

RESOLUTION NO. 96-25

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, URGING
CONGRESS TO ASSERT ITS CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY AND PREVENT
FUTURE UNAUTHORIZED MILITARY ACTION AGAINST IRAN**

WHEREAS, the United States recently launched an unauthorized, illegal, and unprovoked military strike on nuclear-related sites in Iran without Congressional approval and in defiance of widespread international calls for diplomacy; and

WHEREAS, such unilateral military action represents a grave violation of the U.S. Constitution, which clearly grants the power to declare war solely to Congress; and

WHEREAS, the escalation of hostilities between the United States and Iran threatened to ignite a broader regional conflict in the Middle East, endangering millions of civilians, destabilizing the global economy, and risking irreparable environmental and humanitarian harm; and

WHEREAS, this type of unauthorized military action sets a dangerous precedent for executive overreach and undermines the democratic checks and balances foundational to the U.S. system of government; and

WHEREAS, a ceasefire is currently in effect, but the risk of renewed conflict remains unless clear legislative constraints are established.

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

1. Urges the United States Congress to immediately pass a War Powers Resolution to reaffirm its constitutional role in authorizing military force and to prevent any future unauthorized military actions against Iran;
2. Affirms the importance of diplomacy, not war, as the foundation of U.S. foreign policy in the Middle East;
3. Expresses solidarity with all civilians whose lives are impacted by conflict, including the people of Palestine, Iran, and Israel;
4. Directs the City Clerk to send copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, U.S. Senators representing California, and all members of the U.S. House of Representatives representing districts in Contra Costa County.

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 July 1, 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:

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. 96-25**, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on July 1, 2025.


Pamela Christian, Clerk of the City of Richmond