CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 32-16

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA IN OPPOSITION TO THE SHIPMENT OF COAL THROUGH THE PROPOSED MARINE TERMINAL AT THE PORT OF OAKLAND, AND IN SUPPORT OF CALIFORNIA SENATE BILLS 1277, AND 1279 (SENATOR HANCOCK).

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 48-15, on May 19, 2015, opposing the mining, export, burning, and transportation of coal; and

WHEREAS, developers of a large marine terminal at the former Oakland Army Base have proposed to ship an estimated five (5) million tons of coal per year through the Oakland Bulk and Oversized Terminal and the Oakland Break Bulk Terminal; and

WHEREAS, the proposed coal terminal will significantly increase traffic on rail lines traveling through Richmond transporting coal in open-top rail cars to Oakland; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland and/or its Port are receiving Proposition 1B funds from the California Transportation Commission which is funding, in part, the coal terminal; and

WHEREAS, the export of coal through Oakland contradicts the goals of Proposition 1B Trade Corridor Improvement Funds (TCIF), including “reducing emissions of diesel particulate and other pollutant emissions” and supporting “continuous improvement in infrastructure and environmental mitigation”; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Oakland coal terminal is opposed by several local political leaders, environmental organizations, advocacy groups and the International Longshore and Warehouse Union’s Northern California District Council and Locals 10 and 34 which handle cargo at the Port of Oakland; and

WHEREAS, California State Senator Loni Hancock has introduced a bill package including Senate Bill 1277, and 1279 which directly address the concerns of the proposed coal terminal in Oakland, and prohibit the use of state public funds to build or operate any such terminal in California.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Richmond hereby opposes the shipment of coal through the proposed Oakland coal terminal and resolves to forward a copy of this resolution to: Governor Jerry Brown, Oakland Mayor Libby Schaff, the Oakland City Council, Senator Loni Hancock, Assembly Member Tony Thurmond, the Alameda County Transportation Commission, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, and the California Transportation Commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Richmond supports California State Senate Bills 1277 and 1279 (Sen. Hancock).
I certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting thereof held April 19, 2016, by the following vote:

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

NOES: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

ABSENT: Councilmember Bates.

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. 32-16, finally passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on April 19, 2016.

Pamela Christian, Clerk of the City of Richmond