

**RESOLUTION NO. 47-14**

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA IN  
FAVOR OF AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING IN RICHMOND**

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**WHEREAS**, pressures of gentrification and the lack of supply of affordable rental housing beginning to mount in Richmond resulting from a number of economic forces such as: low and medium renters being forced out of San Francisco, improvements in the safety and quality of life in Richmond, construction of the LBNL second campus, and activities of land speculators are causing an increase in Richmond housing costs. These pressures will likely cause rents to rise dramatically, potentially forcing many long-time Richmond residents from their homes, and,

**WHEREAS**, the lack of affordable housing impacts the health of the community, and,

**WHEREAS**, many cities like San Francisco, are trying to respond to a rapid decline in affordable rental housing to balance out the sustainability of the community, and,

**WHEREAS**, it would be more effective for Richmond to combat these rising pressures while affordable rental housing situations still exist.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of Richmond hereby directs staff to present a study session within 120 days on prospective policies to assist with maintaining affordable rental housing. This presentation should include a survey of actions other communities have taken including: forms of rent control, relocation assistance, requirements for affordable housing as parts of projects, renter rights, as well as feedback from Richmond residents and organizations.

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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 **June 3, 2014**, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Myrick, Rogers, Vice Mayor Beckles, and Mayor McLaughlin.

NOES: Councilmembers Bates, Boozé, and Butt.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTENTION: 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. 47-14**, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on June 3, 2014.