

**CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 110-15**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND  
SUPPORTING THE REACTIVATION AND REFORMATION OF THE URBAN  
FOREST ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Richmond approved resolution 157-98 establishing the Urban Forest Advisory Committee on October 13, 1998; and

**WHEREAS**, the Urban Forest Advisory Committee has not been active for a number of years; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Richmond recognizes the important role of trees and that increasing the urban forest provides significant economic, social, and health benefits citywide; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Richmond's General Plan, includes a Health in All Policies strategy, elements related to climate change, conservation of natural resources, and public safety; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Richmond has an Urban Greening Master Plan, including an urban forestry management plan and tree inventory; and

**WHEREAS**, there are tremendous and proven economic, social, environmental and health benefits of a robust urban forest including:

- decreasing crime and improving public safety;
- reducing noise and slowing traffic;
- absorbing rainwater, reducing runoff and preventing pollutants from going into creeks and waterways;
- providing a urban habitat for wildlife;
- cooling the streets and creating shade;
- improving health and increasing physical activity;
- fostering community and pride;
- cleaning the air by absorbing pollutant gases;
- mitigating greenhouse gases by absorbing and storing carbon dioxide and providing oxygen;
- beautifying Richmond, and increasing property values.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Richmond hereby supports the reactivation and reformation of the Urban Forest Advisory Committee that will advise and assist the City Council in creating a healthy urban forest, as well as promote and foster public awareness, education, volunteerism, and public-private partnerships to support urban forestry initiatives.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Urban Forest Advisory Committee shall have no less than seven (7) and no more than eleven (11) members, who shall be residents of the City of Richmond, and who shall not be officers and employees of the City of Richmond, and who shall be appointed by the Mayor with concurrence of at least three (3) members of the City Council, and who shall serve without compensation for no more than 3 consecutive 3-year terms, and whose appointment to the Committee does not preclude serving on other City Boards, Commissions or Committees.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that regular meetings of the Committee shall be held monthly at such day, time and place as designated by the Committee. All meetings of the Committee shall be open to the public.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Committee shall elect from among its members, officers to serve as chair, vice-chair and secretary. Elections shall occur annually at a scheduled public meeting of the Committee. In the case of a vacancy in any of the officer

positions, the Committee shall elect a successor who shall serve the remainder of the predecessor's term.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Richmond hereby establishes the following duties and responsibilities to be undertaken by the Urban Forest Advisory Committee:

- To create a robust plan for urban forestry to aggressively expand the City of Richmond's tree canopy through tree planting and tree care initiatives; to recommend programs, policies and ordinances to implement and promote the City's Urban Greening Master Plan and the General Plan, and to coordinate with Public Works staff regarding management and maintenance efforts;
- To serve in an advisory capacity, as a citizen thought partner and clearinghouse for the exchange of information and ideas with the City of Richmond, City Council, other commissions and citizens of Richmond for all tree planting and tree care initiatives;
- To promote and foster public awareness, education, advocacy and support for urban forestry in the City of Richmond;
- To foster volunteer opportunities related to urban forestry;
- To create public-private partnerships with businesses and non-profit organizations that support urban forestry initiatives.

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**I CERTIFY** that the foregoing resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council on November 17, 2015, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Bates, Beckles, Martinez, McLaughlin, Pimplé, Vice Mayor Myrick, and Mayor Butt.

NOES: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

ABSENT: None.

PAMELA CHRISTIAN  
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 CLERK OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND  
 (SEAL)

Approved:

TOM BUTT  
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 Mayor

Approved as to form:

BRUCE GOODMILLER  
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 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. 110-15**, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on November 17, 2015.

  
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 Pamela Christian, City Clerk of the City of Richmond