

RESOLUTION NO. 117-16

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND,
REQUESTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A HORSE BOARDING FACILITY AT THE
POINT PINOLE REGIONAL SHORELINE PARK**

WHEREAS, between 100 and 150 horses boarded at a sub-standard and unpermitted facility located between 2777 and 2775 Giant Road in Richmond, must be relocated to a safe and authorized facility; and

WHEREAS, City of Richmond officials, working with the Mayor's Office and the property owners and horse boarders at the Giant Road site, have determined that developing a sufficient boarding facility at the site is not a feasible or safe option for the horses; and

WHEREAS, the EBRPD has a demonstrated ability to host private enterprise and horse stables on park land including: the Piedmont Stables at Redwood Regional Park, the Chabot Equestrian Center and the Skyline Ranch Equestrian Center at Anthony Chabot Regional Park, and the Las Trampas Stables at Las Trampas Regional Wilderness; and

WHEREAS, the EBRPD has a long history in Richmond with many large and popular parks within the City limits; and

WHEREAS, the Point Pinole Regional Shoreline is a 2,315 acre park which is part of the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD), featuring extensive open space, beaches, trails and a fishing pier; and

WHEREAS, the horses boarded at the Giant Road property are located less than two (2) miles from the Point Pinole Regional Shoreline and are frequently taken to the park for recreational rides; and

WHEREAS, various owners and managers responsible for horses at the Giant Road property have expressed an interest and willingness to organize and invest private funds in the development of horse stables at any suitable site in the area; and

WHEREAS, the existing landscape and amenities at Point Pinole Regional Shoreline provide an ideal location for accommodating horse stables and equestrian uses are currently allowed at Point Pinole; and

WHEREAS, the local area communities including Richmond, North Richmond, San Pablo, El Sobrante, and Pinole benefit greatly in having access to equestrian activities and boarding facilities which contribute to outdoor education, community events and cultural expression.

WHEREAS, there is a high demand for an equestrian facility near the area in and around Richmond because most of the owners and managers of horses located at the Giant Road property live nearby.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Richmond hereby request that the East Bay Regional Park District Board of Directors take expeditious action in allowing for the development of a horse boarding facility at the Point Pinole Regional Shoreline park; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council recognize the benefits to the community from equestrian activity which include: outdoor education, participation in local festivities and events, stress reduction, and life skills; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Richmond, in cooperation with the East Bay Regional Park District and the horse owners and managers at the Giant Road property, work together to identify the necessary steps for the successful development of a suitable horse boarding facility at Point Pinole.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting thereof held December 20, 2016, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Beckles, Martinez, McLaughlin, Pimplé, Vice Mayor Myrick, and Mayor Butt.
NOES: None.
ABSTENTIONS: None.
ABSENT: Councilmember Bates.

PAMELA CHRISTIAN
CLERK OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND
(SEAL)

Approved:

TOM BUTT

Mayor

Approved as to form:

BRUCE GOODMILLER

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. 117-16**, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on December 20, 2016.



Pamela Christian, Clerk of the City of Richmond