium, City Hall and Hall of Justice buildings from the United States Postal Service in the Civic Center Plaza located between Barrett Avenue to the north, Macdonald Avenue to the south and 27th Street and Civic Center Plaza to the east, and 25th Street to the west (see Exhibit A).
I certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted by the City Council at a regular meeting held on September 16, 2008, by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Councilmembers Lopez and Viramontes

DIANE HOLMES
Clerk of the City of Richmond

(SEAL)

Approved:

GAYLE McLAUGHLIN
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. 105-08, finally passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond at a meeting held on September 16, 2008.