

RESOLUTION NO. 132-24

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND
AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GREEN EMPOWERMENT
ZONE FOR THE NORTHERN WATERFRONT AREA OF THE COUNTY OF
CONTRA COSTA**

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 844 authorized the establishment of the Green Empowerment Zone for the Northern Waterfront area of Contra Costa County; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Green Empowerment Zone is to build upon the comparative advantage provided by the regional concentration of highly skilled energy industry workers by prioritizing access to tax incentives, grants, loan programs, workforce training programs, and private investment in the renewable energy sector; and

WHEREAS, Government Code section 7599.100 authorizes the cities of Antioch, Benicia, Brentwood, Concord, Hercules, Martinez, Oakley, Pittsburg, and Vallejo to participate in the Green Empowerment Zone upon the adoption of a resolution by the legislative body of each city.

WHEREAS, the Green Empowerment Zone Board of Directors, may, by majority change the geography of the Green Empowerment Zone; and

WHEREAS, on February 16, 2024, the Green Empowerment Zone Board of Directors voted to change the geography of the Green Empowerment Zone to include the City of Richmond; and

WHEREAS, AB 844 defines the Zone's governing structure as a 40 member board of directors with seven stakeholders entities serving as voting directors, the largest of which is the local government stakeholder group; and

WHEREAS, there is currently one (1) full-term 2 year vacancy on the Green Empowerment Zone Board of Directors; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Richmond authorizes the City of Richmond to participate in the Green Empowerment Zone.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Richmond approves the appointment of Yahna Williamson to a two-year term as the City's representative on the Green Empowerment Zone Board of Directors, pursuant to Government Code 7599.101(b)(1).

I certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond, California at a regular meeting thereof held November 19, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Bana, McLaughlin, Robinson, Willis, Zepeda, Vice Mayor Jimenez, and Mayor Martinez.

NOES: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

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. 132-24**, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on November 19, 2024.


Pamela Christian, Clerk of the City of Richmond