

RESOLUTION NO. 138-24

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND,
CALIFORNIA, HONORING THE RICHMOND TASK FORCE TO ELIMINATE
GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE AND DIRECTING ACTIONS TO ADDRESS IT**

WHEREAS, the United Nations has designated November 25 as the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women to raise awareness of violence against women and girls and to call for global action to end all forms of Gender-Based Violence; and

WHEREAS, the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, spanning from November 25 through December 10, mobilize communities worldwide to take action to prevent and eliminate Gender-Based Violence; and

WHEREAS, Gender-Based Violence remains a pervasive issue in the City of Richmond, disproportionately impacting women, girls, and marginalized communities; and

WHEREAS, the Richmond Task Force to Eliminate Gender-Based Violence has worked together tirelessly since March of this year to raise awareness in Richmond around Gender-Based Violence (GBV), build sustaining collaboration with a coordinated approach, and create a set of recommendations on policies and practices to end GBV in Richmond that is informed by and centers the voices, lived experience, and leadership of survivors and community; and

WHEREAS, the Richmond Task Force to End Gender-Based Violence has grown into a coalition of over 44 Members - including survivors; community leaders; civic leaders; community-based organizations; and other community, public, and private stakeholders – as well as many supporters and continues to build partnerships and a movement with other community collective efforts including the Richmond Safety Stakeholders Association, birthed out of the Richmond Gun Violence Reduction Initiative; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force and its supporters includes the following individuals and organizations who have contributed their time, expertise, and dedication to this critical issue (in alphabetical order):

Gloria Ávalos	The Latina Center
Soheila Bana	Richmond City Councilmember
Anupama Chapagain Parajuli	Center for Empowering Refugees & Immigrants
John Cunningham Jr.	Rubicon Programs
Anna Duran	Richmond PD
Ilaf Esuf	Office of Assemblymember Buffy Wicks (AD-15)
Maria Farr	Richmond Police Department
Chief Bisa French	Richmond Police Department
Maya Garcia	Rubicon/Reentry Success Center
Yenny Garcia	Community Advocate
Alyssa Gomez	Rubicon/Reentry Success Center
Liliana Gonzalez	Community Violence Solutions
Trina Jackson-Lincoln	Richmond City Council Office Liaison
Ligia Janeth Sierra	The Latina Center
Judy Johnson	Retired Contra Costa County Judge
LaShara Johnson	Family Justice Center
Susun Kim	Family Justice Center
Robynne LaPorte	Community Violence Solutions
Shukura Lattier	Fierce Advocates
Eduardo Martinez	Richmond City Mayor
Alana Mathews	Office of Contra Costa District Attorney
Nyabingha McDowell	The CHAT Project, Family Justice Center
Michelle Milam	Richmond Police Department
Shiva Mishek	Mayor's Office
Angelene Musawwir	Office of the Public Defender, Contra Costa County

Katrina Natale	Contra Costa DA
Sonja Neely-Johnson	West Contra Costa Unified School District
Reuben Ojo	Community Violence Solutions
Elizabeth Orozco	
Tania Pulido	Office of Contra Costa Supervisor John Gioia
Florencio Rivera	Richmond Police Department
Camila Robayo Durán	The Chat Project, Family Justice Center
Alicia Rodríguez	The Latina Center
Michael Romero	Community Crisis Response Program, City of Richmond
Theresa Russell Greenwood	Community Member and Survivor
Melody Saint-Saens	Contra Costa Alliance to End Abuse, EHSD
Lynnelle Sanchez	Richmond Police Department
Ana Sigala	The Latina Center
Summer Sigler	West Contra Costa Unified School District
Gursimran Singh	Office of the Public Defender, Contra Costa County
Lynn Sugihara	Richmond Rainbow Pride
Swostika Timalsina	Family Justice Center / Nepali Health Advocates
Sam Vaughn	Office of Neighborhood Safety, City of Richmond
Sofia Villegas	Community Violence Solutions
Melvin Willis	Richmond City Councilmember
Miriam Wong	The Latina Center

Task Force Advisors

Sabrina Boyce, PhD MPH	UC Berkeley School of Public Health
Kanwarpal Dhaliwal	RYSE
Carole (DC) Dorham-Kelly	Rubicon Programs
Cory Elliott	The Black Neighborhood
Vanessa Sequeira	Community Strengths

Community Contributors

Andres Abarra	Lifelong Medical Care
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Nadine Argueza	Richmond Open Data
Lucinda Bazile	Lifelong Medical Care
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Claudia Gonzalez	Contra Costa Alliance to End Abuse
Blanca Gutierrez-Costilla	Contra Costa Crisis Center
Salina Isaq	Equal Rights Advocates
Kira Lee	Silence The Violence
Mary Marable	Richmond City Council Office
Luz Melendez	The Latina Center
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Founding & Backbone Partners

Richmond Councilmember Soheila Bana
 Miriam Wong, Founder & Executive Director, The Latina Center
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 Richmond Police Chief Bisa French
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Richmond:

1. **Request** the City Manager designate a staff person to serve as the official liaison to the Richmond Task Force to Eliminate Gender-Based Violence and, in that capacity, to attend all Task Force Meetings and provide technical assistance, advice and support to the body, including:
 - **Allocates** six thousand dollars (\$6,000) over the next six months which will provide the material support and staffing necessary to finalize the Task Force’s recommendations, workplans and implementation strategy.
 - **Directs** the webmaster for the City of Richmond, California website to host, on the city’s homepage, a link to the anchor website for the Richmond Task Force to Eliminate Gender-Based Violence. This anchor website will serve as a centralized location where community members and stakeholders can learn about and connect with the Task Force’s work and access resources related to gender-based violence.
2. **Commits** to receiving a follow-up report from the Richmond Task Force to Eliminate Gender-Based Violence in approximately six-months’ time which will seek the City Council’s support for specific recommendations, workplans, and actions to end gender-based violence in Richmond.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Richmond stands in solidarity with survivors, community, and all those working to end Gender-Based Violence and reaffirms its commitment to creating a city where everyone can live free from fear and violence.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting thereof held November 26, 2024, by the following vote:

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

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. 138-24**, finally passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on November 26, 2024.


Pamela Christian, Clerk of the City of Richmond