

RESOLUTION NO. 00-1

**RESOLUTION OF THE SURPLUS PROPERTY AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND,
CALIFORNIA AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF A CALIFORNIA STATE LANDMARK
APPLICATION FOR THE RICHMOND SHIPYARDS DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Richmond recognizes the importance of preserving and enhancing the City's historical and cultural background; and

WHEREAS, by war's end, the Kaiser group had become the largest producer of ships in the nation, and the Bay Area had the greatest concentration of ship construction in the world; and

WHEREAS, the shipyards occupied the southern shoreline of Richmond. Shipyard No. One stood at the northern terminus of Harbor Channel. Shipyard No. Two lined the Inner Harbor Basin. Shipyard No. Three stood at Point Potrero. Shipyard No. Four, the smallest, stood north of Shipyard No. Three, near the terminus of Santa Fe Channel.

WHEREAS, few buildings and structures remain from the World War II period except at Shipyard No. 3; and

WHEREAS, Shipyard No. 3, one of four Kaiser yards built in Richmond, is evidence of the massive maritime shipyard and ship building campaigns of World War II and is the only Kaiser yard still largely extant; and

WHEREAS, Shipyard No. 3 is representative of the significant advances made in the design and engineering of shipyards and the shipbuilding process during World War II; and

WHEREAS, the yards in Richmond produced over half of the total ships Kaiser company built-a total of 747 ships in four years and set a world record building the Liberty ship S.S. Robert Peary in four days and fifteen hours; a record that still remains today.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Surplus Property Authority of the City of Richmond hereby authorizes the Community Development and Planning Services Director to submit to the State Office of Historic Preservation the application for California Historical Landmark for the Richmond Shipyards District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Surplus Property Authority of the City of Richmond hereby provides written permission to register and to place a plaque on the property.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the Surplus Property Authority of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting thereof held March 7, 2000, by the following vote:

AYES: Members Butt, Marquez, Griffin, Evans, and President Corbin.

NOES: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

ABSENT: Members Bates, Penn, Bell, and Anderson.

DIANE HOLMES

CLERK OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND

(SEAL)

Approved:
ROSEMARY M. CORBIN

Mayor

Approved as to form:

MALCOLM HUNTER

City Attorney