

RESOLUTION NO. 26-11

**RESOLUTION OF THE RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL, RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA
SUPPORTING THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY TRAIL NAME**

WHEREAS, in 1987 the legislature of the State of California directed the Association of Bay Area Governments to develop and adopt a plan for a San Francisco Bay Area Bikeway System encircling San Francisco and San Pablo Bays with a continuous 500-mile network of bicycling and hiking trails; and

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond and East Bay Regional Park District already had built and were operating over eight miles of San Francisco Bay shoreline trail in Richmond prior to adoption of the San Francisco Bay Trail Plan in 1989; and

WHEREAS, the Richmond City Council adopted Resolution 94-99 on June 29, 1999 endorsing the San Francisco Bay Trail Plan; and

WHEREAS, during the past two decades, the City of Richmond, East Bay Regional Park District and the private sector have provided land, built and operated an additional 22 miles of San Francisco Bay Trail in Richmond; and

WHEREAS, this month there will be 30 miles of San Francisco Bay Trail built in Richmond representing ten per cent of Bay Trail in the entire nine-county Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond has installed along the Bay Trail over one hundred way finding (“You Are Here”) exhibits and other “San Francisco Bay Trail” signs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond, National Park Service and East Bay Regional Park District have produced and distributed over 125,000 copies of three elegant San Francisco Bay Trail Guides for Richmond; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco Bay named after Saint Francis defines the San Francisco Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, Richmond’s 30 miles of Bay Trail is invaluable in connecting those who live, work and play in our city with San Francisco Bay and its tidal wetlands;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Richmond City Council hereby states its strong desire that the San Francisco Bay Trail name be retained and opposes renaming or altering the name of this premier regional trail; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Richmond City Council calls on the Association of Bay Area Governments and our state elected officials to refrain from changing the name of the San Francisco Bay Trail; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Richmond City Council directs the City Manager to send copies of this resolution to Senator Loni Hancock, Assemblymember Nancy Skinner, Assemblymember Mary Hayashi, Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty and Association of Bay Area Governments Executive Director Ezra Rapport.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond, California at a special meeting thereof held April 12, 2011, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Beckles, Booze, Rogers, Vice Mayor Butt, and Mayor McLaughlin.

NOES: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

ABSENT: Cocunilmembers Bates and Ritterman.

DIANE HOLMES
Clerk of the City of Richmond

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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. 26-11**, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a special meeting held on April 12, 2011.