

**RESOLUTION NO. 67-12**

**RESOLUTION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL, RICHMOND,  
REQUESTING MEMBERSHIP IN THE MARIN ENERGY AUTHORITY.**

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WHEREAS, the City of Richmond conducted a greenhouse gas emissions inventory for 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 2010, 1990 levels by 2020, and 80% below 1990 levels by CY 2050, and

WHEREAS, the consumption of electricity generated with a higher renewable energy content would reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and

WHEREAS, Policy EC3.A of the City's Draft General Plan Update (2030) 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.", and

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond has been actively investigating options to provide electric services to constituents within its service area with the intent of achieving greater local involvement over the provision of electric services and promoting competitive and renewable energy, and

WHEREAS, on September 24, 2002, the Governor signed into law Assembly Bill 117 (Stat. 2002, Ch. 838; see California Public Utilities Code section 366.2; hereinafter referred to as the "Act"), which authorizes any California city or county, whose governing body so elects, to combine the electricity load of its residents and businesses in a community-wide electricity aggregation program known as Community Choice Aggregation ("CCA"), and

WHEREAS, the Act expressly authorizes participation in a CCA program through a joint powers agency, and on December 19, 2008, the Marin Energy Authority ("MEA") was established as a joint power authority pursuant to a Joint Powers Agreement, as amended from time to time ("MEA Joint Powers Agreement"), and

WHEREAS, on February 2, 2010, the California Public Utilities Commission certified the "Implementation Plan" of the MEA, confirming the MEA's compliance with the requirements of the Act, and

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond fully supports the mission of MEA, which states that the purpose of MEA is to address climate change by reducing energy related greenhouse gas emissions and securing energy supply, price stability, energy efficiencies and local economic and workforce benefits. It is the intent of MEA to promote the development and use of a wide range of renewable energy sources and energy efficiency programs, including but not limited to solar and wind energy production at competitive rates for customers, and

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond fully supports MEA's current electricity procurement goal of 50 percent renewable energy content, and

WHEREAS, in order to become a member of the MEA, the MEA Joint Powers Agreement requires the City of Richmond to individually adopt a resolution requesting membership in the Marin Energy Authority and an ordinance electing to implement a Community Choice Aggregation program within its jurisdiction.

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

1. The Richmond City Council requests that the Board of Directors of the Marin Energy Authority approve the City of Richmond as a member of the Marin Energy Authority.

2. The Richmond City Council directs the City Manager to forward a copy of this resolution to the Marin Energy Authority.
3. The Richmond City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to execute the Marin Energy Authority Joint Powers Agreement.
4. The Richmond City Council directs City staff to work with Marin Energy Authority staff to identify and pursue local renewable energy projects in Richmond.
5. The Richmond City Council requests that the California Public Utilities Commission consider increasing funding for the Marin Energy Authority Energy Efficiency Program Plan commensurate to Richmond's additional energy load.

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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 May 15, 2012, by the following vote:

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

NOES: Councilmembers Bates and Booze.

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. 67-12, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on May 15, 2012.