

RESOLUTION NO. 88-10

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSITION 23 – THE DIRTY ENERGY PROPOSITION

WHEREAS, out-of-state oil companies are spending millions to pass Proposition 23, which would kill California clean energy and air pollution control standards; and

WHEREAS, the oil companies claim Proposition 23 would only "suspend" AB 32's air pollution and health regulations until California's economy gets better, but the truth is Proposition 23 would kill California's clean air standards by prohibiting them from being enforced unless the state's unemployment rate drops to a fixed level that has rarely ever been achieved; and

WHEREAS, air pollution is a major threat to public health in Richmond, with high rates of asthma and lung disease, especially among children; this initiative will let polluters off the hook - increasing air pollution and public health risks; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 23 would also destroy California's newly emerging clean energy businesses that have flourished because of California clean energy and clean air laws; and

WHEREAS, since 2005, California green jobs have grown 10 times faster than the statewide average. California's clean technology sector received \$2.1 billion in investment capital in 2009 - more than five times the investment in our nearest competitor – and is generating tens of thousands of jobs; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 23 would halt the dynamic growth seen in clean energy businesses, resulting in the loss of tens of thousands of jobs and billions of dollars in economic growth; and

WHEREAS, by killing competition from clean energy producers, Proposition 23 would keep California addicted to dirty oil, which would result in rising prices for consumers and a continued drag on our economy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Richmond City Council hereby formally opposes Proposition 23 - the Dirty Energy Proposition (Attorney General Initiative # 09-0104).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council hereby authorizes the listing of all the city council members that vote in opposition to Proposition 23, the Dirty Energy Proposition, and instruct staff to fax a copy of this resolution to campaign offices at (916) 442-3510.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting thereof held on July 20, 2010, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Bates, Butt, Lopez, Rogers, Viramontes, Vice Mayor Jeff Ritterman, and Mayor Gayle 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 88-10**, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on July 20, 2010.