

RESOLUTION NO. 156-25

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA,
AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF RICHMOND TO ENTER INTO A
MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF OAKLAND FIRE
DEPARTMENT, THE SPONSORING AGENCY OF CALIFORNIA TASK FORCE 4 OF
THE NATIONAL URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE RESPONSE SYSTEM, AND THE
CITY OF RICHMOND FIRE DEPARTMENT AS A PARTICIPATING
AGENCY OF THE TASK FORCE**

WHEREAS, in the event of large-scale disasters such as structural collapses, earthquakes, or transportation accidents, specialized teams are essential to quickly deploy and assist victims; and

WHEREAS, one of these teams is the Urban Search and Rescue (“US&R”), part of the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s (“FEMA”) National Urban Search and Rescue System; and

WHEREAS, there are 28 US&R teams in the United States consisting of highly trained professionals who respond to emergencies by providing rescue (extrication) and initial medical stabilization of victims; and

WHEREAS, California Task Force 4 (“CA-TF4”), is one of 8 US&R teams based in California, and the Oakland Fire Department serving as the Sponsoring Agency for CA-TF4; and

WHEREAS, the Richmond Fire Department (“Department”) intends to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (“MOA”) with the Oakland Fire Department to participate in CA-TF4 as a Participating Agency; and

WHEREAS, by joining CA-TF4 as a Participating Agency, the Department will gain experience, resources, and expertise in handling complex rescue operations that extend beyond local capabilities, improve mutual aid coordination, and strengthen collaboration with neighboring local agencies; and

WHEREAS, as a Participating Agency, the Department will be trained and equipped to respond to large-scale urban search and rescue operations, which will further enhance the Department’s overall emergency response capabilities and increase preparedness for urban search and rescue operations to better serve the community; and

WHEREAS, as a Participating Agency, the Department may receive FEMA preparedness grant funding from the Sponsoring Agency, and receive reimbursement for authorized response expenses; and

WHEREAS, as a Participating Agency, the Department will be able to ensure a more effective response to emergencies within the community.

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

1. The City of Richmond shall enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Oakland Fire Department to join California Task Force 4 (CA-TF4) as a Participating Agency.
2. The City Manager and the Fire Chief for the City of Richmond are authorized to execute a Memorandum of Agreement and to take all necessary actions to participate in and support CA-TF4, including coordination of resources, training, and participation in Task Force activities to ensure readiness and effective response to large-scale urban search and rescue operations and other emergencies.

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 November 4, 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. 156-25**, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on November 4, 2025.


Pamela Christian, Clerk of the City of Richmond