RESOLUTION NO. 24-12

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND WELCOMING LAWRENCE BERKELEY NATIONAL LABORATORY TO RICHMOND

WHEREAS, the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL) was founded in 1931 by Ernest Orlando Lawrence, Ph.D., a University of California, Berkeley physicist who won the 1939 Nobel Prize in physics for his invention of the cyclotron, a circular particle accelerator that opened the door to high-energy physics; and

WHEREAS, LBNL is home to prominent scientists and researchers including 13 Nobel Prize Laureates in its 75 year history and has a $1.6 billion impact on the U.S. economy and an annual contribution of $700 million to the local economy; and

WHEREAS, in early 2011, LBNL announced the intention to build a Second Campus and the City of Richmond responded to LBNL’s request for qualifications with a proposal including the University of California, Berkeley-owned Richmond Field Station site; and

WHEREAS, the Richmond community expressed overwhelming and united support for the LBNL Second Campus locating in Richmond, as demonstrated by 7-0 City Council vote on February 1, 2011, in support of the City of Richmond’s proposal and the over 700 community members that rallied in support at the July 21, 2011, Town Hall Meeting; and

WHEREAS, on January 23, 2012, LBNL announced the selection of the Richmond Field Station as the preferred location for the LBNL Second Campus; and

WHEREAS, among the many benefits that Richmond offers are ample and affordable space and room for expansion, many natural and cultural amenities, the framework for an integrated transportation network, being a hub for the biosciences and clean and green technology industries, and a terrific community;

WHEREAS, the construction of the LBNL Second Campus presents an unparalleled opportunity to drive economic expansion, job creation, and science education in Richmond and in the region; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Richmond wholeheartedly welcomes LBNL to Richmond; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Richmond expresses sincere gratitude to LBNL officials, the Regents of the University of California, representatives of the University of California, Berkeley, and other elected officials, including Congressman George Miller, for their support in bringing LBNL to the City of Richmond; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Richmond expresses sincere gratitude to City staff and community members for their dedication to bringing LBNL to Richmond; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Richmond expresses a firm commitment to partnering with LBNL and the University of California, Berkeley to build a world-class campus and to maximize benefits for Richmond, LBNL, and the entire region.

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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 21, 2012, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Bates, Beckles, Booze, Butt, Ritterman, Vice Mayor Rogers, 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

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of Resolution No. 24-12, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on February 21, 2012.