

**RESOLUTION NO. 132-21**

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA,  
CONDEMNING CERTAIN INTERNET POSTINGS BY MAYOR TOM BUTT**

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**WHEREAS**, elected City leaders need to conduct themselves with dignity, fairness, and a sense of propriety, and responsibility; and

**WHEREAS**, Tom Butt, the Mayor of the City of Richmond, operates a personal website located at [www.tombutt.com](http://www.tombutt.com), and he, among other things, makes statements on this website through an “e-forum”; and

**WHEREAS**, the postings made on the [www.tombutt.com](http://www.tombutt.com) e-forum on July 25, 2021 (titled “Auditing the City of Richmond”), July 31, 2021 (titled “Baxter Creek Park An Example of City Priorities”), and on August 7, 2021 (titled “The Richmond Greenway – From Showcase to Shabby”) [any others?] and emails by Mayor Butt containing substantially the same statements (collectively referred to as the “Postings”) contain statements about, among other things, Laura Snideman’s job performance; and

**WHEREAS**, the Postings were not made on behalf of the City of Richmond or authorized by the City Council of the City of Richmond; and

**WHEREAS**, the statements made in the Postings about Laura Snideman’s job performance do not reflect the views of a majority of the City Council of the City of Richmond.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of Richmond renounces and condemns the statements made in the Postings about Laura Snideman’s job performance.

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I certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a special meeting thereof held November 9, 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:

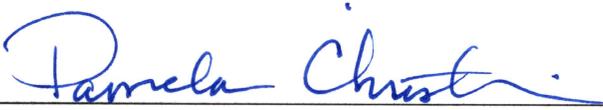
THOMAS K. BUTT  
Mayor

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. 132-21**, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a special meeting held on November 9, 2021.

  
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Pamela Christian, Clerk of the City of Richmond