

RESOLUTION No. 99-07

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND APPROVING
THE DESIGNATION OF A CIVIC CENTER HISTORIC DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Richmond recognizes the importance of preserving and enhancing the City's historical and cultural background; and

WHEREAS, the Historic Structures Code, Chapter 6.06 of the Richmond Municipal Code, sets forth the criteria and procedures for the designation of a property as a Richmond "Historic Resource" or properties as a "Historic District"; and

WHEREAS, on April 4, 2007, the City of Richmond Historic Preservation Advisory Committee conducted a duly noticed public hearing, to consider recommending to the City Council designation of a Civic Center Historic District, more particularly described in Exhibit A, with map attached hereto, and incorporated herein and hereafter referred to as the "Civic Center"; and

WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Advisory Committee unanimously voted (5-0-2) to recommend to the City Council the approval of the designation of Civic Center as a Richmond "Historic District"; and

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2007, the City Council of the City of Richmond held a public hearing and considered all comments from interested parties; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Richmond finds that the Civic Center is historically significant because: 1) it exemplifies or reflects valued elements of the City's cultural, social, political, aesthetic, or architectural history in the form of a comprehensive and modern civic center; 2) it reflects an important pattern of the City's settlement and growth associated with WWII and its immediate aftermath; 3) it is representative of the notable work of a locally significant architect, Timothy L. Pflueger; and, 4) it embodies distinguishing characteristics of an architectural style, type, period - Modernism.

WHEREAS, the proposed Historic District Designation complies with the goals and policies of the City of Richmond General Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Richmond has determined that designation of the Civic Center as a Historic District is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per CEQA Guidelines, Section 15308, Class 8, Actions by Regulatory Agencies for the Protection of the Environment as the project proposes to preserve the historic features and building of the Civic Center.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Richmond hereby designates the Civic Center as a Richmond "Historic District".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the subject properties be placed on the Richmond Historic Register as contributors to a Historic District; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the City of Richmond is directed to:

- a. Provide a signed copy of this resolution and written notice of the designation of the subject structure and its placement in the Richmond Register to all of the following: the applicant(s) for designation (if any); the owner(s) of the subject property(ies); the City Building Official; the Director of Planning & Building Services Department; the Richmond Museum Association; the State Office of Historic Preservation; and, the Contra Costa Historical Society; and
- b. Cause a copy of this resolution to be recorded with the Recorder of Contra Costa County as an amendment to the Richmond Historic Register.

I certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a meeting thereof held September 11, 2007, by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTENTIONS: Councilmember Viramontes

ABSENT: 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 tha the forgoing is a true copy of Resolution No. 99-07, finally passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond at a meeting held on September 11, 2007.

EXHIBIT A

Civic Center Historic District

The proposed Civic Center Historic District boundaries would generally be Barrett Avenue to the north, Macdonald Avenue to the south, 27th Street to the east, and 25th Street to the west, including APNs 515-251-001, 515-252-001, and portion of 515-210-001 (see Exhibit B). The Senior Center and Credit Union parcel are not within the proposed boundaries (APNs 515-262-001, 002, 004).