

**RESOLUTION NO. 09-16**

**JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA AND THE RICHMOND COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE RICHMOND COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND FOR THE PURPOSE OF CODE ENFORCEMENT ENHANCEMENT IN REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREAS**

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**WHEREAS**, portions of the Eastshore – 1A, Potrero – 1B, Pilot – 1C, Hensley – 8A, Downtown – 10A, Galvin – 3A, Nevin Center – 10B, North Richmond – 12A, Harbour – 11A, and Harbour Gate – 6A redevelopment project areas (collectively, the “Redevelopment Project Areas”) experience significantly more code enforcement problems than normal City services can adequately address at this time; and

**WHEREAS**, blight abatement in Redevelopment Project Areas has been identified as the highest priority for revitalization of the Redevelopment Project Areas by the Richmond Community Redevelopment Agency (“Agency”) Board; and

**WHEREAS**, the Agency may augment code enforcement efforts in Redevelopment Project Areas where current City services are not adequate to address blighted conditions, and may provide tools and materials to aid in the removal of blight from privately owned properties in order to eliminate blight in Redevelopment Project Areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the Police Department operates code enforcement activities for the City, but does not currently have the resources to address the significant amount of code enforcement that is needed in Redevelopment Project Areas, which is in excess of typical code enforcement in typical City neighborhoods; and

**WHEREAS**, the Police Department can provide the expertise in the area of code enforcement to address blight abatement in Redevelopment Project Areas; and

**WHEREAS**, Redevelopment Project Areas contain properties that have code enforcement problems, some of which are owned by the Agency and absentee landlords; and

**WHEREAS**, the Agency may provide tools and materials to aid in the removal of blight from privately owned properties in order to eliminate blight in Redevelopment Project Areas; and

**WHEREAS**, a relatively small investment can have a significant positive impact of the appearance of the Redevelopment Project Areas; and

**WHEREAS**, concurrently herewith, the Agency and Police Department will enter into a Memorandum of Understanding for the provision of code enforcement activities in Redevelopment Project Areas; and

**WHEREAS**, \$100,000 in funding for code enforcement in Redevelopment Project Areas is available in the Agency fiscal year 2008 – 2009 capital budget under “blight Abatement-misc” and such funding has been designated for this purpose.

**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 between the Richmond Redevelopment Agency and the Police Department of the City of Richmond for the purpose of code enforcement enhancement in Redevelopment Project Areas is hereby approved; the City Manager and the Police Chief of the Police Department are authorized to execute the MOU on behalf of the City and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the MOU on behalf of the Agency.

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 May 19, 2009, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Bates, Butt, Rogers, Ritterman, Viramontes, Vice Mayor Lopez, and Mayor McLaughlin.

NOES: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

ABSENT: None.

DIANE HOLMES  
Clerk of the Redevelopment Agency

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Approved:

GAYLE McLAUGHLIN  
Agency Chairperson

Approved as to form:

RANDY RIDDLE  
Agency Attorney

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County of Contra Costa       : ss.  
City of Richmond             }