

The Return of Pride and Purpose

STATE OF THE CITY

December 2023

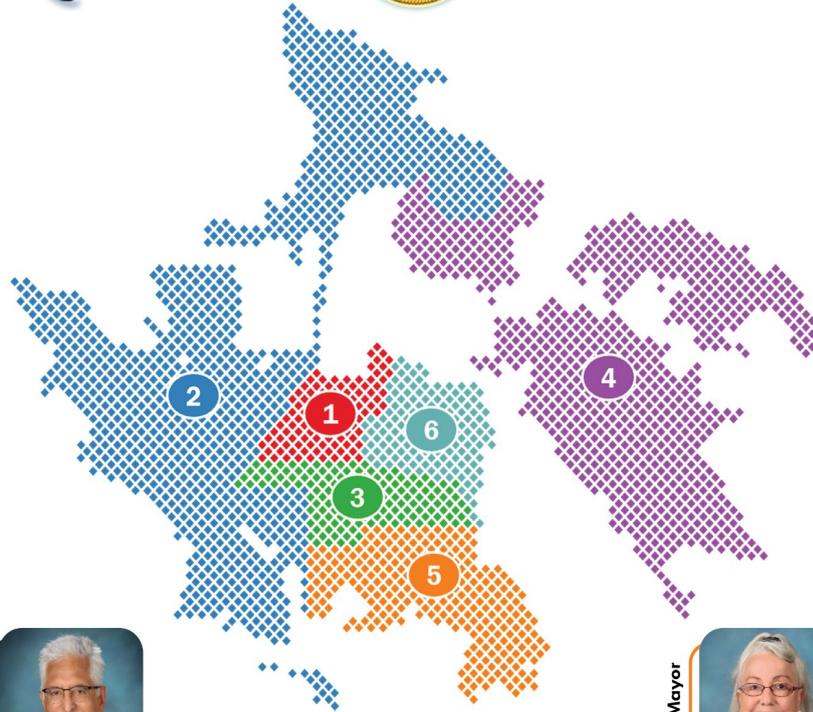


PURPOSE

ARTICLE III-A

Section 1.b.

*The Mayor may make recommendations to the City Council on matters of policy and program which require Council decision and may propose ordinances and resolutions for Council consideration. The Mayor shall work with the City Manager in preparing an annual budget for submission to the City Council. **The Mayor shall make an annual report to the City Council as to the conditions and affairs of the City.***



Mayor

Eduardo Martinez

AT-LARGE



Vice-Mayor

Gayle McLaughlin

DISTRICT **5**



Melvin Willis

DISTRICT **1**



Cesar Zepeda

DISTRICT **2**



Doria Robinson

DISTRICT **3**



Sohelia Bana

DISTRICT **4**



Claudia Jimnez

DISTRICT **6**

MAYOR'S OFFICE STAFF



Shiva Mishek
Chief of Staff



Tony Tamayo
Deputy Chief of Staff



BK White
Director of Policy

MAYOR'S OFFICE DUTIES

- **Legislative & Policy Initiatives**
 - Boards, commissions, committees
 - Ordinances, resolutions
- **Community Support and Outreach**
 - Certificates, letters of support, proclamations, resource guides
 - Constituent casework
- **Special Events & Projects**
 - Awards, grant applications
 - Task forces, working groups

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2023

- **Lowest homicide rate in the last 2 years**
- **Over \$30M secured to renovate the Richmond Library**
- **~\$43 M Secured for Metro Walk Phase 2 – 150 Affordable Housing Units and BART Station upgrades**
- **Library and Recreation Complex open on Saturdays after over 3 years**
- **Terminal 4 Wharf removal project begins. Largest derelict wharf removal in the Bay Area**
- **Moxion announces expansion of facility and addition of up to 800 new jobs**
- **Chef's Warehouse moves into the recently closed Nutiva. Adding 100-200 jobs in phases**
- **Council Approves Raven SR Bioenergy Project**
- **Booker T Anderson Community Center restoration almost completed. Grand opening in the works.**
- **Cherry Blossom Housing Development erects first houses in the Annex**
- **Hacienda Heights ribbon cutting this year**
- **City's credit rating increased from Baa3 to A3**
- **Nevin Plaza breaks ground on renovation.**

2023 SPOTLIGHT: Maryann Griego

- 15+ years of service to Richmond
- The Face of City Hall!
 - Security
 - Greets every member of the public who comes seeking assistance
 - Directs public toward resources
- Deals with difficult, scary situations with grace and gentleness
- Goes above and beyond, every single day



CITY STAFF TRANSITIONS (INCOMING)



Andrea Miller
Finance Director



Daniel Chavarria
*Public Works
Director*



Charles Gerard
Port Director



Kate Eppler
Library Director

CITY OF RICHMOND STRATEGIC GOALS (Est. 2023)

- 1. Improve Quantity and Quality of Housing (Especially Low-Income Housing) and Reduce Homelessness.**
- 2. Improve Revenue and Improve Economic Development.**
- 3. Improve the Quality of Life and Community Health/Improve Social Determinants of Health.**
- 4. Improve Public Safety.**
- 5. Strengthen the City's Internal Infrastructure and Processes.**
- 6. Address Shoreline Issues and Ecological Sustainability.**

Strategic Goal Area #1:

**Improve Quantity and Quality of Housing
(Especially Low-Income Housing) and
Reduce Homelessness.**



RICHMOND HOUSING AUTHORITY



Nevin Plaza Rehab Kickoff Celebration - May 2023

138 affordable housing units for seniors. Construction Phase 1 Commenced March 2023 Completed Nov. 2023 (27 units). Construction Phase 2, 3A, 3B Commenced November 2023 (54 units).



RICHMOND HOUSING AUTHORITY



Hacienda Heights Grand Opening - June 2023

150 affordable housing units for seniors ages 62 and above, fully leased. 25 of these housing units are reserved for people exiting homelessness with supportive services.



RICHMOND HOUSING AUTHORITY



Nystrom Village

70 affordable housing family units. 13 units rehabilitated by RHA maintenance team to lease. 279 work orders completed. A Master Development Agreement is currently being negotiated to renovate and increase the amount of affordable housing units.



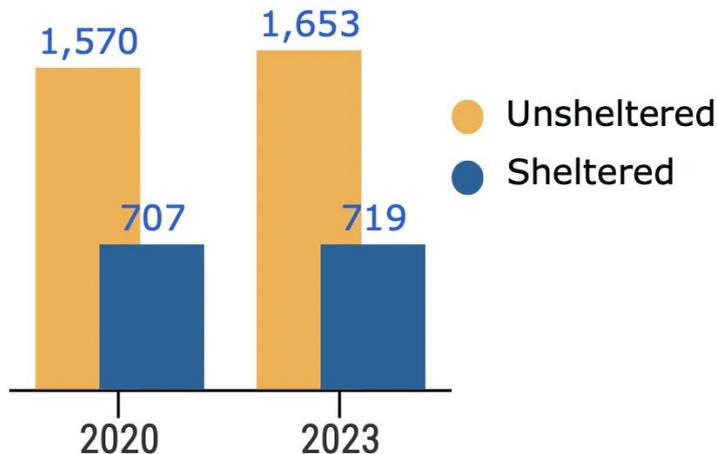
HOMELESSNESS IN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

2,372 people experiencing homelessness on a given night in Contra Costa County



- 1,911 households
- 4% increase from 2020 to 2023

SHELTERED AND UNSHELTERED INDIVIDUALS



2023 shelter status:

 **70% Unsheltered**
(n=1,653)

 **30% Sheltered**
(n=719)



HOMELESSNESS IN RICHMOND

- 487 Unsheltered via the Point In Time Count, 2023
- In 2022, CORE made a total 3,198 contacts with unhoused individuals.
- Of that amount, 1,094 were unduplicated.
- 681 people, or 62.25%, reported losing their housing in the City of Richmond
- 81.08% indicated the last city they slept in was Richmond.
- 53.84% indicated that they grew up in Richmond.
- 34.55% indicated that they have friends and family in Richmond.

2023 UNSHELTERED OBSERVATIONS

	West 40%	Central 30%	East 30%
West County 29% increase from '20 to '23	2020	2023	
Crockett	35	21	
El Cerrito	24	7	
El Sobrante	9	5	
Hercules	7	20	
N. Richmond	22	31	
Pinole	7	8	
Richmond	280	487	
Rodeo	64	36	
San Pablo	67	48	
Total	515	663	

CITYWIDE RESPONSE

Encampment Resolution Fund 1

\$4.8 Million

Sunset Castro Encampment, June 30, 2023

Transitioned all residents to various housing options

Cleared out all vehicles and debris, installed fence, and secured site



Encampment Resolution Fund-2-R

\$8.6 Million

City applied for and received grant for \$8.6 Million

-Address Caltrans Right of Way and citywide

homeless encampments

-Executed contracts with CORE, RCF for unhoused outreach and services

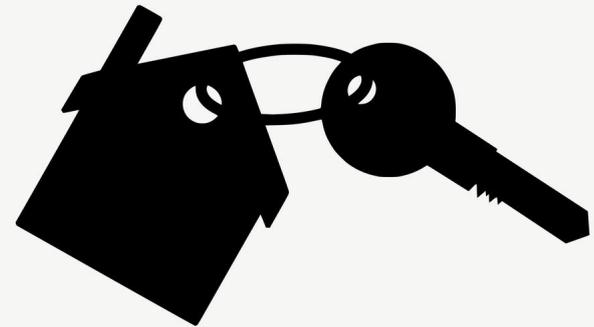


CITYWIDE RESPONSE (cont.)

HomeKey Program

Application pending

City submitted application for a 49-unit motel acquisition and supporting services for extremely low income and unhoused population.



Housing First Program

\$1.150 Million

City funded Housing First Program to provide rental assistance to unhoused individuals and provide emergency short term motel rooms.

RICHMOND RENT PROGRAM

Total Units	Rent Controlled	Partially Covered**	Public/Subsidized
18,134	7,717	10,385	4,487
% of Total	43%	57%	21%

Rental Units Covered by Richmond Rent Program*

Rent Board

- Annual Budget: \$3.0 Million
- Fee Revenues: \$2.9 Million
 - \$220 / controlled unit
 - \$125 / partially controlled unit

Annual General Adjustment

- 2023 (3.0%)
 - Measure P
- 2022 (3.0%)
 - Measure P
- 2021 (1.6%)

RICHMOND RENT PROGRAM (cont.)

Rent Program Activities:

- **Rent and Eviction Counseling**
- **Legal Service Referrals**
- **Mediations**
- **Public Outreach**
- **Rent Adjustment Petition Processing**
- **Administration Determinations**
- **Process rent increases and eviction noticing as required**
- **Billing / Enrolment / Registration Counseling**

Program Developments:

- **Continue to invest in staff training and professional development**
- **Continue to develop online services**
- **Enhance Legal Services**
- **Public Outreach**

Outreach:

- **Increase awareness of the Rent Ordinance**
- **Expand education efforts**
- **Develop systems to increase efficiency**

2023 Year End Housing Development

Status	# of Units
Entitled	479
Under Review	465
Permits Issued	134



Affordable Housing Development

- 27 Affordable Developments
- 3,788 Units Total
 - 20% for families earning <50% AMI
 - 40% for families earning <60% AMI



Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)

Year	Approved	Permits Issued
2023	82	80
2022	99	58
2021	75	70

(Junior Accessory Dwelling Units Included)



Cherry Blossom Row Update

- Construction underway
- Location: Richmond Annex
- 100 Townhomes
- 10 Affordable Units (Moderate Income Households)



Strategic Goal Area #2:

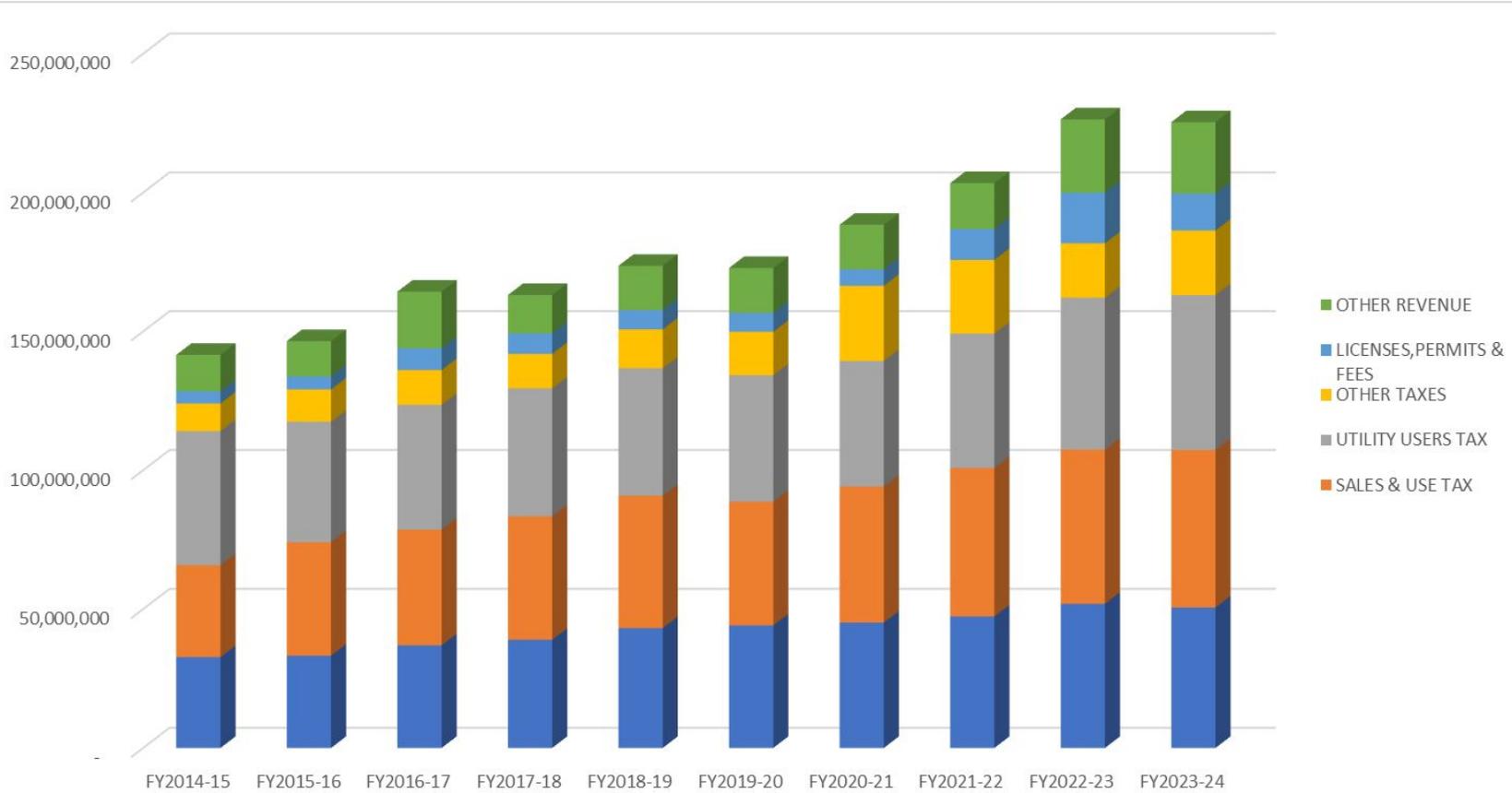
Improve Revenue and Improve Economic Development.



CITY OF RICHMOND'S FINANCES

- **Adopted Balanced Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-24**
- **Measure U Taxes**
 - Measure U brought in \$16,206,200
 - Double the budgeted amount in FY 2022-23 because of higher than estimated gross receipts and one time partial double payments by some businesses.
 - This is five times more than pre-Measure U Business Tax revenues.
 - Class A Retail Sales and Class K Rental Properties brought in the most Business Tax revenue at \$3.3 Million and \$3.5 Million, respectively.
- **Policy Target Reserve level increased to minimum 21%.**
- **Updated Other Post Employment Benefits and Pension Funding Policies with increased contributions to address unfunded liabilities.**

STEADY REVENUE GROWTH



Actuals for previous years and Original Adopted Budget amounts for Fiscal Year 2023-24

CREDIT RATINGS INCREASE

Moody's Rating	New	Old
ICR*	A3	Baa2
POB**	A3	Baa3

Standard & Poor's Rating	New	Old
ICR	AA-	AA-
Wastewater	AA-	AA-

- **A3 Rating Reflects City's Strengthened economic and financial performance**
- **Millions in Potential Savings on Bond Interest**

*ICR: Issuer Credit Rating

**POB: Pension Obligation Bond

FY2022-23 General Fund Revenue Increase*

- **Total Increase:** Approximately **\$11.2 Million**
- **Property Tax: \$3.3 Million Increase**
 - Due to higher than expected Successor Agency Surplus and Pass-through payments
- **Business Tax: \$8.1 Million Increase**
 - From combination higher gross receipts generated by Richmond businesses and one time partial double payments from certain businesses as they transitioned to the December 31 expiration date
- **Utility Users Tax: \$3.8 Million Increase**
 - Primarily from increased amounts collected by utility companies due to higher rates and a colder wetter winter
- **Transfer Tax: \$4.0 Million decrease**
 - Less property sales, both large and small, compared to the previous year

FY2022-23 General Fund Expenditures Increase

- **Total Increase: Approximately \$26.6 Million**
 - **Operating Transfer Out: \$16 Million Increase**
 - Major increase is due to \$15 Million to the Main Library Branch Renovation project. Other are in administrative transfer related to Reimagining Public Safety Task Force
 - **Professional Services: \$2.6 Million Increase**
 - Stemming from various contract changes
 - **Salaries & Benefits: \$5.4 Million Increase**
 - The increase is due to One time prefunding Other Post Employment Benefits unfunded liability.
 - Police and Fire Sworn Overtime Increase: \$821,157
 - **Capital Outlay, \$2.2 Million**
 - Primarily due to portable equipment for Police department.
 - **Cost Pool: \$1.1 Million Increase**
 - To purchase a several vehicles pending from prior fiscal years

RICHMONDWORKS & YOUTHWORKS

35

One-Stop Shop Career Center

- America's Job Center of California
- Career training
- English Language Learner

RichmondWORKS

- 7,000+ Individuals Assisted
- Beautify Richmond Blight Removal and Neighborhood Stabilization Program

YouthWORKS

- Secured \$3.1M in funding
- 386 youth served (ages 16-24)
- 75 disabled youth served (ages 16-21)
- 90+ worksites provided jobs



RICHMONDBUILD & YOUTHBUILD

- **Three Cohorts Graduated**
 - 50th cohort graduation
 - 52 men, 16 women
 - 50% Black, 40% Latino, 10% Asian
- **Placements in Unions**
 - 85% placement rate
 - Carpenters, dry wall/lathers, heat/frost, iron workers, laborers, plumbers/steamfitters
- **Secured \$700K in funding**



NEW BUSINESSES HIGHLIGHT: MOXION

Made in Richmond



Moxion's two California, Richmond-based advanced manufacturing facilities can produce over 7GW of battery module capacity per year!

Ford Point Plant

- 120,000 SF manufacturing and R&D facility located in Richmond, CA
- 700 MWh of battery module manufacturing capacity
- 350+ employees

Terminal 3

- 205,000 SF building, built from the ground up and optimized by Moxion
- 7 GWh of battery module manufacturing capacity
- 450+ manufacturing jobs created in 2024-25

HILLTOP HORIZON SPECIFIC PLAN

Plan Area: 143-acres including former Hilltop Mall purchased by Prologis in 2020.

Goal: Promote area's transformation to a higher intensity mixed-use destination.

Planning Priorities:

1. Attract new businesses
2. Create entertainment opportunities
3. Create more housing choices
4. Stimulate local economy
5. Promote mix of land uses
6. Promote safety
7. Promote employment opportunities
8. Emphasize sustainability, resilience, and equity
9. Enhance mobility connections

Next Steps: Return to Planning Commission and City Council in 2024 with preferred land use alternative and draft the specific plan document for public review and comment.



Strategic Goal Area #3:

**Improve Quality of Life and Community Health/
Improve Social Determinants of Health.**



ARTS AND CULTURE

2023 Accomplishments and Activities

April

- Shields Reid 5 artists selected for public art commissions, mosaic tile, murals, sculpture, photos, \$580,000
- Artist search
- Ferry /bldg. Night watch – low LED – maintenance
- Kennedy Park - Rec and Park presentation
- Hacienda Public Art installed
- Chef's Warehouse initial contact 211 W. Cutting Blvd.
- Public Art Master Plan Focus Groups

May

- Art Academy University (AAU) scholarship solicitation and selection 4 year scholarship winner
- Mayor's Office Art Exhibit

June

- Complete 10 NPA Mini Grant contracts including Pt. Richmond Ferry Tunnel
- Artist Search Hunter's Point
- City Council – Kennedy Park Art approval to proceed with contract scope and terms

July

- New Poet Laureate Selected – Stephen Sharpe
- NPA Mini Grant FY 24-25 cycle selected (12 awards)
- NIAD Banner unveiling
- Artist search Emeryville

September

- Chef's Warehouse/Allen Brother's RFQ/RFP mural and mosaic tile
- CALTrans Wehrle \$310,000 Contract negotiations – copyright, insurance, permits, etc.
- Councilmember Bana- Memorial Art Concept Design process, presentation, approval – design only
- Arts Registry Solicitation – photo updates
- Artist search ongoing

ARTS AND CULTURE

2023 Accomplishments and Activities

August

- RACC Strategic Planning Retreat
- CCFJC Art Rain Drain completely installed
- NPA Mini Grant contracts announced
- Parchester Village Mural project under contract \$350,000
- September
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- CALTrans Wehrle \$310,000 Contract negotiations – copyright, insurance, permits, etc.
- Councilperson Bana- Memorial Art Concept Design process, presentation, approval – design only
- Arts Registry Solicitation – photo updates
- Artist search on going

October

- Public Art Master Plan approved by City Council
- Technical Assistance Workshop
- CIP Recovery research past and going forward
- Harbour Way/Slate Consulting RACC Planning presentations
- Shields Reid Mosaic and Mural Site - Walk thru for community engagement sessions
- Attended Public Art Network event in San Jose

November

- Rescind Kennedy Park \$100,000 Art Contract
- Prologis Public Art mural acquisition document clean up
- Ookwe Park - Maintenance Plan FY 24-25 budget– Feral Cat removal
- BART mural prepare procedure – Encroachment permit
- Arts District RFP Prep

December

- Arts District RFQ/RFP Submit DRAFT for approval
- NPA Mini Grant RFP FY 24-25 prep
- Osprey Bird Cast Bronze Sculptures complete
- CALTrans Wehrle contract \$310,000
- 211 West Cutting Blvd. Allen Brothers Facility - \$300,000 mural and mosaic tile table tops RFP
- Main Library Concept Design input
- Public Works Public Art Policies and Procedures Guideline presentation

City of Richmond Public Art Master Plan

Key Recommendations

1. Employ the arts to illuminate Richmond's many cultures and histories.
2. Commission art that activates business districts in Downtown and other neighborhoods.
3. Support art that connects people with nature.
4. Prioritize support of the arts in City buildings and public spaces.
5. Increase grants to arts and cultural programs.
6. Support artists of all ages and backgrounds.
7. Strengthen the Arts and Culture Division and Richmond Arts and Culture Commission.
9. Maintain the City's public art.
10. Promote Richmond's public art.
11. Build partnerships with local businesses and regional entities.
12. Update Richmond's Cultural Plan.

Note: Many of the recommendations in this plan reinforce work already being done by RACC and Richmond's Arts and Culture Division. The purpose of these recommendations is to reinforce, expand, and continue RACC's successes.



RICHMOND PROMISE: OUR IMPACT

- **Since 2016, Richmond Promise has:**
 - Served **3,300+** Richmond students
 - Paid out **\$10.5 million** in scholarships
- **Who RP Scholars Are:**
 - **91%** identify as people of color and/or indigenous
 - **64%** identify as first-gen students
 - Historically, around **70%** of RP Scholars come from low-income households
- **In 2023:**
 - **475 Scholars** Welcomed Into '23 Cohort
 - **93%** of students in the '23 Cohort claimed their Scholarship
- **2024 Application Opens In January**
 - Deadline: April 12, 2024



RICHMOND PROMISE: ENSURING COLLEGE SUCCESS

- **College Awareness & Access**

- In-class workshops for middle and high school students to build understanding of postsecondary education
- In-class and virtual financial aid completion workshops for high school seniors

- **College Success**

- Summer Bridge Programming for 1st & 2nd Year College Students
- College Partnerships with CCC, BCC, UC Berkeley, UC Merced, SJSU & more.

- **Career Success**

- 100+ Mentorship Program Pairings over last three years
- RP Alums now work for employers like:
 - UCSF
 - Morgan Stanley
 - GILLIG (National Bus Manufacturer)
 - Richmond Promise



Richmond Promise staff members and student employees lead a College Access workshop in a Kennedy High School classroom on May 10, 2023

CODE ENFORCEMENT

2023 Casework

- 1,039 cases opened
- 852 cases closed
- 2,162 inspections completed
- 836 violation notices
- 165 vehicle abatement notices
- 199 administrative citations
- 67 vacant structure notices
- 11 abatement warrants issued

Other Information

- 90 vacant properties
- 36 registered properties
- 15 operating cannabis businesses
- \$363,919 in annual fees
- \$190,334 administrative citations invoiced
- \$555,242 total invoiced
- \$188,754 total paid



CODE ENFORCEMENT

Nuisance property posed a substantial danger to the health and safety and general welfare to the surrounding community and the public.

Nuisance property demolished through Code Enforcement's Health & Safety Receivership Program.



CODE ENFORCEMENT

BEST OPTION MEJOR OPCIÓN



Report via City of Richmond
App or COR Connect

*Reporte Basura Tirada
Ilegalmente con la Aplicación
de la Ciudad de Richmond*

OTHER OPTION OTRA OPCIÓN



Illegal Dumping Hot Line:
(510) 965-4905

*La Línea Directa para Reportar
Basura Tirada Ilegalmente:
(510) 965-4905*

IN PROGRESS EN PROGRESO



In-Progress Illegal Dumping:
Call (510) 233-1214

*Basura Tirada Ilegalmente en
Progreso: llame al (510) 233-1214*

**Stay safe. Do not confront perpetrators
Cuidado. No confrontar a los ofensor

- 2,688 Illegal Dumping Reports
- 31,766 Residents Reached Out to About Bulky Item Pick-Ups
- Monitored by I Heart Richmond Interdepartmental Team

BLIGHT ABATEMENT

• 2023 Clean-Up Statistics

- 11,696 locations (2891 tons)
- 2,556 mattresses
- 2,390 graffiti tags
- 2,575 tires
- 128 weed abatements
- 70 homeless encampments
- 3 properties (boarded)
- 13 private properties
- 12 vehicles abated

• 32 Neighborhood Clean-Ups

- 543.18 tons
- 821 Seniors/Disable served

Data on Transparent Richmond:

[Illegal Dumping | Transparent Richmond](#)



DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN & YOUTH

• 2023 Highlights

- \$4.6 million awarded
- 57 youth-serving organizations

• 6 Priority Areas

- Behavioral/Mental Health
- Education/Employment/Training
- Sports/Enrichment/After School
- Youth Violence Prevention
- Access to Basic Needs
- Guidance/Case Management

• Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Preparation

- New Community Needs Assessment / Strategic Investment Plan
- Hired Department Evaluators
- Crafting a Grants Management System



RICHMOND PUBLIC LIBRARY

Saturday hours restored at the Main Library

46 hours of service per week at Main Library exceeds pre-pandemic levels

31,575 visits to all library locations since April 2023

Free after-school Homework help at all Library locations

40 weekly hours of trained assistance for K-12, funded by Richmond Fund for Children and Youth and Library budget.

STEM programs for kids and families

- Scientific Adventures for Girls
- Habitot Children's Museum
- East Bay Regional Parks
- SEAL: Solar Eclipse Activities for Libraries



Revitalizing the Historic Main Library

Improve and renew Richmond's Main Library

- \$9.7 million grant from California State Library
- Matching funds and an additional \$15 million approved by City Council.
- Project total: \$30 million

Construction to start in 2025!

We want to hear from you!

English survey: bit.ly/rplfgenglish

Spanish survey bit.ly/rplfgspanish



Literacy for Every Adult Program (LEAP)

Changing Lives!

- 287 active adult learners
- \$183,869 in grant funding
- 6 GED certificates earned!
- 100 family literacy participants

Partnerships with:

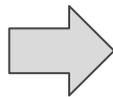
- Bay Area Rescue Mission
- Office of Neighborhood Safety
- West Contra Costa Unified School District
- Local businesses



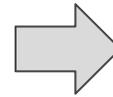
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS

PROGRAM:

+55 ENGINEERING PROJECTS



+10 WATER RESOURCE RECOVERY PROJECTS



PUBLIC WORKS
COMMUNITY SERVICES
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
PORT

HIGHLIGHTS:

Design

Library Remodeling Project
(Solicited proposals and selected Noll and Tam Architect)

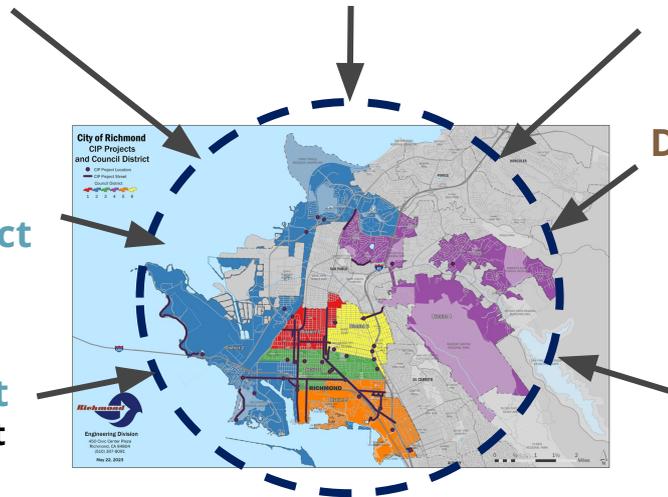
Completed

**29 Locations
ADA Sidewalk Program**

**Awarded-Construction
Santa Rita Road
Stabilization Project**

Design-Award-Construction

**Terminal 4 Demolition
(Shoreline Restoration) Project**



Design-Award-Construction

Rheem Creek Project

Construction-Completed

BTA Fire Restoration Project
(The facility is ready for the next phase improvements)

Completed

**Greenway Gap Bridge
Planning Study**

TRANSPORTATION ELECTRIFICATION

- **8 Public Charging Stations**
 - Ferry Corridor
 - May Valley, Hilltop Fire Stations
 - Partners: BAAQMD, MCE
- **29 Level 2 Charging Stations** located throughout the city
- **9 DC Fast Chargers** located throughout the city
- **On Demand EV Shuttle Curb-to-Curb Expansion – Richmond Moves**
 - 5 new shuttles added
 - 5 additional shuttles to be added to the fleet in 2024
 - Free for seniors, youth 13-18
 - Partners: CARB, CALSTART, Via



TRAILS FOR RICHMOND

• Point Molate Trail

- 2.5 miles from bridge to Winehaven
- \$1M CNRA, \$1M SCC, and \$150,000 Proposition 68 grant
- Matching City Funds
- Construction: Mid-2024
- Opening: Winter 24/25

• Point Molate Shoreline

- Stabilize approximately 300 lineal feet of the Point Molate Beach from further erosion
- Further benefits the Point Molate Trail



FERRY TO BRIDGE TO GREENWAY



Source: Rails To Trails Conservancy

- **Wright and Harbor Intersection Improvements**
 - Planning Phase
 - Section 130 Grant Funding
 - Add safety features for cyclist, vehicles, and rail traffic

- **2.25 Miles, 2-Way Protected Bikeway**
 - Harbour Way South complete
 - Hoffman, Cutting Boulevards completion in early 2024
 - \$1,206,300 from Caltrans, MTC, various developer fair share funding sources

- **Pedestrian & Cyclist Improvements**
 - Point Richmond Historic District
 - Two-way bikeway and bus stops on Tewksbury Ave

FIRST MILE / LAST MILE PLAN

A series of First Mile/Last Mile infrastructure improvements that would improve connectivity to three primary transit hubs:

- The Richmond BART Station
- The El Cerrito del Norte BART Station
- The Richmond Ferry Terminal.

The Plan recommends specific priority projects to Richmond's transit hubs:

- Ferry to Bridge Complete Streets
- Intersection Improvements
- First Mile/Last Mile Shuttle Network
- Prepare for Autonomous Vehicles
- Prioritize the Transportation Demand Management Program and Commuter Benefits Ordinance
- Implement a Bike Share Program
- Support Paratransit and Senior Mobility Programs

WATER RESOURCE RECOVERY

- **First Street Wet Weather Project**

- 6,195 linear feet
- 2019A wastewater bonds
- Budget: \$2,603,229

- **Sewer Line Replacements**

- Baykeeper settlement agreement
- 2019A wastewater bonds
- Budget: \$2,000,000 / year

- **Grit & Aeration Project**

- State Revolving Fund loan
- Three-year project
- State Water Board: \$50,000,000



STREETS MAINTENANCE

- 12,000+ Tons of Asphalt Installed
- 1,200+ Potholes Filled
- 53 Blocks Paved
- ≈ 600 Signs Installed
- School Zones Refreshed
- 21 Speed Bumps Installed



Nystrom Village Beautification Event

Volunteers needed for trash collection, garden maintenance & residential painting activities!

Earth Day Celebration



9 AM- 11:30 AM • Saturday, April 22, 2023 • Nystrom Village

Meet at 250 S. 13th Street (Parking Lot)

Lunch, Supplies, & Tools PROVIDED for Volunteers!!!

Dress Code: Closed-toed Shoes & Clothes You Don't Mind Getting Dirty

Register Now

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/710c094da8ac28aa14c61-earth#/>



QUESTIONS? CONTACT 510-620-5407 OR SABRINA_PARAS@CI.RICHMOND.CA.US

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FY2022-2024 LOVE YOUR BLOCK MINI-GRANTEES

- THE BLACK NEIGHBORHOOD
- THE LATINA CENTER
- PANHANDLE ANNEX NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
- SAFE ORGANIZED SPACES RICHMOND
- TRIANGLEWORKS
- VALLEY VIEW SCHOOL PARENTS CLUB
- WEST CONTRA COSTA PUBLIC EDUCATION FUND
- YES NATURE TO NEIGHBORHOODS

FOR PROJECT SUMMARIES, VISIT:
WWW.RICHMONDLOVEYOURBLOCK.ORG



CITIES OF SERVICE / LOVE YOUR BLOCK

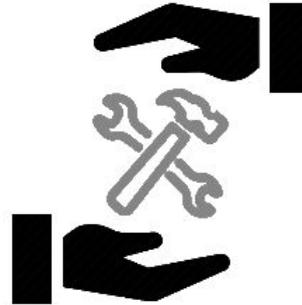
- **LYB Community Beautification Grants**
 - \$62,771 awarded
- **Spotlight: Mobile Tool Lending Library Now Open!**
 - 2,084 members
 - 1,856 loans completed
 - Every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month from 9am - 1pm
 - Visit us at 1401 Fred Jackson Way

TOOL LENDING LIBRARY

1,085 Active Patrons
(+289 in 21-23)



13,394 Completed Loans
(+4390 in 21-23)



1,132 Tools in Inventory
(+21 in 21-23)



1x / Week Open for Lending



5+ Donations & Purchases



RICHMOND RECREATION PROGRAMS: A Community for All Ages

- **Youth & Adult Programs**

- 4,071 participants
- After-school programs
- Camps/Specialty Camps
 - President's Week, Spring Break, Summer, Winter Break
- Sports
 - Basketball, soccer, tennis, volleyball, Zumba, futsal and more

- **Senior Programs**

- 2,281 participants across all offerings
- Arts and crafts, chess
- Sewing, dance, language classes
- And much more!*



RECREATION IS LIFE

- **Special Events**
 - Third of July Fireworks
 - Black History
 - Chinese New Year
 - Park Rx Day
 - Fall Festival & Annual Tree Lighting
 - Snowball & Sr. Info Day

- **Developing Personal Resources Center**
 - Arts and crafts
 - Games
 - Musical mind excursions
 - Wellness connections

- **Aquatics**
 - 10,000+ participants
 - Lap, recreational swim
 - Little Splashers class
 - Swim lessons



Booker T. Anderson Community Center

- Phase I consisting of fire restoration work in close-out phase
- Phase II consisting of final finishes in the remainder of building, completion of a HVAC system, and installation of fire alarm are in progress



ECIA COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM

- **Environmental & Community Investment Agreement**
 - Funds from the Chevron Modernization Project
 - Invested in youth, sports, and community
- **Fiscal Year 2023 Highlights**
 - \$325,000 awarded
 - 16 organizations
- **Awards since Fiscal Year 2016-2017**
 - \$2.9 million awarded
 - 145 organizations



Strategic Goal Area #4:

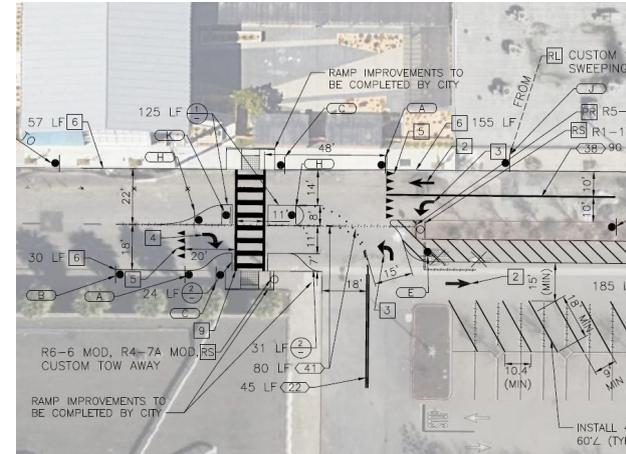
Improve Public Safety.



TRAFFIC SAFETY

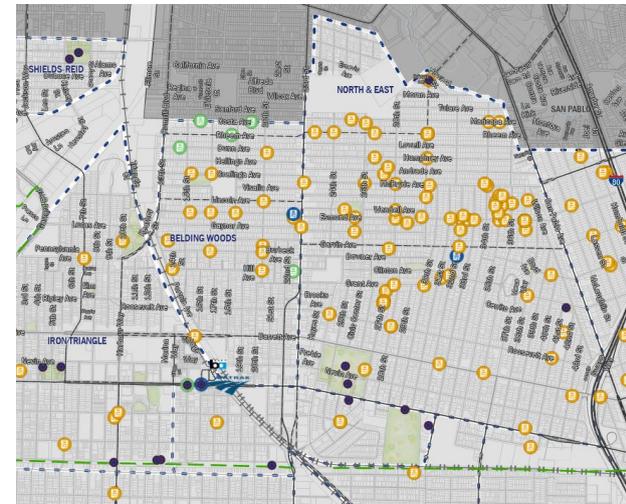
◆ Traffic Safety Improvements

- Entered into contract and began work with Kimley and Horn Transportation Engineers for a City Wide Speed Survey
- Continued work on the 6th Street and Macdonald Ave Traffic Signal Improvements
- Completed pavement delineation plans to improve traffic safety at the intersection of Bissell Ave and 41st Street



◆ Traffic Calming Improvements

- City Council Approved \$1.2M for 18 project locations.
 - 3 project locations have been completed with speed humps, striping and signage.
 - 15 project locations are in the design phase.
- Improved the inquiry database system to manage traffic calming requests
- Increased transparency through our City Website resulting to over +150 inquiries received since June 2023





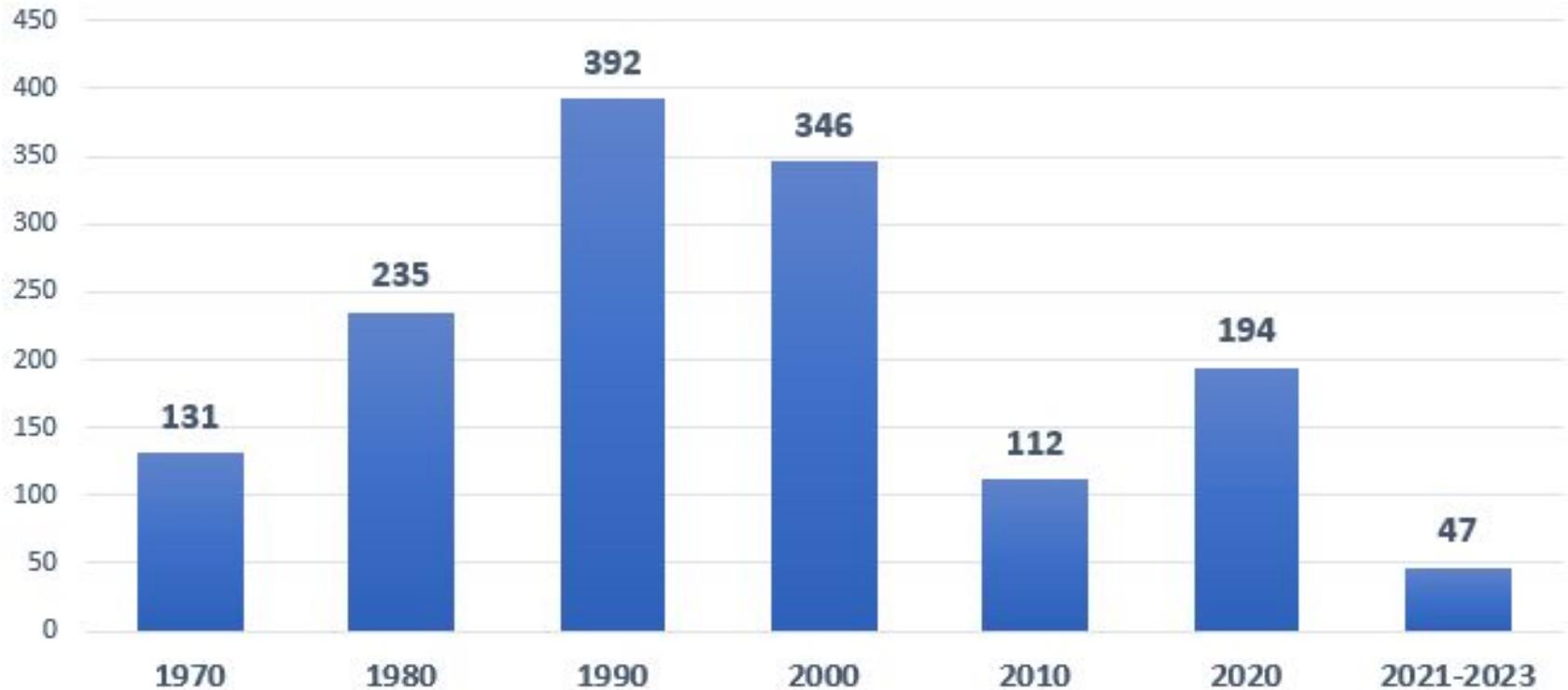
RPD CRIME STATISTICS

Overall 2% Increase in total Index Crimes

Crimes	2021	2022	Changes 21-22	2023 YTD (Jan-Nov)
Homicide	18	18	No Change	11
Sexual Assault	86	114	+32%	90
Robbery	243	258	+6%	273
Aggravated Assault	832	857	+3%	854
Burglary	311	262	-35%	312
Larceny-Theft	1,893	1,993	+5%	1,572
Vehicle Theft	1,044	1,068	+2%	1,121
Arson	44	34	-22%	26
Index Crimes Totals	4,471	4,604	+2%	4,259

RICHMOND HOMICIDE RATES THROUGH THE YEARS

Homicides by Decade



CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY

- Cinco de Mayo
- 4th of July
- Juneteenth
- National Night Out
- Backpack give away
- Faith & Blue day of service
- Cops and Goblins
- Richmond Fire and Police Toy Program
- Shop with a Cop



Family Justice Center

Jan-Dec 6, 2023

- The Family Justice Center served **1,374** clients
 - **837** met with a navigator and were referred and provided with services
- Community Violence Solutions (Sexual Assault/Human Trafficking Victims) served **204** clients
- Stand for Families Free of Violence (Domestic Violence Victims) served **1,116** clients
- The Domestic and Sexual Violence Unit conducted **8** Human Trafficking operations from the Family Justice Center outside of business hours. A Community Violence advocate was present for each operation and provided services to victims of Human Trafficking immediately after law enforcement contact

REIMAGINING PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNITY TASK FORCE

- 21-member body
- Researched and developed funding & program recommendations for the following initiatives:
 - YouthWORKS - \$1.98M
 - Office of Neighborhood Safety- \$2.3M
 - Community Crisis Response Program (CCRP) - \$1M
 - Unhoused Interventions - \$1.8M

2023:

- Monthly scheduled meetings and provided monthly updates to City Council
- Held Community Forum on June 3, 2023 regarding traffic safety, youth employment and poverty reduction strategies
- Focused on CCRP development

Office of Neighborhood Safety

Grants

- CalVIP, Cohort 3
 - Grant ends December 2023
 - 40 Participants Served who were in the Operation Peacemaker Fellowship

- CalVIP, Cohort 4
 - \$6,000,000
 - 139 Participants who are active in the Operation Peacemaker Fellowship

Staff Updates

- ONS Staff doubled in size within 2023, from 8 to 16 staff members.

Expanded Outreach Efforts

- New outreach to the unhoused population in Richmond

Operation Peacemaker Fellowship

The Peacemaker Fellowship is the 18-month intensive mentorship program for those at the center of gun violence in Richmond.

- Cohort 8
- Growth in Attendance of overall Life Skills Classes
 - Average of 15 Participants

2022 Data Report

- The ONS delivered a total of 3,745 Engagements to their Fellows in 2022.
- This was a 19% increase in the number of fellow engagements compared to 2021.
- These engagements lasted a total of 3,516 hours.
- The number of fellow referrals in 2022 were 119 for a total of 220.5 hours.



Community Crisis Response Program (CCRP)

- A community, non-police response to low-level 911 calls serving Richmond residents
- Began taking root in November 2020 amidst conversations within the Reimagining Public Safety Task Force
- Planned launch in August 2024



SOS Richmond Focus Group 5/17/23



RICHMOND FIRE DEPARTMENT

Incident Statistics (2021 - 2023)

Incident Type	2021	2022	2023 ^a
Fire	1592 (11.27%)	1495 (10.77%)	1368 (10.40%)
Rupture	3 (0.02%)	8 (0.06%)	-
EMS/Rescue	8375 (59.28%)	8264 (59.53%)	7789 (59.22%)
Hazardous Condition	351 (2.48%)	234 (1.69%)	377 (2.87%)
Service Call	482 (3.41%)	593 (4.27%)	489 (3.72%)
Good Intent	2620 (18.54%)	2619 (18.87%)	2482 (18.87%)
False Call	682 (4.83%)	644 (4.64%)	589 (4.48%)
Severe Weather	19 (0.13%)	18 (0.13%)	55 (0.42%)
Other	4 (0.03%)	6 (0.04%)	2 (0.02%)
Total # of Incidents	14,128	13,881	13,152

^aTotal # of Incidents from January 1, 2023 through December 3, 2023. Total # of incident response for 2023 will surpass the # of responses in 2022 when we account for the rest of December 2023



RICHMOND FIRE DEPARTMENT

Promotions and New Hires (2023)



Promotions:

- 1 Battalion Chief
- 5 Fire Captains
- 6 Fire Engineers

New Hires:

- 5 Firefighters
- 1 Emergency Services Manager

Staffing Updates:

Anticipating 12 New Firefighters for the upcoming 24-1 Richmond Fire Academy



RICHMOND FIRE DEPARTMENT

Promotions and New Hires (2023)



Richard joined the City of Richmond on December 4, 2023, where he will serve as the Emergency Services Manager. In his role, Richard will provide leadership to the City of Richmond and its residents through comprehensive emergency management, planning, and preparedness.

Richard Diaz
Emergency Services Manager



RICHMOND FIRE DEPARTMENT

Events (2023)



Attended 50+ Public Education Events, Career Fairs, Community Events

Graduated 20 CERT Volunteers

1 Evacuation Drill

1 Open House

Completed the 2023 Richmond Youth Academy

Strategic Goal Area #5:

Strengthen the City's Internal Infrastructure and Processes.



State Audit Progress

- **10 Out of 11 State Audit Recommendations implemented**
- **Exceeding Cash Reserves Minimum Fund Balance of 15-20% (Policy as of June 30,2022) of Budgeted General Fund Expenditures of Fiscal Year 2022-23, Including Transfers Out**
 - Cash Reserve: \$44.9 Million as of June 30, 2022
 - 21.75% of Fiscal Year 2022-23 budgeted General Fund expenditures
- **Other Post-Employment Benefits Funding Status Increased**
 - As of Measurement Date June 30, 2023 the funding status increased from 27.2% to 40.6%.
 - GFOA recommends a target of 100% funding
- **Increasing CalPERS Net Pension Liability**
 - \$369 Million Net Pension Liability as of Measurement Date June 30, 2022
 - City has established a Section 115 Trust to prefund pension costs starting in Fiscal Year 2023-24 to reduce the Net Pension Liability.

City Council Chambers Upgrade

City Council Chambers Audio and Video System successfully upgraded by the IT/KCRT Department.



City Attorney's Office Updates

- **Developing in-house litigation team to save money on fees/costs from outside counsel**
- **Hiring in-house attorney to assist with Code Enforcement and illegal dumping cases**
- **Developed a more streamlined approach to responding to Public Records Act requests**
- **Resolved several high-risk, high-exposure civil lawsuits**
- **Supported the HR Department in labor negotiations for all bargaining units**



City Attorney's Office Updates

- Assisted with advising Council and commission members on transition back to in-person meetings and AB 2449 remote attendance requirements
- Began the process of dissolving the West County Agency JPA between Richmond and West County Wastewater District (to be completed in mid 2024)
- Defending the City in complex land use litigation involving Pt. Molate



Strategic Goal Area #6:

Address Shoreline Issues and Ecological Sustainability.



ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES

Transformative Climate Communities \$35M Grant

- In partnership with Community Development and community partners completed the Post Award Process
- Implementation of \$35M grant started September 1st

Department of Energy Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Awarded ~\$160,000

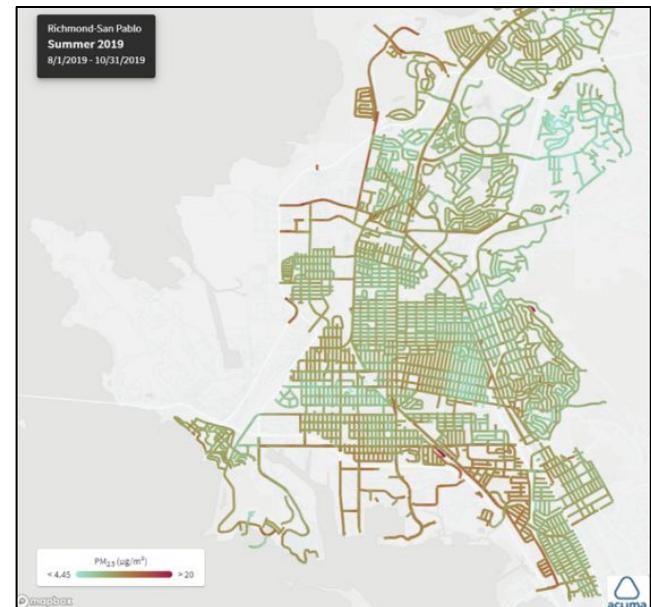
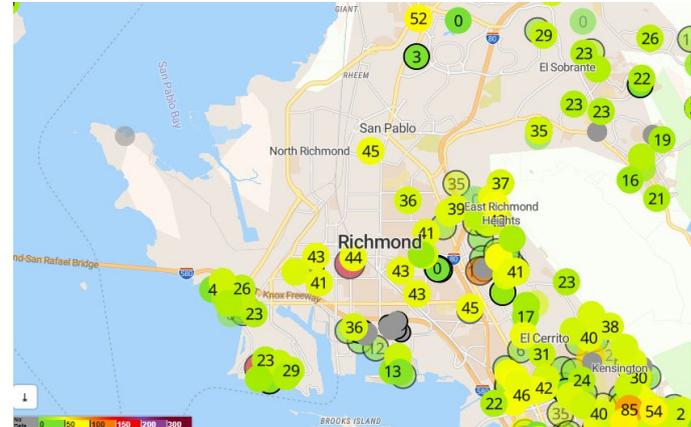
Settlement agreement with PG&E approved by City Council

- \$800,000 one-time settlement payment
- ~3.3M annually in additional revenue



COMMUNITY AIR MONITORING

- **Groundwork Richmond**
 - [Air Rangers Program](#)
 - [Purple Air Map](#)
- **Human Impact Partners & UC Davis**
 - **Coal Air Pollution Project**
- **PSE Health Energy & APEN**
 - **Richmond Air Monitoring Network**
- **University of California, Berkeley**
 - **BEACO₂N Network Map**



BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

- **Enforcement authority for air pollution (including odors)**
 - [Online complaint form](#)
 - 24-hour toll-free complaint hotline: 1-800-334-6367

WELCOME TO THE AIR DISTRICT'S ONLINE COMPLAINT REPORTING SYSTEM. YOU MAY REPORT AIR QUALITY COMPLAINTS THAT OCCUR WITHIN THE NINE BAY AREA COUNTIES (ALAMEDA, CONTRA COSTA, MARIN, NAPA, SAN FRANCISCO, SAN MATEO, SANTA CLARA, SOUTHWESTERN SOLANO AND SOUTHERN SONOMA). ALL COMPLAINTS WILL BE INVESTIGATED TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH AIR QUALITY RULES AND REGULATIONS. PLEASE ANSWER A FEW QUESTIONS TO HELP US INVESTIGATE YOUR COMPLAINT.

WHAT TYPE OF COMPLAINT IS IT?

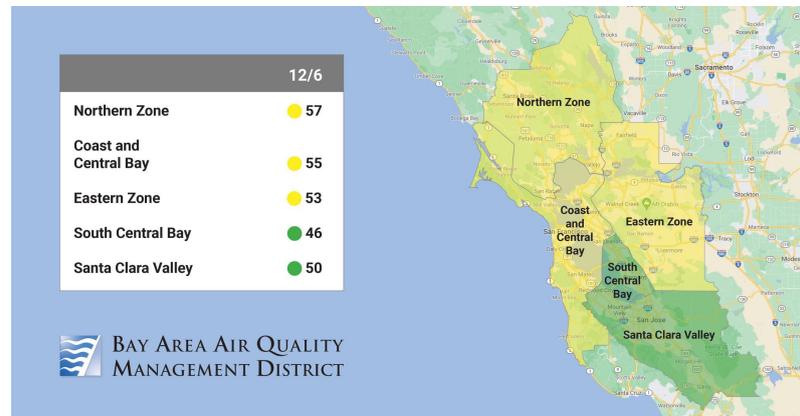
- ODOR
- DUST/SMOKE/PARTICULATES
- ASBESTOS
- GAS STATION
- ILLEGAL FIRE
- WOODSMOKE
- SMOKING VEHICLE
- OTHER

EXAMPLES OF TYPES OF COMPLAINTS OUTSIDE OF AIR DISTRICT JURISDICTION & AUTHORITY:

- Aircraft Contrails
- Mold
- Noise
- Recreational Barbecue
- Odors associated with Composting
- Indoor Air Quality
- Vaping / Marijuana / Cigarette Smoke
- Agricultural Odors or Dust associated with Crop Growing or Livestock Raising

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- **Richmond-North Richmond-San Pablo Area AB 617 Committee**
 - Community Air Monitoring Plan posted on the website
 - The Community Emission Reduction Plan (CERP) Steering Committee



ENERGY EFFICIENCY, ELECTRIFICATION, & RECYCLING

- **No-Cost Solar for low-Income Households**
 - 27 solar panel installations
 - 2 Zero Net Energy Homes
 - 7 EV Supply Equipment deployed
 - 7 electrical service panel upgrades
 - 10 roof repairs
 - Partner: Grid Alternatives
- **MCE's Virtual Power Plant (VPP) Pilot**
 - 50 Residential sites
 - 10 Commercial sites
- **Richmond specific analysis published for the Communities Local Energy Action Program Pilot**
- **Started competitive procurement process for Solid Waste Collection Agreement**



SOLAR APP+ PROGRAM

- **Solar Automated Instant Permit Processing**
 - Online web portal
 - Streamlines/standardizes permitting of most residential, roof-mounted, retrofit photovoltaic systems
- **Implementation:**
 - Launched Pilot in January 2022
 - Instant permitting and Solar storage incorporated in October 2023
 - Partners: National Renewable Energy Laboratory, contractors
 - After successful completion of pilot, available to any licensed contractor



BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, & COMMITTEES

The City of Richmond has 30 boards and commissions.

Board Members and Commissioners are members of the public appointed by the Mayor and then approved by a City Council majority.

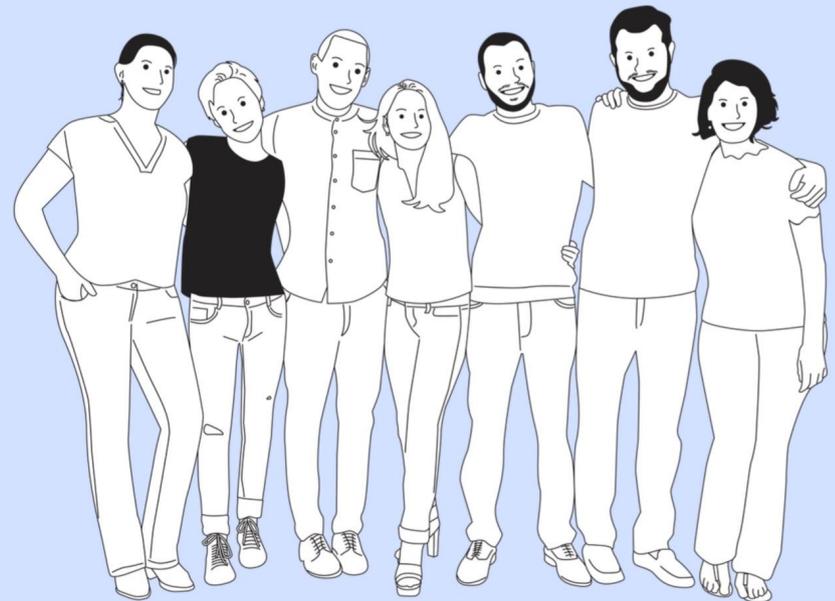
Over 150 commissioners attend 25+ meetings every month!

Highlights:

- Worked with the City Clerk's Office to provide a commission-wide, standardized training
- Appointed 34 commissioners in 2023
- Arts Commission went from 2 to 8 commissioners
- Youth Council meeting regularly for the first time in over a year
- Appointed first monolingual Spanish speaker to a City board in the country.
- Prioritized bringing in new community members

JOIN US!

SERVE YOUR CITY



WE ARE ALWAYS SEEKING THE
BRILLIANT INPUT OF RICHMOND
RESIDENTS. IF YOU HAVE AN AREA
OF EXPERTISE OR INTEREST, THERE IS
A ROLE FOR YOU!

[Click here](#) or visit the
City of Richmond's
website to explore which
board or commission has
openings!

MAYOR EDUARDO'S TOP 10 WISH LIST FOR 2024

1. The development of a Grants Department.
2. **More money to the city when the Air District fines corporations for polluting our air.**
3. A more fully staffed Fire Inspection Division in the Fire Department.
4. **Better median landscaping throughout the city.**
5. Higher voter turnout across Richmond.
6. **A Just Transition away from our fossil fuel-dependent economy.**
7. Tourism Development and Attraction.
8. **Port of Richmond Revitalization.**
9. Better public transportation options.
10. **An even stronger social safety net.**

