

RESOLUTION NO. 104-09

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 279 (HANCOCK): FINANCE ENERGY EFFICIENCY, WATER CONSERVATION, AND RENEWABLE ENERGY INVESTMENTS THROUGH COMMUNITY FACILITY DISTRICTS

WHEREAS, An increase in energy efficiency, the use of renewable energy, and water conservation benefits the City of Richmond and its residents in many ways including: decreases in energy expenditures, pollutant emissions, and health impacts, and

WHEREAS, Local small employers in the energy and water conservation field could expand if the demand for energy and water improvements were greater; and

WHEREAS, The Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act currently allows counties, cities, special districts, and school districts to use parcel taxes to finance a wide variety of public works by issuing bonds against these special taxes, and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 279 (Hancock) seeks to expand the Mello-Roos Act so that a Community Facility District (CFD) can be established to help finance the acquisition, installation, and improvement of energy efficiency, water conservation, and renewable energy improvements, and

WHEREAS, Passage of this state legislation would allow public and private property owners to voluntarily opt-in to a program within a local CFD, to finance installation of an energy or water efficiency improvement through an additional assessment on the individual property tax, and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 279 is consistent with City of Richmond's commitment to climate protection, energy conservation, and promoting local job development, now, therefore, be it

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Richmond City Council directs the City Manager and the City's state lobbyist to advocate for adoption of SB279, and immediately prepare a letter to the bill sponsor, Senator Hancock, and to Governor Schwarzenegger, with Council endorsement demonstrating this support.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on September 15, 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 }

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of **Resolution No. 104-09**, finally passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond at a meeting held on September 15, 2009.