

**RESOLUTION NO. 78-09**

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CONTINUING CARDIOVASCULAR SURGERY FOR KAISER PATIENTS IN THE EAST BAY**

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WHEREAS, cardiovascular disease remains one of the leading causes of death in the United States, and

WHEREAS, Richmond suffers disproportionately from cardiovascular disease due to the social stresses of relative poverty, and

WHEREAS, Kaiser Permanente provides health care for more than 100,000 people in the greater Richmond area, and

WHEREAS, Kaiser Richmond patients have been receiving their cardiovascular surgery, invasive and interventional cardiology services by physicians of the Permanente Medical Group working out of Summit Hospital in Oakland, and

WHEREAS, the Cardiovascular Surgery services performed at Summit Hospital by these physicians has been awarded a Three Star (highest) Ranking in 2008 by the Society of Thoracic Surgeons, and

WHEREAS, the services contract between Kaiser Foundation Health Plan and Summit Hospital will expire in July 2010, and

WHEREAS, it is likely that Kaiser Richmond patients will need to go to Kaiser San Francisco for their cardiovascular surgery and invasive and interventional cardiology procedures if the contract between Kaiser Foundation Health Plan and Summit Hospital is not renewed, and

WHEREAS, this moving of essential medical services will adversely impact the residents of Richmond who are members of the Kaiser Health Plan, and

WHEREAS, possible delays in providing necessary service could result in poorer health outcome up to and including death, and

WHEREAS, family and community support are essential elements in maintaining well being and recovering from illness, and

WHEREAS, this vital support will be diminished by moving essential cardiovascular services away from the East Bay,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the mayor of Richmond and the Richmond City Council call on Kaiser Foundation Health Plan and Sutter (Summit Hospital) to put the interests of the patients in Richmond and other East Bay cities first and resolve any remaining contractual disputes in a timely manner, and

FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the mayor of Richmond write a letter to the senior leadership at Kaiser Foundation Health Plan and Summit Hospital requesting their help in resolving any remaining contractual disagreements as soon as possible.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting thereof held July 21, 2009, by the following vote:

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

NOES: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

ABSENT: Councilmember Ritterman.

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        }

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of Resolution No. 78-09, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on July 21, 2009.