

RESOLUTION NO. 25-10

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND
AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO JOIN GREEN CITIES CALIFORNIA, TO
ADOPT THE GREEN CITIES CALIFORNIA SUSTAINABILITY RESOLUTION,
AND TO TAKE ACTION TO ACCELERATE LOCAL, REGIONAL, NATIONAL
AND INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE SUSTAINABILITY**

WHEREAS, the cities of Berkeley, Los Angeles, Pasadena, Richmond, Sacramento, San Diego, San Francisco, San Jose, Santa Barbara, Santa Monica and the County of Marin (collectively referred to herein as the “Green Cities”) represent over 8 million residents of the State of California, along with their associated environmental impacts and responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the Green Cities recognize that, for the first time in history, the majority of the planet’s population now lives in cities, and that continued urbanization creates a new set of environmental challenges and opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Green Cities recognize that local environmental problems including air pollution, water pollution, solid waste collection and disposal, traffic congestion, and the ubiquity of toxic chemicals in the environment contribute to significant public health impacts in cities; and

WHEREAS, the Green Cities recognize that current global environmental challenges related to the over-consumption of natural resources, climate change, oil production and consumption, availability of clean fresh water, food security, and environmental justice put our cities and our residents at serious risk and require immediate action at all levels; and

WHEREAS, the Green Cities have expressed their commitments through the adoption of: local sustainability plans, the United Nations Urban Environmental Accords, and the United States Conference of Mayors Climate Protection Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Green Cities have individually developed visions for a sustainable future and have demonstrated leadership in achieving effective solutions to these environmental challenges; and

WHEREAS, the Green Cities are dedicated to:

- ✓ Significantly reducing greenhouse gas emissions
- ✓ Significantly reducing the amount of solid waste entering landfills
- ✓ Significantly reducing the amounts of hazardous and toxic materials entering the environment
- ✓ Significantly reducing water use
- ✓ Improving water quality
- ✓ Improving air quality
- ✓ Improving quality of life for our residents

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Richmond joins with the Cities of Berkeley, Los Angeles, Pasadena, Sacramento, San Diego, San Francisco, San Jose, Santa Barbara, Santa Monica and the County of Marin to create Green Cities California, to cooperatively and collectively take action to accelerate local, regional, national and international efforts to achieve sustainability.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that by adopting this Resolution the City of Richmond commits to:

1. Work together with other Green Cities California members to influence State and National policy to promote:
 - Reductions in greenhouse gas emissions
 - Extended Producer Responsibility
 - Sustainable Land Use, Building and Development
 - Waste Reduction
 - Water Conservation

- Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy
 - Reduction in Vehicle Miles Traveled and Single Occupancy Vehicles
 - Equitable distribution of environmental benefits and burdens and to secure State and Federal funding to enhance the ability of local governments to accomplish these goals.
2. Assist other local governments throughout the state and the nation to adopt and implement sustainable policies and practices
 3. Work to achieve the initial actions listed below for municipal operations:
 - Purchase of “100% post-consumer recycled” paper for all City operations
 - Elimination of the purchase of bottled water for City operations and City sponsored events
 - Develop and adopt:
 - A campaign for the municipal purchase of local California foods
 - A carbon offset plan for municipal air travel
 - Fuel efficiency standards for municipal vehicle fleets

I certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting of the City Council held on February 16, 2010, by the following vote:

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

NOES: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

ABSENT: None.

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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. 25-10**, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on February 16, 2010.