

RESOLUTION NO. 12-20

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF CITY OF RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE RICHMOND RESILIENCE ROADMAP AND APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE TRANSFORMATIVE CLIMATE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM AND EXECUTION OF ALL NECESSARY AGREEMENTS

WHEREAS, cities across California and the U.S. are developing efforts addressing climate change that prioritize policies, resources, and tailor regulatory tools to specific areas experiencing high levels of cumulative pollution and negative health impacts to advance environmental justice and community revitalization, and that are each unique and crafted based on community-identified concerns and solutions; and

WHEREAS, in cities across California and the U.S., low-income, disadvantaged communities experience significant economic and health disparities as well as face disproportionate impacts of pollution, urban blight, and the adverse effects of climate change; and

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond recognizes that the environment is an important determinant in community health, and is committed to improving the safety, sustainability and health for all Richmond residents; and

WHEREAS, on April 25, 2012, the City Council adopted the Richmond General Plan 2030 to guide the City's sustainable growth and development. The General Plan provides a comprehensive framework for developing a healthy city and neighborhoods. The City of Richmond is one of the first cities in the country to include a comprehensive element dedicated to community health and wellness; and

WHEREAS, on July 18, 2017, the City Council adopted the Climate Action Plan serving as a framework of policies and programs to achieve the City's health and environmental goals by operationalizing the community-driven vision set forth in the Richmond General Plan 2030; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature and the Governor of the State of California have provided funds for the State Strategic Growth Council's Transformative Climate Community (TCC) program to utilize climate investments to improve health and economic disparities through funding from the Cap and Trade Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund; and

WHEREAS, in August 2018, the City of Richmond, The Trust for Public Land (TPL), and the Richmond Community Foundation were awarded a TCC Planning grant to prepare the Richmond Resilience Roadmap (Roadmap), focusing on developing a climate resilience strategy for the Iron Triangle, Santa Fe, and Coronado neighborhoods (Project Area). The Roadmap, which is the result of a larger community outreach and engagement process, explores nine potential projects that can advance the Strategic Growth Council's sustainable communities objectives, such as improving air quality, improving water quality, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, improving transportation, and strengthening community resiliency to the impacts of climate change; and

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond, along with co-applicants and partners, including GroundWork Richmond, GRID Alternatives, Mercy Housing California (MHC), Community Housing Development Corporation of North Richmond (CHDC), and TPL, are jointly submitting a TCC implementation grant application for the Climate Smart Richmond (CSR) Project focused on implementing certain projects identified in the Roadmap; and

WHEREAS, the CSR Project's focus will be on the needs of those community members who are over-burdened and live in low-wealth areas, as well as people of color, youth, and people with disabilities, low-income residents, and seniors; and

WHEREAS, efforts will include community engagement and investment in community initiatives that are innovative and may involve coordination with local and regional plans; and

WHEREAS, if selected, agreements with the State of California Strategic Growth Council and the Department of Conservation will be needed and the City of Richmond will be responsible for compiling and submitting all invoices and reporting requirements for the CSR Project, whose goals, progress metrics, and environmentally conscious strategies promote health and economic development; and

WHEREAS, for any specific projects which fall under the scope of the City's Pedestrian Plan, Urban Greening Master Plan, Hacienda Rehabilitation project, and solar installation projects, CEQA review has been completed and no further review under CEQA is required; and

WHEREAS, for all other projects which will utilize TCC grant funds and have not completed CEQA, CEQA review will be completed prior to committing to or funding the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Richmond does hereby resolve, declare, determine and order as follows:

- Section 1. The City Council approves and adopts the Richmond Resilience Roadmap.
- Section 2. The City Manager or their designee is authorized to apply, accept, and appropriate a Transformative Climate Communities Implementation grant and execute all related documents to implement projects identified in the grant application.
- Section 3. The City Manager or their designee is authorized to execute Memorandum of Understanding Agreements as approved to form by the City Attorney with project partners as necessary to facilitate the grant application and verify the parties' commitments toward project implementation.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting thereof held February 18, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Choi, Johnson, Willis, Vice Mayor Bates, and Mayor Butt.
NOES: None.
ABSTENTIONS: None.
ABSENT: Councilmembers Martinez and Myrick.

PAMELA CHRISTIAN
CLERK OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND
(SEAL)

Approved:

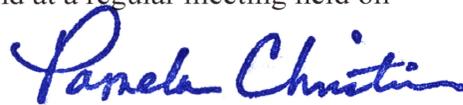
TOM BUTT
Mayor

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. 12-20**, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on February 18, 2020.



Pamela Christian, Clerk of the City of Richmond