

**RESOLUTION NO. 42-21**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND,  
CALIFORNIA, IN SUPPORT OF THE LOCAL RICHMOND PEOPLES STRIKE  
RESOLUTION AND TASK FORCE**

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**WHEREAS**, Richmond, California workers, their 2,277 homeless, and their 15.4% poor people have had their Human Rights violated during these tumultuous times of the Coronavirus that included 49,082 cases in our County and 7,796 cases in the City of Richmond; and,

**WHEREAS**, Homeward Systems Coordination showing the 29.1% of working homeless still unhoused; and,

**WHEREAS**, The Housing Now! State-wide initiative showing that the \$2.6 COVID-19 Tenant Relief Act as only one part of the needed solutions. The Democratic Socialist of America (DSA) Medicare for All legislation and the Green New Deal Legislation as only part of the solution; and,

**WHEREAS**, our core capitalist within our country is rapidly abandoning the pretense of democracy and advancing towards war, we send this urgent solution; and,

**WHEREAS**, we have taken back our dignity together. We together through the process of the World Social Forum/ US Social Forum, and Southern Movement Assembly in a People's Movement Assembly (PMA) have decided to answer the call to take decisive action to stop the advance of authoritarianism and the potential restoration of the neo-liberal fragmentation and austerity which delivered us to that moment; and

**WHEREAS**, The United States is now a powder-keg. Right-wing forces have threatened and assaulted our progressive forces with deadly intent and outcomes all over the country. We bring to point the January 6, 2021, US National Capital Insurrection; and,

**WHEREAS**, progressive forces have been confronting the repressive and exploitative institutions of society since the start of the coronavirus pandemic, on a scale not seen since the 1930s. These forces stand juxtaposed in epic conflict and contrast and these forces now are candidates for the 2021 US Nobel Peace Prize; and,

**WHEREAS**, behind this conflict is a struggle for power, the power to direct and transform society with one of the critical backdrops of this contest being the national elections in the United States, for President and Congress; and

**WHEREAS**, heightening this conflict was the struggle over which party was going to appoint the next Supreme Court Justice in the wake of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg's passing. From the statements and actions of the previous President Donald Trump, it was clear that the November 3rd election was undoubtedly contentious and contested, regardless of the outcomes; and,

**WHEREAS**, we have learned hard lessons from history that in the contest of equal rights it is force that decides the outcome. Trump was intent on staying in power and we must do everything we can to ensure that this does not happen again. The stakes could not be higher, and not just for those of us in the United States, but for everyone around the world given the impact of U.S. imperialism; and,

**WHEREAS**, we have to galvanize and mobilize, even with a new democratic presidential legislator in office, a force powerful enough to ensure democratic outcomes; and

**WHEREAS**, we must also upend the efforts of the Biden Administration, the DNC, and the neoliberal forces behind them to impose austerity upon the world and apply strategic repression against to those who have sustained the Floyd Rebellion Uprising; and,

**WHEREAS**, in order to defeat the deadly and inhumane past Presidential government and their corporate responses to the COVID-19 pandemic, the global depression, and the deepening climate and ecological crisis, we have to demand *more* and we have to act in our own interests. We therefore we have called on all who are able to join us in taking a Pledge of Resistance and to Act Decisively in nonviolent ways; and,

**WHEREAS**, This one day that was on Wednesday, November 4, 2020; Working and Poor People in Richmond had come together on this day in Contra Costa County; and,

**WHEREAS**, the city, state, and federal government are unable to address the crisis without this Richmond People's Strike Task Force for low income, homeless and for working class people; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is not just the Richmond city officials and police and banks, but our Richmond community that can make the decisions to not accept people and people-less post-election decisions in our community; and,

**WHEREAS**, we want acknowledgment that the East Bay residents of Richmond voices be allowed and listened to by the Richmond officials. We want this Richmond Task Force Resolution to draw the people's own next steps and actions; and,

**WHEREAS**, Enough is enough. This is a call to unite and to support the community self-determination initiatives.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Richmond City Council hereby supports the Richmond People's Strike Task Force Resolution and urges our Richmond Mayor's Office and the California State Legislature to support the efforts of the Richmond People's Strike Task Force.

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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 April 20, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Jimenez, Martinez, McLaughlin, Willis, and Vice Mayor Johnson III.  
NOES: Councilmember Bates and Mayor Butt.  
ABSTENTIONS: None.  
ABSENT: None.

PAMELA CHRISTIAN  
CLERK OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND  
(SEAL)

Approved:

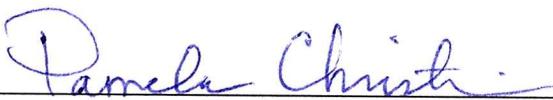
THOMAS K. BUTT  
Mayor

Approved as to form:

TERESA STRICKER  
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. 42-21**, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on April 20, 2021.

  
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Pamela Christian, Clerk of the City of Richmond