

RESOLUTION NO. 119-10

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA
RECOGNIZING SOLAR RICHMOND'S PIONEERING WORK IN SERVICE TO THE
CITY OF RICHMOND, AND SETTING NEW SOLAR INSTALLATION AND GREEN
JOBS GOALS TO REACH BY 2015**

WHEREAS, the importance of renewable energy and solar energy to America's and California's economic future has been demonstrated by increased investment and market growth despite the recent recession; the solar photovoltaic (PV) market grew 37.5% in 2009 even as the rest of the U.S. economy shrank by 5%., and

WHEREAS, California continues to be a national innovator in incubating aggressive solar energy policies, from the Global Warming Solutions Act (Assembly Bill 32) to the California Solar Initiative, that have served as benchmarks for Renewable Portfolio Standards (RPS) adoption in other states and the 2009 Clean Energy and Security Act; and

WHEREAS, the City is becoming a clean-tech hub and is ranked number one in watts per capita installed among large Bay Area cities in 2009, according to the Northern California Solar Energy Association; and

WHEREAS, the City and Solar Richmond working together in partnership achieved the goal established in 2006 of installing 5 megawatts of solar by 2010, and are now poised to set new ambitious goals over the next 5 to 10 years; and

WHEREAS, the need for new, family-sustaining jobs in growing industries is essential to combat long-standing unemployment rates and for the social and economic health and vitality of the City and its residents; and

WHEREAS, the green jobs movement emerged out of the Bay Area's environmentalist, environmental justice, and anti-poverty efforts - and the City of Richmond has become a center of this movement due in large part to Solar Richmond's pioneering policy, educational, and business development efforts; and

WHEREAS, the City's RichmondBUILD Program and Solar Richmond have been acknowledged for their groundbreaking work to train and support underemployed local residents develop the skills they need to gain entry into the solar industry; and

WHEREAS, Solar Richmond is now working with City officials to solarize City properties to offset its electricity usage with solar PV systems, creating an economic savings for the City and months of solar installation employment and internship experiences for graduates of the RichmondBUILD and Solar Richmond programs; and

WHEREAS, Solar Richmond's service as a solar energy and green jobs policy advocate, and developer of business strategies that promote the use of local labor has also benefitted the City by representing our community and its residents in a positive light; and

WHEREAS, Solar Richmond is now creating a women's training that was inspired by Richmond's place in history as an industrial center where women entered the manufacturing sector in significant numbers, a fact that led to the emergence of "Rosie the Riveter" as a Richmond icon;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Richmond City Council acknowledges Solar Richmond's vital contributions to the social, environmental, and economic health of the City and of its residents, and appreciate Solar Richmond's efforts to purposefully create green-collar job opportunities as an alternative to poverty, violence, and despair; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Richmond supports Solar Richmond's new goal of 10 MW of solar installations by 2015 - and 150 new jobs for which we will strive to recruit and hire more women, minorities, and low-income local residents. The City believes these goals support the health, well-being, and sustainability of our community and will work with Solar Richmond however possible to make these goals a reality.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly passed, approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond, California, at a joint meeting of said City Council held on October 19, 2010, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers 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

(SEAL)

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. 119-10, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a joint meeting held on October 19, 2010.