RESOLUTION NO. 52-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND ADOPTING THE RICHMOND GENERAL PLAN 2030

WHEREAS, California Government Code Section 65300 requires each city and county jurisdiction to adopt a comprehensive, long-term general plan for the physical development of the county and/or city, and any land outside its boundaries which bears relation to its planning; and

WHEREAS, state law encourages jurisdictions to keep their general plans current through regular updates; and

WHEREAS, significant socio-economic changes have occurred since the City of Richmond’s General Plan was last updated in 1994; and

WHEREAS, in November 2005, the City Council (the “Council”) of the City of Richmond (the “City”), as the legislative body of the City, authorized a comprehensive update (the “proposed Richmond General Plan 2030”) to the City of Richmond’s 1994 General Plan in conjunction with the City’s centennial celebration; and

WHEREAS, the members of the City Council selected more than 40 residents and business owners to serve on a General Plan Advisory Committee which over the course of 22 meetings provided guidance and recommendations on key issues related to the development of the proposed Richmond General Plan 2030; and

WHEREAS, in February 2006, the City initiated an extensive existing conditions analysis and community visioning process to gain an understanding of critical community issues that should be addressed by the Richmond General Plan 2030; and

WHEREAS, between May and August 2006, the City released for public review a series of Issues and Opportunities Papers that framed key issues, opportunities and existing conditions in the City relative to land use, urban design, public infrastructure, natural hazards, community facilities, education, arts, culture, historic resources, economic development, noise, and community health and wellness; and

WHEREAS, the community visioning process involved the participation of over 2,000 community members and representatives from local non-profit organizations, advocacy groups, public agencies, industry and business representatives, educational institutions, and nearby local governments in a series of meetings, workshops, interviews, focus groups, and outreach events; and

WHEREAS, the community visioning process resulted in the development of a Vision Framework Report outlining the overall direction for the proposed Richmond General Plan 2030 and describing community priorities that would guide the Plan development process; and

WHEREAS, in July 2009, the City released the initial draft of the proposed Richmond General Plan 2030 for public review and comment and subsequent drafts were released in November 2009, February 2011, and August 2011, each in response to numerous comments received on previous drafts; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Richmond General Plan 2030 is comprised of the following mix of state-mandated and optional elements:

- Economic Development Element
- Education and Human Services Element
- Land Use and Urban Design Element
- Circulation Element
- Community Facilities Element
- Conservation, Natural Resources and Open Space Element

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- Energy and Climate Change Element
- Growth Management Element
- Parks and Recreation Element
- Community Health and Wellness Element
- Public Safety and Noise Element
- Arts and Culture Element
- Historic Resources Element
- National Historical Park Element; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Richmond General Plan 2030 reflects the community's vision and priorities and sets forth a strong policy framework to serve as a basis for the City's decision-making into the year 2030; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Richmond General Plan 2030 meets all of the applicable guidelines set forth in the State of California General Plan Guidelines published by the Governor's Office of Planning and Research; and

WHEREAS, California Government Code Section 65353 requires that a jurisdiction's planning commission hold at least one public hearing prior to recommending adoption of a general plan to the legislative body; and

WHEREAS, on October 6, 2011, October 20, 2011, and November 3, 2011, the Planning Commission conducted a public hearing to consider recommending certification of the General Plan EIR, adoption of a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP), and adoption of the proposed Richmond General Plan 2030 document to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission recommended certification of the General Plan EIR, adoption of an MMRP, and adoption of the proposed Richmond General Plan 2030 with a number of amendments; and

WHEREAS, the City Council reviewed the EIR, found that it adequately analyzes all potential environmental impacts of adoption of the proposed Richmond General Plan 2030, and has certified the EIR and adopted an MMRP; and

WHEREAS, on April 17, 2012, the City Council held a public hearing to consider adopting the proposed Richmond General Plan 2030, including the recommended Planning Commission amendments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council does hereby adopt the proposed Richmond General Plan 2030, released for public review on August 15, 2011, with the following amendments (strike-through indicates deletion; underline indicates insertion):


Work with the Bay Area Air Quality Management District and other government agencies to establish and identify funding for a citywide air quality monitoring and reporting program, including known industrial sources of emissions. The air quality monitoring and reporting program would assess the cumulative impact of air pollution and toxins on human and environmental health and monitor exposure of sensitive uses such as schools, childcare centers, parks and playgrounds, housing and community gathering places.

Collaborate with the County Health Services Department, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District and state agencies to establish baseline exposures and to the extent feasible, document health effects associated with monitored baseline exposures and develop provisions to hold businesses and operations financially accountable for their impacts on the environment or community due to air pollution exceeding legal thresholds.

General Plan Policies ED2.1, HW6.1, and LU3.2 (Local Employment Base) to be amended as follows:
Expand and diversify the local employment base to provide quality jobs for all Richmond residents especially those that face barriers to employment such as youth, seniors, the formerly incarcerated, and residents with limited English proficiency. Richmond’s economy should offer a broad range of quality employment opportunities for current and future residents with varying degrees of experience, education and training. By expanding and diversifying the local employment base, Richmond can establish itself as a major employment center in Contra Costa County and along the Interstate 80 and 580 corridors.

Encourage businesses and industries that provide a safe work environment, living wages and benefits, and opportunities for skill development and advancement. Allow a range of industries and business types including a variety of small and large firms, established and up-and-coming industries, national and local establishments and employers across a variety of economic sectors including publicly owned and private port facilities.

Support local businesses and entrepreneurs by providing a range of locations and flexible space opportunities including retail space along commercial corridors and office and light industrial space close to regional transportation infrastructure. Provide infrastructure improvements and incentives to support residents and businesses in establishing and expanding local enterprises in Richmond. Encourage local businesses to provide a range of quality jobs to residents, maximize and keep revenue in the City, and respond to community needs for key amenities and services.

General Plan Policies ED2.6, HW6.4, LU3.1, and EC5.2 (Environmentally Progressive Businesses and Industries) to be amended as follows:

Encourage existing businesses and industries to become increasingly environmentally progressive and continue making positive contributions to the community. Encourage businesses and industries to hire locally when possible, and to demonstrate reasons for not hiring local employees, participate in civic life and play a positive role in the community. Seek reciprocity in the hiring of Richmond residents in Contra Costa County and other nearby jurisdictions with local hiring ordinances. Together with regulatory agencies, actively work with local industries to reduce harmful emissions and ensure compliance with all applicable environmental regulations to limit pollution and protect the community from environmental hazards, including the cost of impact studies and remediation.

Promote and encourage new clean and green industries that provide well-paying jobs, revenue and other community and environmental benefits; support efforts to require existing industries to decrease harmful emissions and impacts; and promote a mix of uses and a range of activities on industrial land to create jobs and revenue while avoiding conflict between industrial and non-industrial uses.

General Plan Actions ED2.D, HW6.A, LU3.A, and EC5.A (Green Business Strategic Plan) to be amended as follows:

Work with local business support agencies, the Richmond Community Redevelopment Agency and community stakeholders to develop a strategic plan to retain, attract, and support innovative “green” companies to Richmond, consistent with City Council Resolution 45-07, which declared Richmond a “Green Economic Development Area.” Support this effort by monitoring industry trends, assisting commercial brokers in matching companies with available sites and including a strategic marketing campaign that highlights Richmond’s strengths and strategies to prepare the local workforce for emerging green industries. Work with State and local agencies to develop criteria for green business certification for new and existing businesses. Seek opportunities to create incentives for existing businesses to participate in the program.

General Plan Policies ED3.2 and HW6.2 (Workforce Training and Recruitment) to be amended as follows:

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Support and expand enhance jobs-skills training and recruitment programs and services. Collaborate with educational institutions, employers, unions and the local workforce development programs to strengthen services for Richmond youth and adults. Expand Support and enhance education, training and recruitment programs and services for local residents to increase job and employment opportunities and compete in the regional economy.

General Plan Policy EH2.1 (Job Skills Training) to be amended as follows:

Support Enhance and strengthen technical, vocational and job skills training programs through the community colleges, adult schools, union apprenticeships and other local organizations to provide youth and adults with opportunities to learn relevant skills and advance economically. Encourage training formats that respond to the language barriers, transportation, and scheduling constraints that may be faced by many residents. Collaborate with the Richmond Workforce Investment Board to strengthen programs and expand funding.

General Plan Policy EH2.2 (Mentorship and Apprenticeship) to be amended as follows:

Support, Enhance and strengthen mentorship and apprenticeship programs for teenagers including technical and vocational training that will best prepare them for employment in local and regional industries. Collaborate with the Richmond Workforce Investment Board, trade unions, high schools, churches and community organizations to tailor these programs for the youth, strengthen programs and expand funding.

The following definition for the term “Shoreline” to be added alphabetically to the Glossary chapter of the General Plan:

The interface of land, tidal water and its related ecology.

General Plan Policies LU1.4 and HW8.2 (Active Streets and Safe Public Spaces) to be amended as follows:

Promote active use of public spaces in neighborhoods and commercial areas at all times of day to provide “eyes-on-the-street.” Provide an appropriate mix of uses, high-quality design and appropriate programming of uses to facilitate natural surveillance in public spaces. Improve the sense of safety for potential users by providing and maintaining amenities and services such as restrooms, street furniture, bus stops, shelters, street lighting, trees for shade, public art and secure bicycle parking and by restricting or prohibiting uses that are incompatible with community needs and priorities including, but not limited to liquor stores and smoke shops.

General Plan Actions LU1.A and EC4.D (Infill Development Incentives) to be amended as follows:

Promote Encourage infill development throughout the City, especially in the targeted redevelopment areas in of Central Richmond; and avoid the displacement of existing residents. Promote Encourage new development and redevelopment projects to provide community amenities and uses that serve priority community needs and retain the existing urban limit lines.

General Plan Action LU1.H (Vacant and Underutilized Sites) to be amended as follows:

Compile, maintain, and publicize an inventory of vacant and underutilized sites in the City that affect economic and social viability of neighborhoods and contribute physical blight. Include an inventory of large publicly owned sites that may be developed to serve community needs.

General Plan Action LU3.1 (Industrial Modernization) to be amended as follows:

Support heavy industry’s on-going efforts to modernize and upgrade their plants to reduce energy use, increase efficiency and reduce energy emissions to.
General Plan Policies LU4.1 and CN2.2 (Richmond Shoreline) to be amended as follows:

Minimize the impacts of development on the shoreline with special attention on intensity, density, and proximity to the water. Conserve, protect and enhance natural and cultural resources along the Richmond shoreline. Promote a balance of uses along the shoreline that supports multiple community needs such as economic development, recreation, historic preservation and natural resource protection.

Provide a mix of residential and recreation uses in the Southern Shoreline area; support an active industrial waterfront around the Port and along the Santa Fe Channel; and promote a cultural heritage shoreline west of the Port.

Protect and restore wetlands, native habitats and open space; develop shoreline parks and trails to increase public access; encourage recreation and tourism activities; and enhance and showcase historic and cultural resources. Prepare, adopt, and implement plans that will to protect natural and built environments from adverse potential impacts of sea level rise due to climate change.

The following language to be added as General Plan Policy LU5.4 (North Richmond Shoreline Development):

**Consistent with the adopted North Richmond Shoreline Specific Plan (NRSSP), guide development in Change Area 12 (Northshore) in a manner that improves the area’s overall image, benefits community residents, and allows for a reasonable intensity of development within a framework of conservation and public access to the Bay. Support development that creates jobs for Richmond residents. Protect and enhance the natural resources in the area by ensuring that development minimizes its impact on adjacent sensitive shoreline, wetlands, and habitat areas. Ensure public access to the shoreline.**

Ensure that no buildings are constructed within 100 feet of the shoreline found along Change Area 12 (Northshore).

For the purposes of this policy, “shoreline" shall be conterminous with mean high tide line. In marshes, the shoreline shall begin at a contour line that is five feet above sea level.

The following language to be added as General Plan Action LU5.D (Design Guidelines for North Richmond Shoreline Development):

**Develop design guidelines and standards for Change Area 12 (Northshore) that address site planning, building mass, view corridors, lighting, landscaping, motorized and non-motorized public access to the Bay, and the setting within a regionally significant resource conservation and recreation area. Design guidelines should encourage varied building heights to address surrounding uses and ecological resources, with emphasis on reduced building heights near the shoreline.**

The following General Plan land use classification and development ranges to be added to Table 3.4 ‘‘Business and Industry Land Use Classifications’’:

- **Low Intensity Business/Light Industrial – Near sensitive resource areas, commercial and institutional Business/Light Industrial uses such as research and development and office uses are permissible at lower intensity than is generally permissible under the Business/Light Industrial designation.**

  - **Density:** Not applicable
  - **Intensity:** 0.40 FAR; Up to 0.65 FAR with Design Review Board and Planning Commission approval
  - **Height:** 25-55 feet; buildings located adjacent to the shoreline setback or sensitive resources shall begin at 25 feet in height and may be increased in
height up to 55 feet subject to Design Review Board and Planning Commission approval.

In the Land Use and Urban Design Element, all applicable land use diagrams and maps are to be amended to reflect the land use designations as illustrated in the maps attached hereto as Exhibit A, attached and incorporated by reference.

In the Land Use and Urban Design Element, at page 3.38, the first sentence of the discussion “Desired Urban Form” is to be amended as follows:

In the former Point Molate Navy Fuel Depot area, improvements to public areas should be guided, for the most part, by the 1997 Point Molate Reuse Plan, except any references encouraging the demolition of Building 6 (page 1-34 of the Point Molate Reuse Plan).

The following language to be added as General Plan Action CR1.M (Transit Needs Assessment):

Work with regional transit agencies to develop a Transit Needs Assessment that inventories current transit serving Richmond, analyzes transit needs of current and expected future Richmond residents and employees, identifies unmet needs, and develops feasible and practical strategies for meeting those needs through both improved and new services within an integrated transit system.

General Plan Policy CR3.2 (Adequate Maintenance) to be amended as follows:

Ensure adequate maintenance of transportation facilities such as streets, trails, sidewalks, bicycle paths, bus shelters, steps, and street furniture. Ensure that maintenance occurs in a manner that is socially equitable.

General Plan Action CR4.B (Truck Routes Plan) to be amended as follows:

Work with business operators and other stakeholders to develop a plan to re-route diesel trucks away from neighborhood streets and sensitive uses such as homes, schools, parks and playgrounds to minimize impacts from emissions and traffic conflicts. The Plan should specifically ensure that the most efficient and direct routes do not negatively impact low income residents or communities of color disproportionately more than any other groups in terms of noise, air quality or safety. Collaborate with the community representatives, Port, truck operators, local businesses and regional and state transportation agencies to develop the new routes while ensuring efficient movement of goods through port and industrial areas.

General Plan Policy CR5.1 (Transportation Demand Management) to be amended as follows:

Promote transportation demand management strategies among residents and businesses to reduce reliance on automobiles. Encouraging major employers to develop and implement transportation demand management (TDM) for employees will address peak commute traffic, congestion and air quality. Encourage and support development and transportation projects that emphasize design elements for bicycle and pedestrian access.

General Plan Policy CR5.2 (Renewable Energy and Clean Technology) to be amended as follows:

Promote the use of renewable energy, including non-fossil fuels, and clean technology for transportation including public transit and goods movement.

General Plan Action CR5.E (Diesel Engine Emissions) to be amended as follows:

Work with truck, maritime shipping, and rail operators to develop strategies, with benchmarks and timetables, that will reduce diesel emissions.

General Plan Actions CF1.A, LU1.G, and ED1.D (Community Facilities Evaluation) to be amended as follows:

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Continue to regularly track and evaluate community facilities including schools, libraries, community centers, human service facilities and associated programs and services. Recommend improvements and identify funding mechanisms and partners in implementation to restore the public library system to its full capacity.

Promote best practices in joint-use, universal access, sustainability, green design and safety. Standardize the use of design guidelines at all public facilities and incentivize their application at nonprofit and private facilities.

Create, maintain, and make available to the public a property and facilities database that identifies the size, location, physical quality and other attributes of all public facilities, as well as nonprofit and private facilities. Utilize the database, in conjunction with other studies, to prioritize facility maintenance and improvement projects.

General Plan Action CF1.F (Public Utilities Revitalization) to be amended as follows:

Maintain and upgrade existing water, gas, electricity, telecommunications and cable infrastructure and associated programs and services. Assess the system’s ability to serve current and future residents, recommend improvements and identify funding mechanisms and partners for implementation.

Work with Pacific Gas & Electric and the pipeline franchise holders to update gas and fuel line maps and require them to maintain and upgrade gas and fuel lines at their own expense to preserve the public health and safety. Follow guidelines for safety to ensure that future improvements do not compromise services and those services do not conflict with future development. Continue coordination efforts with Pacific Gas & Electric to update and support compliance with the Electric Undergrounding Program.

Continue to work with the East Bay Municipal Utility District to update and support compliance with the Water Supply Management Program, the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan and the Dam Safety Program for San Pablo Dam. Continue to work with railroad companies on locating utilities along railroad rights-of-way.

General Plan Policy EC1.2 (Public Awareness and Support) to be amended as follows:

Provide incentives to encourage residents and businesses to reduce their carbon footprint by raising their awareness about the impacts of climate change and by building support for climate change initiatives in Richmond and the greater region.

General Plan Actions EC1.C, CR1.B, and HW4.C (Safe and Convenient Public Transit Options) to be amended as follows:

Continue to collaborate with AC transit, BART, West Contra Costa Transit Agency, Amtrak and major employers in Richmond that provide shuttle service to explore the potential for expanding transit in the evenings and late nights, and for people with special needs. Also explore the potential to enhance Richmond’s paratransit service. Collaborate with major employers to provide employer-based “open-door” shuttles to BART, the planned ferry terminal and other transit hubs. Collaborate with regional and Contra Costa County transportation agencies to restore service levels and to maintain and enhance service within the City and region. Explore prioritization strategies and improvements that to address affordability, access and safety. Also prioritize transit and street improvements that increase mobility for low-income, youth, seniors, disabled, and other vulnerable residents to ensure equitable access. Expand outreach and information programs to promote transit use.

General Plan Policies EC3.2 and HW10.5 (Energy Efficiency and Conservation) to be amended as follows:

Promote efficient use of energy and conservation of available resources in the design, construction, maintenance and operation of public and private facilities, infrastructure and equipment. Collaborate with partner agencies, utilities and businesses to support a range of energy efficiency, conservation and waste reduction measures including: development and retrofitting of green buildings and infrastructure; installation of energy-
efficient appliances and equipment in homes and offices; and heightened awareness of energy and conservation issues. Collaborate with local workforce development programs to train and employ Richmond residents in these and other green jobs sectors.

General Plan Policy EC4.1 (Mixed-Use and Infill Development) to be amended as follows:

Promote mixed-use infill development on vacant and underutilized parcels along commercial corridors, in the Downtown area, at the planned ferry terminal and in the Hilltop area. Support local-serving mixed-use in residential areas to provide needed services and amenities close to where people live and work. Protect existing affordable housing and develop strategies to prevent the displacement of renters and low-income residents. Require property owners to comply with and pay for state and federal requirements for site remediation as a condition for approving development on contaminated sites.

General Plan Policies EC4.5 and HW2.2 [Local Food System – (Urban Agriculture)] to be amended as follows:

Support sustainable local food systems including farmer’s markets, community supported agriculture, urban agriculture, federal food assistance programs and healthy-food retailers. Collaborate with local urban agriculture advocates to identify sites with urban agriculture potential. Support local agriculture on vacant land as appropriate identified for urban agriculture development. Production and processing of food locally can reduce overall energy consumption, improve access to fresh fruits and vegetables in the community, especially in existing food deserts, and support the local economy by keeping jobs and revenue in Richmond. Support farmers’ markets, fresh food stands and community gardens to supplement the availability of healthy food in the City.

General Plan Action EC4.E (Street Design Standards) to be amended as follows:

Update the City’s street design standards so that they support public transit, bicycles and walking on all streets. The updated standards should be consistent with and tailored to street or trail function and adjacent land use type.

Pedestrian-friendly designs should address maximum lane widths, maximum curb radii, sidewalk width, curb ramps and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements. Bicycle-friendly design should address lane widths, street and intersection crossings and parking areas. Include guidelines for transit access.

Identify priority thoroughfares for developing green streets in the City to implement a natural systems approach for stormwater management and to expand urban greenery.

Evaluate the feasibility of reducing the number or width of travel lanes on key mixed-use streets that may have excess capacity such as Cutting Boulevard, and using the capacity and/or regained width for wider sidewalks and bicycle lanes.

General Plan Policy EC 5.2 (Environmentally Progressive Businesses and Industries) to be amended as follows:

Encourage existing businesses and industries to become increasingly environmentally progressive and continue making positive contributions to the community. Encourage businesses and industries to hire locally when possible and demonstrate reasons for not hiring local employees, participate in civic life and play a positive role in the community. Together with regulatory agencies, actively work with local industries to ensure compliance with all applicable environmental regulations to limit pollution, decrease harmful impacts from emissions and protect the community from environmental hazards.

Promote and encourage new clean and green industries that provide well-paying jobs, revenue and other community and environmental benefits; support efforts by to require existing industries to decrease harmful emissions and impacts; and promote a mix of uses and a range of activities on industrial land to create jobs and revenue while avoiding conflict between industrial and non-industrial uses.
General Plan Policies EC5.3, CN4.1, HW9.1, and ED1.4 (Air Quality) to be amended as follows:

Support regional policies and efforts that improve air quality to protect human and environmental health and minimize disproportionate impacts on sensitive population groups. Work with businesses and industry, residents and regulatory agencies to reduce the impact of direct, indirect and cumulative impacts of stationary and non-stationary sources of pollution such as industry, the Port, railroads, diesel trucks and busy roadways. 

Fully utilize Richmond’s police power to regulate industrial and commercial emissions. Ensure that sensitive uses such as schools, childcare centers, parks and playgrounds, housing and community gathering places are protected from adverse impacts of emissions.

Continue to work with stakeholders to reduce impacts associated with air quality on disadvantaged neighborhoods and continue to participate in regional planning efforts with nearby jurisdictions and the Bay Area Air Quality Management District to meet or exceed air quality standards. Support regional, state and federal efforts to enforce existing pollution control laws and strengthen regulations.

General Plan Policy EC6.3 (Adapting to Climate Change) to be amended as:

Prepare for and adapt to future impacts of changing weather patterns and sea level fluctuations. Protect neighborhoods, infrastructure and facilities, the shoreline and natural resources from the impacts of climate change. Require new developments to include an evaluation of climate change impacts in the project review process. Shoreline and public access improvements shall be designed to allow future increases in elevation along the shoreline. Design elements shall include providing adequate setbacks to allow for future elevation increases of at least three feet from the existing elevation along the shoreline.

General Plan Actions HW1.D and PR3.F (Parks Maintenance Plan) to be amended as follows:

Regularly update the maintenance plan for all City-owned and operated parks, trails, landscapes and greenways. Include funding mechanisms to support ongoing operations and life-cycle replacements. Consider the Hilltop Landscape Maintenance District and the Marina Bay Neighborhood Landscape Management Plan as models. The parks maintenance plan may be included in the Parks Master Plan. Work with the school district and other public agencies to develop community service credits for students.


Develop and adopt design guidelines that deter criminal activity in neighborhoods, streets and public areas. Include guidelines for the design of play areas, parks, sports facilities, streets and sidewalks, plazas and urban pocket parks, and housing and commercial sites, among others. Require the early integration of crime prevention strategies such as community policing in new development and redevelopment projects including the involvement of the Police Department in the review of major projects in high crime areas of the City. Include guidelines for parks and recreation facilities with particular focus on the following five areas: design and orientation of buildings, restrooms and parking areas; defensible space with no hidden areas or structures that block visibility and natural surveillance; ownership and control over public space; cameras and other technologies; lighting; and signage.

General Plan Policy HW2.3 (Quality of Restaurant Food) to be amended as follows:

Encourage restaurants to serve healthy foods and provide nutritional information to customers. Continue to collaborate with health agencies to encourage the availability of healthy foods at restaurants while supporting businesses that offer healthy foods. Consider expansion of zoning restrictions on formula restaurants to all neighborhood commercial districts with high rates of obesity related diseases.
General Plan Action HW2.D (Sustainable Urban Agriculture Assessment) to be amended as follows:

Work with non-profits and regulatory agencies to identify food deserts and potential sites for urban agriculture and to explore the potential for creating, expanding and sustaining local urban agriculture, including community gardens, orchards and farmers’ markets. Urban agriculture has the potential to supplement the availability of fresh fruit and vegetables in the community, especially in existing food deserts, provide economic opportunities to Richmond residents, lower food costs, reduce overall energy consumption and build social cohesion.

The assessment could explore the feasibility of implementing the following strategies:

- Identifying food deserts and sites suitable for urban agriculture;
- Evaluating contaminants harmful to human health on land proposed for urban agriculture;
- Developing a site inventory and a management plan to administer the use of potential urban agricultural sites;
- Identifying adequate sites to expand the number and frequency of farmer's markets throughout Richmond;
- Promoting urban agriculture as a desirable civic activity that improves the quality of urban life, food security, neighborhood safety and environmental stewardship;
- Supporting the development of appropriate agriculture in residential, industrial, business and open space zones;
- Establishing a community-based support system for urban growers such as tool banks, shared processing facilities, farmers' markets, community supported agriculture ventures, funding streams and technical service providers;
- Offering locally grown food to local schools, hospitals, nursing homes, daycare centers, correction facilities and businesses such as restaurants, while creating economic opportunities for urban growers and related industries;
- Supporting WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program and the Senior Farmers’ Market Nutrition Program that provide support for buying fresh produce at farmers’ markets;
- Creating training programs for unemployed people to work in urban food-related businesses as a source of jobs;
- Working with representatives of community gardening and urban farming organizations to meet needs unique to urban farm enterprises;
- Ensuring long-term land commitment for community gardens, entrepreneurial farms and other urban agriculture ventures;
- Updating building codes to encourage rooftop gardening; and
- Developing school-based programs that integrate nutrition and gardening in order to raise awareness about the connection between healthy food choices and locally grown fresh produce.

The following language to be added as General Plan Action HW2.E (Food Quality and Availability Assessment):

In collaboration with Contra Costa Health Services, conduct an assessment of food quality and availability in Richmond. Use the assessment to develop a citywide food access strategy to reduce the number of food deserts throughout Richmond.

General Plan Policy HW5.5 (Service for Homeless) to be amended as follows:

Work with social service agencies and all federal, state, and local jurisdictions to provide an integrated system of care for people experiencing homelessness.
General Plan Action HW5.A (Inclusionary Housing Ordinance) to be amended as follows:

Regularly review and update the City's inclusionary housing ordinance to reflect evolving inclusionary housing needs. Housing targets should reflect the Association of Bay Area Governments' regional housing needs allocations for very low, low and moderate-income housing units. Ensure that inclusionary housing in-lieu fees reflect the actual cost of constructing affordable units. Consider amending Review and amend the inclusionary housing ordinance to limit the circumstances for when developers can pay in-lieu fees instead of constructing affordable units as part of proposed development projects.

General Plan Policy HW5.H (Homeless Plan) to be amended as follows:

Collaborate with the Homeless Continuum of Care Advisory Board local homeless programs to develop and implement a plan to provide transition facilities and housing and other services for people facing homelessness, substance abuse and mental health issues. Link homeless programs with supportive services such as mental health, substance abuse and primary health care.

General Plan Policy HW6.4 (Environmentally Progressive Businesses and Industries) to be amended as follows:

Encourage existing businesses and industries to become increasingly environmentally progressive and continue making positive contributions to the community. Encourage businesses and industries to hire locally when possible, participate in civic life and play a positive role in the community. Together with regulatory agencies, actively work with local industries to ensure compliance with all applicable environmental regulation to limit pollution and protect the community from environmental hazards.

Promote and encourage new clean and green industries that provide well-paying jobs, revenue and other community and environmental benefits; support efforts by to require existing industries to decrease harmful emissions and impacts; and promote a mix of uses and a range of activities on industrial land to create jobs and revenue while avoiding conflict between industrial and non-industrial uses.

General Plan Action HW9.A (Air Quality Monitoring and Reporting Program) to be amended as follows:

Work with the Bay area Air Quality Management District and other government agencies to establish and identify funding for a citywide air quality monitoring and reporting program, including known industrial sources of emissions. The air quality monitoring and reporting program would assess the cumulative impact of air pollution and toxins on human and environmental health and monitor exposure of sensitive uses such as schools, childcare centers, parks and playgrounds, housing and community gathering places.

Collaborate with the County Health Services Department, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District and state agencies to establish baseline exposures and, to the extent feasible, document health effects associated with monitored baseline exposures and develop provisions to hold businesses and operations financially accountable for their impacts on the environment or community due to air pollution exceeding legal thresholds.

General Plan Actions HW9.J, CN6.A, LU4.D, ED1.F (Site Remediation) to be amended as follows:

Require property owners to comply with and pay for state and federal requirements for site remediation as a condition for approving redevelopment on contaminated sites. In collaboration with other government agencies, utilize the Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC) Cortesie List to prioritize the remediation of city and non-city-owned property to protect human and environmental health. Seek state and federal funds to implement the necessary level of clean-up.
General Plan Policy HW10.6 (Waste Reduction and Recycling) to be amended as follows:

Promote waste reduction and recycling to minimize materials that are processed in landfills. Encourage residents and businesses to reduce waste and minimize consumption of goods that require higher energy use for shipping and packaging. Encourage composting to reduce food and yard waste and provide mulch for gardening. Reducing waste and selecting minimum-impact products will conserve land and energy resources. Develop a comprehensive recycling and composting program for all city-owned facilities.

General Plan Policy HW11.D (Healthy Choices Public Information Campaign) to be amended as follows:

Work with Contra Costa Health Service and community stakeholders to identify creative ways to promote healthy lifestyle choices starting with city facilities and employees. Explore strategies that effectively target special needs of underserved communities such as youth, seniors and low-income households. Outreach materials may include newsletters, a website, postcards and radio or television announcements.

In the Public Safety and Noise Element, at page 12.7, the following is to be added to the discussion under “Stationary Sources”:

A variety of stationary sources of noise in Richmond are common to all urban areas, such as noise generated by machinery, heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) equipment, and landscape maintenance activities. In Richmond’s industrial areas, noise is generated by heavy equipment associated with shipping and loading activities, metal scrapping facilities and recycling centers. The Richmond Rod and Gun Club is a source of regular shooting noise in northern Richmond. Occasional outdoor sporting events, such as those held at Richmond, Kennedy and De Anza high schools, can attract large numbers of spectators and produce noise which can affect nearby residential areas.

In the Arts and Culture Element, at page 13.9, the discussion “Events and Festivals” is to be amended by adding the North Richmond Shoreline Festival to the list of annual cultural events and festivals held in Richmond.

In the Historical Resources Element, at page 14.5, the first paragraph of the discussion “American Period (1846 – 1895)” is to be amended as follows:

In 1846, California broke away from Mexico. After the Mexican-American War, Mexico ceded California to the United States. Many squatters settled on the huge Castro landholding, sparking court proceedings that lasted nearly 50 years, deterring developers from the region due to uncertainty over land ownership.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council does hereby direct staff to do the following:

1. Refer the proposals on industrial emissions and energy efficiency back to staff for review, further community input, and an open public process through the Planning Commission and City Council.

2. Refer the Pt. Molate land use designation to staff for further review on certain land use modifications, consistent with remediation funding available, with public input and an open process through the Planning Commission and City Council.

3. Refer the South Shoreline FAR requirements to staff for further review with public comment and an open process through the Planning Commission and City Council.

4. Refer staff to work with our official arts groups to feature the full page commissioned art pieces before each section of the completed book of the General Plan (both online and hard copy).
I certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond at a special meeting thereof held on April 24, 2012, by the following vote:

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

NOES: Councilmembers Bates and Boozé.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

ABSENT: None.

DIANE HOLMES
CLERK OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND
(SEAL)

Approved:

GAYLE MCLAUGHLIN
Mayor

Approved as to form:

BRUCE GOODMILLER
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. 52-12, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a special meeting held on April 24, 2012.