

RESOLUTION NO. 39-11

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA IN SUPPORT OF THE PEOPLE'S BUDGET PROPOSAL BROUGHT FORTH BY THE CONGRESSIONAL PROGRESSIVE CAUCUS

WHEREAS, the residents of Richmond suffer from high unemployment and areas of high poverty; and

WHEREAS, unemployment and poverty result in increases in physical and mental illness and a large number of social ills including high rates of homicide, teen pregnancy, drug and alcohol abuse, poor scholastic achievement, lowered rates of civic trust and high incarceration rates among others; and

WHEREAS, rising rates of income and wealth inequality are highly correlated with these health and social concerns; and

WHEREAS, the best solution to these health and social concerns requires redressing substantial contemporary imbalances in wealth and income; and

WHEREAS, The People's Budget proposal of the Congressional Progressive Caucus is the only budget proposal which addresses these structural inequities; and

WHEREAS, The People's Budget protects what Americans hold dear: Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security; and

WHEREAS, The People's Budget makes higher education more affordable, expands job training programs, cuts taxes on the middle class, subsidizes affordable housing, and provides financial assistance to those struggling to prevent foreclosures; and

WHEREAS, The People's Budget supports additional taxes on millionaires and billionaires, eliminates unnecessary weapons systems, eliminates tax credits for the oil and gas industries, phases out the Bush tax cuts for the wealthy, and eliminates subsidies for new nuclear power plants; and

WHEREAS, The People's Budget recognizes that for America to be successful each person must be given the opportunity to increase their level of skill; and

WHEREAS, The People's Budget is the only proposal that eliminates the federal deficit by 2021 and does so without destroying America's retirement system or our safety net; and

WHEREAS, by implementing a fair tax code, bringing our troops home from two foreign unpopular wars, and investing in the American economy, The People's Budget actually achieves a budget surplus of over \$30 billion by 2021; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Richmond City Council on behalf of the residents of Richmond does hereby support The People's Budget proposal brought forth by the Congressional Progressive Caucus; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Manager send copies of this resolution to the following:

United States Congressman George Miller
United States Congressman Raul Grijalva
United States Congressman Keith Ellison
United States Congresswoman Barbara Lee
United States Senator Diane Feinstein
United States Senator Barbara Boxer
California State Senator Loni Hancock
California State Senator Mark DeSalnier
California State Assemblywoman Nancy Skinner

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager working with a representative from the City Council invites those listed above to present The People's Budget in a Town Hall meeting to help Richmond's residents understand the proposal more fully.

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 **May 17, 2011**, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Bates, Beckles, Booze, Ritterman, Rogers, Vice Mayor Butt, 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. 39-11**, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a joint meeting held on May 17, 2011.