

**RESOLUTION NO. 95-16**

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA  
ENCOURAGING AUTONOMOUS VEHICLE TESTING AS A PUBLIC SAFETY AND  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE IN THE CITY OF RICHMOND**

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WHEREAS, the introduction of passenger and freight automobiles operating with autonomous functionality is imminent and likely to profoundly affect the lives of individuals nationwide, including Richmond residents; and

WHEREAS, these vehicles have the potential to greatly reduce or eliminate traffic fatalities caused by human error and distraction, as well as the potential to reduce congestion, emissions, and the need for costly additions of lanes to busy roadways; and

WHEREAS, there exists a robust community of software and technology companies pioneering vehicle systems in the passenger, freight, and transit fields whose development can be encouraged by supportive cities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond embraces the development of passenger and freight automobiles operating with autonomous functionality as a strategic economic development initiative that will provide benefit to all residents and create high-paying employment opportunities to strengthen the city's overall economy; and

WHEREAS, the Contra Costa Transportation Authority and its partners are at the forefront of advancing innovations in vehicle-to-vehicle communications, sensor technology, human factors, artificial intelligence, clean air, safety, and public policy issues critical to the success of this transformational change; and

WHEREAS, the California Partners for Advanced Transportation Technology, a research and development program of the University of California, Berkeley, is advancing innovations in this field within City limits by collaborating with the California Department of Motor Vehicles to support their work drafting specific regulations and policies to help govern the testing, registration, and safe operation of autonomous vehicles.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Richmond formally welcomes the testing and operation of intelligent vehicles on the streets and roads over which we have jurisdiction in accordance with applicable laws.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Richmond will, if necessary; work collaboratively with other jurisdictions in Contra Costa County to address any issues that arise in order to best protect the safety of our residents.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond at a special meeting thereof held October 4, 2016, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Bates, Beckles, McLaughlin, Myrick, Pimplé,  
Vice Mayor Martinez, 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. 95-16**, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a special meeting held on October 4, 2016.

  
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Pamela Christian, Clerk of the City of Richmond