

**RESOLUTION NO. 12-06**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND ADOPTING THE CITY OF RICHMOND HOUSING ELEMENT AND INITIAL STUDY/NEGATIVE DECLARATION, AND AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (HCD) FOR CERTIFICATION**

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WHEREAS, on December 22, 1992, the City of Richmond Housing Element was last certified by the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), with minor text and map revisions in 1994; and

WHEREAS, the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) requires at least five-year updates of local housing elements for compliance with State Housing Law; and

WHEREAS, on November 26, 2002, the City Council authorized a contract agreement with Pacific Municipal Consultants (PMC) to assist the City with updating the Richmond Housing Element; and

WHEREAS, on January 6, 2003, City staff and PMC held its first 'Kick-Off Meeting' and initiated the Housing Element update process; and

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond solicited input from the community and began its public participation process including holding a series of six community workshops from February thru March 2003; and

WHEREAS, in October 2004, the Draft Richmond Housing Element and Initial Study/Negative Declaration was made available for public review; and

WHEREAS, on January 20, 2005, the City Planning Commission reviewed the Draft Richmond Housing Element and Initial Study/Negative Declaration, and recommended to the City Council that the Housing Element be submitted to HCD for its 60-day initial review; and

WHEREAS, on March 22, 2005, the City Council reviewed and considered the City Planning Commission's recommendation to submit the Draft Richmond Housing Element and Initial Study/Negative Declaration to HCD for its 60-day initial review, and extended the public review period to allow additional time for public comments and incorporation of those comments into the Housing Element; and

WHEREAS, on April 19, 2005, the City Council reviewed the revised Draft Richmond Housing Element and Initial Study/Negative Declaration, which incorporated public comments received since the last public hearing, and authorized City staff to submit it to HCD for its 60-day initial review; and

WHEREAS, on April 26, 2005, City staff submitted the Draft Richmond Housing Element and Initial Study/Negative Declaration to HCD for its 60-day initial review; and

WHEREAS, on June 24, 2005, the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) issued a letter requesting additional information, analysis and revisions to the Draft Richmond Housing Element and Initial Study/Negative Declaration; and

WHEREAS, on August 29, 2005, City staff resubmitted to HCD the Richmond Housing Element and Initial Study/Negative Declaration with revisions and additions for informal review; and

WHEREAS, on November 11, 2005, HCD recommended that City staff submit the Richmond Housing Element and Initial Study/Negative Declaration for formal review in order for HCD to prepare a Letter of Substantial Compliance; and

WHEREAS, November 23 through December 23, 2005 served as the 30 day public review and comment period; and

WHEREAS, on January 5, 2006, the City Planning Commission reviewed and recommended that the City Council consider adoption of the Richmond Housing Element and Initial Study/Negative Declaration, and that the documents be submitted to HCD for a final 90-day review and certification; and

WHEREAS, on January 13, 2006, the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) reviewed the Richmond Housing Element and Initial Study/Negative Declaration, and issued a Letter of Compliance;

WHEREAS, upon the City's receipt of the Letter of Compliance from HCD, the City Council is authorized to review and adopt the Draft Richmond Housing Element and Initial Study/Negative Declaration and to authorize staff to submit the documents to HCD for a final 90-day review and certification;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Richmond has considered and adopts the City of Richmond Housing Element and Initial Study/Negative Declaration, and authorizes its submittal to HCD for review and certification to demonstrate Richmond's compliance with the State Housing Element Law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Manager is hereby authorized and directed, on behalf of the City, and in its name, to execute and deliver such other documents and to do such acts as may be deemed necessary or appropriate to accomplish the intentions of this resolution.

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I certify that the foregoing resolution was duly passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond, California at a regular meeting thereof held on February 7, 2006 by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Bates, Butt, Griffin, Marquez, Rogers, Viramontes and Mayor Anderson

NOES: Councilmember McLaughlin

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Thurmond

DIANE HOLMES  
Clerk of the City of Richmond

(SEAL)

Approved:

IRMA L. ANDERSON  
Mayor

Approved as to Form:

JOHN EASTMAN  
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. 12-06, finally passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond at regular meeting held on February 7, 2006, and published in accordance with law.