

RESOLUTION NO. 48-23

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA,
IN SUPPORT OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN AB 617 COMMUNITY EMISSIONS
REDUCTION PLAN BY THE AB 617 COMMUNITY STEERING COMMITTEE AND
THE BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the Richmond community suffers negative health impacts from a combination of high industrial, rail, marine and truck pollution, and seventy-five percent of our census tracts are in the top 10% for asthma state-wide; and

WHEREAS, flaring at the Chevron refinery has increased by a factor of four since the “Modernized” refinery was brought online in late 2018; and

WHEREAS, The AB 617 Richmond-North Richmond-San Pablo Community Steering Committee has been working with BAAQMD and CARB for two years and is in the final stages of making strategy recommendations for reducing emissions and improving public health.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Richmond City Council does hereby applaud the California State legislature and CARB for funding this program and making it a priority and encourage all concerned to look at all strategies that can help reduce the highest impact pollutants by at least 30-40% focusing particularly on the emissions strongly linked to chronic health problems.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Richmond City Council does hereby ask that the report and recommended strategies directly address the following key issues of community concern:

- Achieving a major, seventy-five percent or greater reduction in the number of flaring incidents at the Chevron refinery.
- Setting aggressive goals for reducing PM 2.5, nitrogen oxides, nickel, manganese, benzene, sulfuric acid, DPM, formaldehyde, acrolein, arsenic, hydrogen cyanide, and hydrochloric acid emissions as these appear to be the greatest contributors to chronic health problems in our community.
- Requiring the tankers visiting the Chevron wharf to plug into shore power and convert to less polluting engines as soon as possible.
- How to improve public education and community understanding of our pollution-related health problems, our emission sources, and our emission reduction goals and achievements.

BE IN FINALLY RESOLVED, that there be sufficient funding to support a broad, far-reaching education and engagement program during the summer and fall of this year and the ongoing provision of information on our emission reduction goals and achievements.

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 May 23, 2023, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Jimenez, Robinson, Willis, Zepeda, Vice Mayor McLaughlin, and Mayor Martinez.
NOES: None.
ABSTENTIONS: Councilmember Bana.
ABSENT: None.

PAMELA CHRISTIAN
CLERK OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND
(SEAL)

Approved:

EDUARDO MARTINEZ
Mayor

Approved as to form:

DAVE ALESHIRE
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. 48-23**, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on May 23, 2023.


Pamela Christian, Clerk of the City of Richmond