WHEREAS, California Government Code Section 65300 requires each city and county 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, California Government Code Section 65302 lists the housing element as one of the seven general plan elements mandated by the State of California; and

WHEREAS, California Government Code Section 65588 requires cities and counties to update their general plan housing elements every five years; and

WHEREAS, California Government Code Section 65585 requires the California Department of Housing and Community Development (the “State”) to review and prepare findings regarding the city or county’s housing element and its compliance with detailed statutory requirements; and

WHEREAS, in January 2013, the City Council (the “Council”) of the City of Richmond (the “City”) adopted and the State certified the Richmond Housing Element Update for the previous 2007-2014 planning period; and

WHEREAS, the City began preparing the Richmond 5th Cycle Housing Element Update for the current 2015-2023 planning period (the “proposed Richmond Housing Element Update”); and

WHEREAS, in April 2014, the City released a draft of the proposed Richmond Housing Element Update for public review and comment and subsequent revised drafts were released in May; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the statutory requirements set forth in California Government Code Sections 65583 through 65590, the proposed Richmond Housing Element Update contains an assessment of existing and projected housing needs, an inventory of sites available for housing development, an analysis of constraints to local housing production, and a set of specific housing programs designed to meet identified housing needs; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Richmond Housing Element Update 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, the proposed Richmond Housing Element Update is subject to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act, as amended (Public Resources Code Sections 21000-21178), and the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines (California Code of Regulations Title 14, Chapter 3) (collectively, “CEQA”); and

WHEREAS, on April 24, 2012, the Council adopted the CEQA Findings of Fact, Statement of Significance, and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, and certified the Environmental Impact Report, for the Richmond General Plan 2030 (SCH#2008022018) (the “Richmond General Plan 2030 EIR”); and

WHEREAS, on April 24, 2012, the Council adopted the Richmond General Plan 2030 document; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Richmond Housing Element Update is considered an amendment to the Richmond General Plan 2030; and
WHEREAS, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15164, the City has prepared a proposed addendum affirming that the analysis contained in the Richmond General Plan 2030 EIR adequately addresses the potential physical impacts associated with implementation of the proposed Richmond Housing Element Update (the “proposed Addendum”); and

WHEREAS, the proposed Addendum demonstrates that none of the conditions described in CEQA Guidelines Section 15162 requiring the preparation of a subsequent EIR or negative declaration have occurred; and

WHEREAS, on May 7, 2015, the Planning Commission (the “Commission”) held a public hearing to consider recommending adoption of the proposed Addendum and the proposed Richmond Housing Element Update; and

WHEREAS, the Commission adopted Planning Commission Resolution No. 15-17 recommending Council adoption of the proposed Addendum and the proposed Richmond Housing Element Update with certain edits; and

WHEREAS, on May 19, 2015, the Council held a public hearing to consider adoption of the proposed Addendum and the proposed Richmond Housing Element Update, including the Commission’s recommended amendments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council does hereby find that the above recitals are true and correct and have served, together with the Agenda Report dated May 19, 2015 as the basis for the findings and actions set forth in this Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council does hereby adopt the proposed Addendum to the Richmond General Plan 2030 EIR attached to the Agenda Report dated May 19, 2015; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council does hereby adopt the proposed Richmond Housing Element Update attached to the Agenda Report dated May 19, 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council does hereby direct staff to submit the adopted Richmond Housing Element Update to the State for certification.

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I CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council on May 19, 2015 by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Bates, Beckles, Martinez, McLaughlin, Pimplé, Vice Mayor Myrick, and Mayor Butt.

NOES: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

ABSENT: None.

PAMELA CHRISTIAN
CLERK OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND
(SEAL)

Approved:

TOM BUTT
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. 50-15, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on May 19, 2015.