

RESOLUTION NO. 70-07

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN A LETTER OF INTENT TO SUPPORT THE FORMATION OF THE EAST BAY REGIONAL COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM (EBRCS) GOVERNED BY A JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY (JPA) FOR ALAMEDA AND CONTRA COSTA COUNTIES.

WHEREAS, Public Safety representatives from Alameda and Contra Costa Counties have been working to evaluate the feasibility of developing a regional communications system to serve all jurisdictions in both Counties to assist local governments' ability to prepare for and respond to threats or incidents of terrorism; and

WHEREAS, through the assistance of federally funded Urban Area Security Initiative (USAI), a group of technical advisors from the Interoperable Communications Technical Assistance Program (ICTAP) has been working to evaluate different alternatives to achieve the goal of interoperability for the two counties; and

WHEREAS, from the work ICTAP has completed the most cost effective and technically superior solution for both counties is to construct a shared two county regional communications system; and

WHEREAS, while it may be possible to fund a significant portion of the backbone of this system with federal and state grants once the JPA is formed, it will also require ongoing financial contributions from all involved agencies to maintain and replace system components; and

WHEREAS, after the Study Session on this issue of Interoperability, the City Council provided direction to the City Manager to bring back this Resolution for consideration to proceed in the next step of the process which shows the interest and the willingness of the City of Richmond to participate in the EBRCS.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Richmond, that the City Manager is authorized to sign the Letter of Intent to support the formation of the East Bay Regional Communications System (EBRCS) Governed by a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) for Alameda and Contra Costa Counties; and the "Good Faith Monies" required by the Letter of Intent will be paid out of the respective Department budgets.

I CERTIFY that at a regular meeting on June 26, 2007, the City Council passed this resolution by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Bates, Butt, Lopez, Marquez, Rogers, Sandhu, Thurmond, Viramontes, and Mayor McLaughlin

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

IN WITNESS of this action, I sign this document and affix the corporate seal of the City of Richmond on June 26, 2007

DIANE HOLMES
Clerk of the City of Richmond

(SEAL)

Approved:

GAYLE McLAUGHLIN
Mayor

Approved as to form:

LOUSIE RENNE, Interim
City Attorney

State of California }
County of Contra Costa : ss.
City of Richmond }

I certify that the foregoing is true copy of Resolution No. 70-07, finally passed and adopted by the Council of the city of Richmond at a meeting held on June 26, 2007.