

RESOLUTION NO. 103-06

Resolution Endorsing State Ballot Proposition 87; the California Clean Energy Initiative

WHEREAS; Proposition 87 will direct \$4 billion to reduce California's dependence on gasoline and diesel by 25% over the next 10 years. The effort will be funded by oil drilling fees paid by oil companies not by consumers, and;

WHEREAS; Prop 87 will reduce our use of oil by expanding the use of existing technologies, funding the development of improved and new technologies, and brings alternative fuel and energy technologies to the market faster, and;

WHEREAS; Prop 87 will provide financial incentives to make clean energy options more affordable in order to expand their use. By reducing oil consumption, Prop 87 will reduce pollution that causes global warming, asthma, lung disease and cancer, and;

WHEREAS; Prop 87 will set California's oil drilling fees at levels similar to those in Oklahoma, Alaska, and Texas at no cost to consumers and with no increase at the pump, and;

WHEREAS; The California Attorney General has confirmed that Prop 87 makes it illegal for oil companies to raise gas prices or to pass the cost of the fee to consumers.

WHEREAS; Prop 87 will fund: Consumer rebates for the purchase of alternative fuel vehicles; incentives for increased use of wind, solar and other renewable energies; assistance to local governments to upgrade public vehicle fleets (emergency, school bus, waste disposal, mass transit); matching funds to make new technologies available to the public by clearing hurdles such as engine certification, crash-testing, and Underwriters' Laboratory approval; an alternative fuel infrastructure (filling stations, etc.); university research, and; workforce training, and;

WHEREAS; The California Energy Alternatives Program Authority will oversee Prop 87 funds. The nine-member Authority will consist of business, environmental, energy, and public health experts. As a state agency, it will be bound by existing conflict of interest, open meeting and competitive bidding laws, and;

WHEREAS; Prop 87 contains additional accountability, conflict of interest, and competitive bidding provisions, and;

WHEREAS; Prop 87 is supported by the American Lung Association of California, the Coalition for Clean Air, the Foundation for Taxpayer and Consumer Rights, Nobel Prize winning scientists, university researchers, and environmental, consumer, local government and public health organizations.

THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor Irma L. Anderson and the City Council of Richmond, California, that the City of Richmond does hereby endorse and support Proposition 87, the California Clean Energy Initiative and urges all citizens and registered voters to support the initiative at the polls on Tuesday, November 7, 2006.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be transmitted to Californians for Clean Energy Coalition, the City of Richmond's State Legislative representatives, to the Speaker of the California State Assembly, Senate President Pro Tempore and to the Governor.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond, California at meeting held on September 26, 2006, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Bates, Butt, Griffin, Marquez, McLaughlin, Rogers, Thurmond, Viramontes and Mayor Anderson

NOES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

DIANE HOLMES
Clerk of the City of Richmond

(SEAL)

APPROVED:

IRMA L. ANDERSON
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

JOHN EASTMAN
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. 103-06, finally passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond at meeting held on September 26, 2006.