

RESOLUTION NO. 32-11

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA
DIRECTING STAFF TO INVESTIGATE AND REPORT BACK TO THE FULL
COUNCIL ON THE THREAT TO OUR COMMUNITY POSED BY PREDICTED SEA-
LEVEL RISE AND POTENTIAL OPTIONS FOR THE APPROPRIATE ACTION**

WHEREAS, potential threats to the Bay Area posed by climate-change-induced sea-level rise are a prominent topic of potential debate and restrictive action by regulatory agencies;

WHEREAS, currently accepted projections have sea levels rising 55 inches by the year 2100, potentially inundating 217,000 acres around the Bay, threatening 270,000 people, and tens of billions of dollars of existing facilities and infrastructure;

WHEREAS, the potentially impacted class includes countless senior citizens, disabled persons, and low-income families living within the projected “inundation” zone that will be impacted by projected sea-level rise;

WHEREAS, hundreds of thousands of jobs, billions of dollars in economic activity, and a significant portion of the Bay Area economy lies within the projected inundation zones;

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond has residents, businesses, public infrastructure, economic development and environmental restoration opportunities in low-lying areas exposed to the predicted sea rise;

WHEREAS, influential advocacy groups are now strongly pushing for new policies to be adopted by agencies such as the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission in the face of rising seas;

WHEREAS, such policies will impact new investment, new economic activity, job base and technological innovation which could help fund protection and restoration measures and help boost the local economy.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council directs city staff to investigate and report back to the full council on the threat to our community posed by predicted sea-level rise and potential options for the appropriate action; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City request other local and regional governments and regulatory agencies to pursue policies of protecting existing urban areas, residents and businesses from projected sea-level rise, particularly through private financing or new funds from bay side developments and from the future economic expansion within proposed inundation zones.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond, California at a joint meeting thereof held April 19, 2011, by the following vote:

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

NOES: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

ABSENT: Councilmembers Bates.

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. 32-11**, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a joint meeting held on April 19, 2011.