

Resolution No. 52-07

RESOLUTION DISPLACED FIREFIGHTERS

WHEREAS, AS A RESULT OF A LOCAL BUDGET SHORTFALL THE CITY OF VALLEJO HAS ELIMINATED PUBLIC SERVICE JOBS INCLUDING VITAL FIRE PROTECTION JOBS;

WHEREAS, THESE DISPLACED FIREFIGHTERS HAVE SPENT MANY MONTHS QUALIFYING FOR PROFESSIONAL WORK AND HAVE COMPLETED PROBATIONS PERIODS OF UP TO ONE YEAR, AND MANY HAVE SERVED AND PROVEN THEIR COMPETENCY AS CAREER FIREFIGHTERS;

WHEREAS, GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER SIGNED LEGISLATION IN 2004, AB 1929, CHAPTER NO. 126 THAT ENABLES LAID OFF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT FIREFIGHTERS BE ADDED TO AN EXISTING HIRING LIST;

WHEREAS, RICHMOND FIREFIGHTERS DURING THE RICHMOND FISCAL CRISIS OF 03-04 ADVOCATED FOR STATE RELIEF FOR DISPLACED FIREFIGHTERS;

WHEREAS, THE LEGISLATURE INTENDED THAT DISPLACED FIREFIGHTERS BE CONSIDERED FOR VACANCIES AND MAY BE APPOINTED IF THEY MEET THE CRITERIA OF AB 1929;

WHEREAS, THIS LAW WILL NOT HAVE PRECEDENCE OVER ANY SPECIAL REEMPLOYMENT LIST THAT EXISTS, NOR IF A LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROVIDES FIRST PRIORITY TO RESIDENTS OF THE JURISDICTION OR SECOND PRIORITY TO RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF RICHMOND, IN SUPPORT OF MAINTAINING AND IMPROVING VITAL FIRE SERVICES FOR CURRENT VACANCIES IN RICHMOND AUTHORIZE OUR FIRE CHIEF TO APPROPRIATE THE AUTHORITY OF AB 1929 TO INTERVIEW DISPLACED VALLEJO FIREFIGHTERS APPLYING FOR VACANCIES IN RICHMOND.

I certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted by the Members of the City Council of the City of Richmond, California at a meeting thereof held on May 29, 2007, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Marquez, Rogers, Sandhu, Thurmond, and Viramontes

NOES: Councilmembers Butt and Mayor McLaughlin

ABSTENTIONS: Councilmembers Lopez and Bates

ABSTENT: None

DIANE HOLMES
Clerk of the City of Richmond

(SEAL)

APPROVED:

GAYLE McLAUGHLIN
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

LOUISE RENNE, Interim
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. 52-07, finally passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond at a meeting held on May 29, 2007.