

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-09**

**RESOLUTION OF THE RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH OPTICOS DESIGN , INC. TO COMPLETE A PILOT FORM-BASED CODE FOR THE 23<sup>RD</sup> STREET CORRIDOR**

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WHEREAS, the Richmond City Council has identified the need to revitalize and promote more pedestrian-oriented development to enhance retail and commercial activities on 23<sup>rd</sup> Street; and

WHEREAS, the preparation of a form-based code for the 23<sup>rd</sup> Street Corridor (Project) follows the direction of the General Plan Update, which proposes form-based codes be developed for Richmond's commercial corridors; and

WHEREAS, form-based codes are a method of regulating development to achieve a specific urban form and;

WHEREAS, the Richmond Community Redevelopment Agency Board approved the transfer of \$180,000 to the Planning and Building Services Department to complete the Project; and

WHEREAS, Opticos Design, Inc. is on the Planning & Building Services Department's established vendor list, is a leading local firm qualified to develop form-based codes, and has the knowledge and expertise required to assist the City of Richmond with the Project; and

WHEREAS, Opticos Design, Inc. prepared the City's *Residential Design Guidelines for Additions to Heritage Homes* (Adopted July 2008) that identified architectural elements that will be reflected in the Project.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Richmond City Council authorizes the execution of a contract not to exceed \$180,000 between the City of Richmond and Opticos Design, Inc. to complete a pilot form-based code for the 23<sup>rd</sup> Street Corridor.

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I certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted by the Richmond City Council at a regular meeting held on April 7, 2009, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Bates, Butt, Rogers, Ritterman, Viramontes, Vice Mayor Lopez, and Mayor McLaughlin.

NOES: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

ABSENT: None.

DIANE HOLMES  
Clerk of the City of Richmond

(SEAL)

Approved:

GAYLE McLAUGHLIN  
Mayor

Approved as to form:

RANDY RIDDLE  
City Attorney

State of California            }  
County of Contra Costa        }        : ss.  
City of Richmond               }