

**Resolution No. 83-08**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, EXEMPTING MEMBERS OF SISTER CITY COMMISSIONS FROM THE INSTITUTIONAL PRACTICE OF SERVING ON ONE COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE AT A TIME**

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WHEREAS, the City of Richmond California has established Sister City relationships with the international cities of Shimada, Japan; Zhoushan, China; and Regla, Cuba; and

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond has established Sister City Commissions for the purpose of initiating and conducting exchanges in the areas of arts & culture, public health, business and economic development and education as agreed up by the municipalities participating in a Sister City Program with the City of Richmond; and

WHEREAS, the Sister City Commissions are administered by eleven commissioners appointed by the Mayor of Richmond; and

WHEREAS, Sister City Commissioners and/or Committee Members are comprised of volunteers from the community and business sector that provide a variety of personal and professional experience and expertise; and

WHEREAS, Sister City Commissions/Committees are responsible for administering Sister City Agreements as approved by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, City of Richmond has maintained the institutionalized practice of restricting commissioners from serving on more than one appointed position during an active term; and

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond is desirous of maintaining diverse and qualified Sister City Commissions and/or Committees to enhance the economic development and cultural understanding between the Sister-Cities and the City of Richmond; and

WHEREAS, qualified citizen volunteers, City of Richmond staff members, and active community organizers may serve on other standing committees, commissions and other administrative bodies affiliated with the City of Richmond; and

WHEREAS, volunteers serving simultaneously on other City of Richmond boards, councils, commissions or committees are likely not to generate conflicts of interest because Sister City Committees do not advise the Council or any City Board of Commission on matters affecting Richmond City Government or property interests of Sister City Commission/Committee Members; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Richmond, hereby establishes that Members of the Sister City Commissions and Committees established by the City of Richmond be exempt from the restriction of serving on one City of Richmond board, committee or commission at any time during an active term.

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I certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond at a meeting thereof held on July 22, 2008, by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Councilmembers Lopez and Marquez

DIANE HOLMES  
Clerk of the City of Richmond

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Approved:

GAYLE McLAUGHLIN  
Mayor

Approved as to form:

LOUISE RENNE  
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. 83-08, finally passed and adopted by the Council of the city of Richmond at meeting held on July 22, 2008.