

RESOLUTION NO. 15-13

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND IN SUPPORT OF THE SELECTION OF 1450 MARINA WAY SOUTH IN RICHMOND AS THE SITE FOR THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE CALL CENTER

WHEREAS, Contra Costa County has been selected as the location for the State of California Health Insurance Exchange call center; and

WHEREAS, the Richmond City Council is grateful that a site at 1450 Marina Way South is one of the locations under serious consideration as the location for this regional call center; and

WHEREAS, many sites in Contra Costa County would make excellent locations for the proposed call center, and many communities in the County would significantly benefit from the economic boost that would result from the jobs that would exist at the call center, and the County should be applauded for their work to date in bringing this facility to Contra Costa County; and

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond is working hard to build its economy in a way that lowers an unemployment rate that, at any given time, is generally five percentage points higher than the County at large; and

WHEREAS, the jobs generated in the regional call center would be an excellent fit for the workforce skills that currently exist in Richmond, and the facility would have considerable beneficial impact on our local residents; and

WHEREAS, the City has a well-regarded and recognized Employment and Training Department that has the ability and experience to partner with the call center in job training programs, helping to ensure that the call center would generate local employment opportunities for Contra Costa County; and

WHEREAS, the site at 1450 Marina Way South offers an outstanding work environment adjacent to San Francisco Bay, and is conveniently served by an array of public transit options that include access to the Richmond or El Cerrito Del Norte BART stations within ten minutes time, free van shuttle service, with funding from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, that would further connect the regional call center to BART, and the San Francisco Bay Trail, offering the most picturesque bicycle and pedestrian commute imaginable.

WHEREAS, the site at 1450 Marina Way South offers ample on-site and adjacent all-day street parking for vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the owner of the building site at 1450 Marina Way South has already been granted a building permit to undertake the minor improvements that need to be completed to accommodate the call center, and the City of Richmond would do everything in its power to ensure that tenant improvements, and other related site improvements, are completed, within necessary occupancy deadlines.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Richmond does hereby offer its unequivocal support of the selection of 1450 Marina Way South in Richmond as the site for the State of California health insurance exchange call center.

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 19, 2013, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Bates, Beckles, Butt, Myrick, Rogers, Vice Mayor Boozé, 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:

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. 15-13, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on February 19, 2013.