

RESOLUTION NO. 18-12

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA IN SUPPORT OF THE “MILLIONAIRES’ TAX TO RESTORE FUNDING FOR EDUCATION AND ESSENTIAL SERVICES ACT OF 2012”

WHEREAS, the city of Richmond receives a large proportion of its funding for vital services from the state of California, and

WHEREAS, the city of Richmond has been forced to contemplate and to implement severe budget cuts due to the state budget deficit, and

WHEREAS, the impact will include reduced services that the people of Richmond need and deserve, and

WHEREAS, some city employees have already lost their jobs and others could lose their jobs, with adverse impact on their lives, the city’s ability to deliver services, and on the local economy, and

WHEREAS, this is not inevitable, but a matter of political choices made by our Legislature to preserve inadequate tax rates for the richest residents of the state while balancing the state budget on the backs of everyone else, and

WHEREAS, the state of California is one of but a handful of states that require a two thirds legislative supermajority to pass new taxes, and

WHEREAS, each year a small minority of legislators, opposed to tax increases on ideological grounds, blocks the will of the majority and prevents a balanced approach to solving the budget crisis, and they have done so again this year, inflicting great harm on our ability to carry out our mission on behalf of our community, and

WHEREAS, the “Millionaires’ Tax to Restore Funding for Education and Essential Services Act of 2012” will raise \$6 billion in new revenues for the state of California by asking people who make \$1 million per year to pay their fair share of taxes,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Richmond City Council endorse the “Millionaires’ Tax to Restore Funding for Education and Essential Services Act of 2012,” and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Richmond City Council work with all interested parties in the community to advocate on behalf of the Act, in order to help alleviate state budgetary problems that affect the delivery of quality services to the residents of our city, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Richmond City Council hereby agrees to work with all interested parties to publicly advocate for a simple legislative majority to replace the two-thirds supermajority in the California Legislature for purposes of passing taxes.

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 February 7, 2012, by the following vote:

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

NOES: None.

ABSTENTIONS: Councilmember Booze.

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. 18-12, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on February 7, 2012.