

RESOLUTION NO. 76-25

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND
CALLING FOR DIPLOMACY, PEACE, AND NUCLEAR TRANSPARENCY IN
RESPONSE TO ESCALATING HOSTILITIES BETWEEN ISRAEL AND IRAN**

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond has a longstanding commitment to peace, justice, human rights, and international law, and has historically opposed acts of aggression that endanger civilian lives and escalate conflict; and

WHEREAS, on June 12, 2025, the government of Israel, a nuclear-armed state that is not a signatory to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), launched an unprovoked military strike on Iran, a non-nuclear NPT signatory, targeting civilian infrastructure and causing significant casualties and destruction; and

WHEREAS, the Islamic Republic of Iran subsequently responded with military retaliation, leading to further escalation and tragic loss of life and injury among civilians on both sides; and

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond mourns the deaths and injuries of innocent civilians—whether Israeli, Iranian, or of any nationality—and affirms that the dignity and safety of human life must take precedence over geopolitical interests; and

WHEREAS, war and military aggression should never serve as a gateway for communication between nations. Only diplomacy, mutual respect, and negotiation can lay the foundation for peace. The militarization of foreign policy overwhelmingly benefits the arms industry while bringing devastation to families and communities; and

WHEREAS, Israel's possession of nuclear weapons outside of the NPT framework, and its exemption from International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) oversight, sets a dangerous global precedent and undermines international non-proliferation norms.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Richmond:

1. **Condemns** the use of military force by nuclear-armed states against non-nuclear signatories, and affirms that such acts violate international law and global stability;
2. **Recognizes** the human toll of escalating conflict and expresses sorrow for the loss of all civilian lives, Israeli and Iranian alike;
3. **Calls on all governments**, including the governments of Israel and Iran, to immediately cease hostilities and return to diplomatic dialogue under international supervision;
4. **Urges the President of the United States, Donald J. Trump**, and the U.S. government to refrain from any military involvement and to use its influence to facilitate negotiations, not escalate tensions;
5. **Supports a renewed international commitment** to nuclear transparency, universal IAEA oversight, and strict adherence to the principles of the NPT by all states;
6. **Affirms the rights and safety** of Iranian-American, Jewish, Arab, and all global communities in Richmond affected by foreign conflicts, and pledges to oppose war, xenophobia, and hate in all forms.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting thereof held on June 17, 2025, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Bana, Brown, Jimenez, Robinson,
Wilson, Vice Mayor Zepeda, and Mayor Martinez.
NOES: None.
ABSTENTIONS: None.
ABSENT: None.

PAMELA CHRISTIAN
CLERK OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND

Approved: (SEAL)

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. 76-25**, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on June 17, 2025.


Pamela Christian, Clerk of the City of Richmond