RESOLUTION NO. 40-11

RESOLUTION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL, RICHMOND, TO
DEMONSTRATE THE CITY’S INTENT TO EXPLORE COMMUNITY CHOICE
AGGREGATION WITH THE MARIN ENERGY AUTHORITY,
DEMONSTRATE THE CITY’S SUPPORT OF CLEAN, LOCAL ENERGY AND
COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION, AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER
TO REQUEST THE CITY’S ENERGY CONSUMPTION DATA FROM PACIFIC GAS
& ELECTRIC

WHEREAS, Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) is a system enabled by Assembly
Bill 117 (2002) that allows local governments to procure electric energy for residents and
businesses within a community; and

WHEREAS, The City of Richmond conducted a greenhouse gas emissions inventory of
the 2005 calendar year and found that the consumption of electricity resulted in 132,021 metric
tons of carbon dioxide emissions annually; and

WHEREAS, the City Council passed a resolution committing to the GHG
emissions reduction targets established by California’s Global Warming Solutions Act,
Assembly Bill 32, which are 2000 levels by CY 2010, 1990 levels by CY 2020, and 80% below
1990 levels by CY 2050; and

WHEREAS, the consumption of electricity generated by renewable energy sources
would reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, the Marin Energy Authority oversees a Community Choice Aggregation
program that provides electricity with a higher renewable energy content than electricity
provided by Pacific Gas & Electric; and

WHEREAS, City Council passed a resolution on May 4, 2010 opposing Proposition 16
and declared it supports “citizens’ ability to opt for locally controlled public power by forming
municipal utility districts or CCAs in Contra Costa County and communities throughout the
state;” and

WHEREAS, the California State Bill 790 (SB 790) ensures that Community Choice
Aggregation remains a viable option for local governments as intended by the original Assembly
Bill 117 and by the voters who opposed Proposition 16 in 2010; and

WHEREAS, California Assembly Bill 976 (AB 976) would curtail a Community Choice
Aggregator’s ability to exercise its rights under state law to establish and operate a CCA
program; and

WHEREAS, the Marin Energy Authority oversees the only Community Choice
Aggregation program in the State of California – Marin Clean Energy; and

WHEREAS, Policy EC3.A of the Energy and Climate Change Element encourages the
City to “Conduct an assessment to determine the fiscal and operational feasibility of partnering
in Community Choice Aggregation. Collaborate with neighboring jurisdictions to support local
efforts to expand the generation and use of energy from renewable sources while increasing
revenue for City.”

NOW, THEREFORE, the Richmond City Council does resolve as follows:

SECTION 1. The Council does hereby oppose California Assembly Bill 976.
SECTION 2. The Council does hereby support California State Bill 790.
SECTION 3. The Council does declare its intent to explore Community Choice
Aggregation with the Marin Energy Authority.
SECTION 4. The Council does authorize the City Manager to request the City’s energy
consumption data from Pacific Gas & Electric.
I certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a special meeting held on Tuesday, May 24, 2011, by the following vote:

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

NOES: Councilmember Booze.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

ABSENT: Councilmember Bates.

DIANE HOLMES
Clerk of the City of Richmond
(SEAL)

Approved:

GAYLE MC LAUGHLIN
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. 40-11, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a special meeting held on Tuesday, May 24, 2011.