

RESOLUTION NO. 114-21

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA,
AUTHORIZING CITY STAFF TO PARTICIPATE IN DISCUSSIONS TO CONSIDER
THE FORMATION OF THE EAST BAY VEGETATION MANAGEMENT JOINT
POWERS AGENCY**

WHEREAS, the series of historic wildfires throughout California and the Western United States in recent years demonstrates that the impacts of global climate change will continue to have potentially devastating local effects throughout the region; including habitat destruction, loss of life, economic impacts, infrastructural damage, and public health hazards associated with air quality, among others.

WHEREAS, reactive approaches to fire management and containment are deployed during times of crisis and overextend local and state resources.

WHEREAS, the spread of wildfire does not respect political or jurisdictional boundaries; burn areas and air quality impacts from smoke extend throughout the region.

WHEREAS, a large portion of the East Bay region, including the East Bay Hills from Hercules to Fremont, is a CalFire designated high-risk danger zone.

WHEREAS, a more coordinated approach and investment in wildfire prevention and vegetation management may help to mitigate the number and severity of wildfire events.

WHEREAS, regional coordination may prove both more effective and more efficient in developing and implementing best practices, as well as sharing expertise and other resources.

WHEREAS, the East Bay Region contains more than 20 municipalities, counties, and fire districts, including the City of Richmond, that may all benefit from a coordinated fire management approach.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Richmond agrees to make staff available to participate in negotiations and meetings to consider the formation of a regional Vegetation Management Joint Powers Agency (EBVMJPA) to address fire safety in the East Bay Area.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting thereof held September 28, 2021, by the following vote:

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

PAMELA CHRISTIAN
CLERK OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND
(SEAL)

Approved:

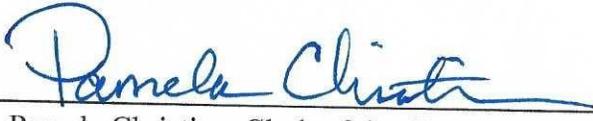
THOMAS K. BUTT
Mayor

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. 114-21**, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on September 28, 2021.



Pamela Christian, Clerk of the City of Richmond