

RESOLUTION NO. 17-18

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA,
IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSITION 68 FORMERLY KNOWN AS SB 5 - CALIFORNIA
DROUGHT, WATER, PARKS, CLIMATE, COASTAL PROTECTION, AND OUTDOOR
ACCESS FOR ALL ACT OF 2018**

WHEREAS, the Legislature adopted and governor signed SB 5, a \$4 billion General Obligation Bond to be placed on the June 2018 ballot entitled the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018; and

WHEREAS, SB 5 represents the first legislatively authorized debt instrument for parks, resources and environmental improvements since 2002; and

WHEREAS, investments in California's urban, suburban and rural park and resources-related landscapes promote the notion of community and provide health, environmental and aesthetic benefits; and

WHEREAS, California Outdoor economy is a \$92 billion economic driver, partly responsible for the continued health and growth of many of California's local economies; and

WHEREAS, SB 5 contains \$215 million in per capita funding to assist all of California's communities in underwriting priority park-related improvements; and

WHEREAS, an additional \$40 million shall be available in block grant awards for communities that self-tax for park related improvements; and

WHEREAS, there are over 50 parks, playlots and fields in the Richmond; many of which would benefit from improvements for the community; and

WHEREAS, SB 5 invests no less than \$1 billion in California's most economically challenged communities, eradicating blight and promoting greater access to the outdoors and health-related pursuits; and

WHEREAS, SB 5 expends \$200 million on California's State Park system, addressing a greater than \$1 Billion backlog in deferred maintenance which will translate into greater tourism and visitorship opportunities in adjacent communities; and

WHEREAS, SB 5 invests \$30 million in trail network improvements promoting non-motorized recreational and commuter opportunities throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, SB 5 recognizing the importance of California's rural spaces and invests \$25 million through a competitive grant program to prop-up and enhance rural park infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, SB 5 expends hundreds of millions on other important investments in resource-related infrastructure including California's rivers, coast, and other waterways, the state's mountainous settings such as the Sierra and wildlife and fish-dependent habitats; and

WHEREAS, SB 5 invests heavily in combatting global warming through investments in urban greening projects, promoting healthy forests and carbon farming applications; and

WHEREAS, SB 5 underwrites investments in improving local water systems, promoting access to safe drinking water in some of California's most economically challenged communities; and

WHEREAS, SB 5 commits to a robust investment in groundwater improvements and sustainability to diversify water sources and recharge groundwater tables.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Richmond hereby supports Proposition 68, The California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018 and the City Council directs the City Clerk to email a copy of this adopted resolution to the League of California Cities at cityletters@cacities.org .

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Richmond supports and can be listed as a member of the Californians for Clean Water and Safe Park coalition.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting thereof held March 6, 2018, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Beckles, Choi, Martinez, Myrick, Recinos, Vice Mayor Willis, and Mayor Butt.
NOES: None.
ABSTENTIONS: None.
ABSENT: None.

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. 17-18**, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on March 6, 2018.


Pamela Christian
Pamela Christian, Clerk of the City of Richmond

