RESOLUTION NO. 97-10

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA IN SUPPORT OF THE CALIFORNIA JOBS BUDGET

WHEREAS, with the ongoing recession revenues to the state have continued to drop; as a result California is facing a $17.9 general fund shortfall for the 2010-11 budget year. The ongoing gap in revenues puts thousands of private and public sector jobs at risk; and

WHEREAS, local governments have been hit especially hard, shedding over 20,000 jobs—including public safety positions; and

WHEREAS, the May Revise of the Governor’s Budget proposes $4.3 billion in Prop. 98 public school funding cuts as well $4.6 billion in additional cuts;

WHEREAS, the California Jobs Budget, introduced by Assembly Speaker John A. Pérez, takes a different approach toward resolving the state’s budget deficit. Focused on creating and saving jobs while closing the deficit, the California Jobs budget includes a $10.1 billion jobs and economic stability fund that will protect against the loss of the 430,000 jobs threatened under other proposals; and

WHEREAS, such an approach will protect thousands of local police, fire and other local jobs by repaying $900 million owed to local governments for past mandates. Repaying local governments provides discretionary funds to assist with local budget challenges and avoid layoffs for critical public service jobs; and

WHEREAS, the California Jobs Budget also ensures that $3.8 billion would be repaid to local school districts, protecting tens of thousands of jobs for teachers, aides and counselors—a step which is good for the local community and the local business community, this will include $867,379 for the City of Richmond; and,

WHEREAS, addressing California’s budget deficit with the California Jobs Budget for 2010-11 along with a multi-year approach that includes realigning appropriate state services to the county and local level as well as the necessary revenues to support local service delivery will help to repair the state-local fiscal relationship and place services closer to the people who need them

WHEREAS, Contra Costa County officials and State officials are in discussions about how this realignment of services can happen without putting an unfair financial burden on our County

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Richmond City Council supports the California Jobs Budget as along with appropriate multi-year realignment, and encourages the State Legislature and the Governor to adopt this budget without delay.

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I certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting thereof held on July 27, 2010, by the following vote:

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

NOES: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

ABSENT: None.

DIANE HOLMES
Clerk of the City of Richmond

Approved:

GAYLE MCLAUGHLIN
Mayor

Approved as to form:

RANDY RIDDLE
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. 97-10, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on July 27, 2010.