

**RESOLUTION NO. 26-08**

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA IN SUPPORT OF RENOVATING PLAY LOTS IN RICHMOND.**

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**WHEREAS**, the City of Richmond is in need of safe, renovated and dynamic play lots to support the needs of the more than estimated 8000 Richmond youth under the age of five; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Richmond does have many parks and playgrounds however many of these parks and playgrounds are in need of maintenance, renovation, and expansion; and

**WHEREAS**, through the efforts of Richmond resident Toody Maher, several foundations have expressed interests in providing matching funds to support renovations of Solano Play lot and Elm Play lot in Richmond, which would include the installation of new play structures, planting of new trees, additional amenities, and the inclusion of traffic reduction measures to promote safety for pedestrians and users of the play lots; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Richmond has already earmarked capital improvement funds and Redevelopment Agency funds to renovate Solano Play lot and Elm Play lot; and

**WHEREAS**, play lot renovation can aid in efforts to revitalize Richmond's physical and social landscape, provide opportunities for youth, and to assist in improving the quality of life in Richmond;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Richmond City Council hereby

1. Approves the effort to pursue foundation funding as aforementioned to renovate Solano and Elm play lots according to plans approved by Public Works and Parks and Landscaping staff with input from interested residents, community based organizations; and
2. Directs the City Manager and/or his designee to prepare a letter of support to be provided to the interested foundations articulating the City of Richmond's intent to renovate Solano and Elm Play lots.

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I certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting thereof held on **March 4, 2008**, by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

DIANE HOLMES  
CLERK OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND

[SEA]

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 that the foregoing is a true copy of Resolution No. 26-08, finally passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond at a meeting held on March 4, 2008.