

RESOLUTION NO. 107-08

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA
SUPPORTING THE UNITED NATIONS URBAN ENVIRONMENTAL ACCORDS**

WHEREAS, governments throughout the world are adopting environmental standards to reduce global warming, improve air and water quality, reduce waste, eliminate toxins, preserve open space and natural habitats, create environmentally sound urban areas, and promote healthy communities; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations adopted the Urban Environmental Accords (the "Accords") on World Environment Day 2005 in San Francisco which lists a series of action items that can be implemented at the local level to achieve urban sustainability, promote healthy economies, advance social equity and protect the world's ecosystem; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations is urging cities to implement these action items by World Environmental Day 2012; and

WHEREAS, by endorsing the Accords, the City of Richmond recognizes the need to commit to advancing sustainability, fostering vibrant communities, promoting social equity, and protecting the planet's natural systems.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Richmond fully supports the Urban Environmental Accords and that accordingly the City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to sign the document required to become an Accords' signatory; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that by signing these Accords, the City of Richmond commits to moving the vital issues of sustainability to the top of the City's legislative agenda. By implementing the Urban Environmental Accords, the City of Richmond aims to realize the right to a clean, healthy, and safe environment for all members of our society.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond, California, at a regular meeting thereof held September 16, 2008, by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Councilmembers Lopez and Viramontes

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. 107-08, finally passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond at a meeting held on September 16, 2008.