

RESOLUTION NO. 8337

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA,  
ESTABLISHING THE RICHMOND-SHIMADA FRIENDSHIP COMMISSION

WHEREAS, it is to the mutual advantage of the citizens of Shimada, Japan, and Richmond, California, and the citizens thereof to cultivate economic cooperation and cultural interchange between the cities; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has requested participation of cities as part of his program on international relations for the purpose of aiding in the development of mutual understanding between cities of free countries and the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on International Municipal Cooperation of the American Municipal Association has urged the establishment of organizations to further the mutual understanding between citizens of free countries and citizens of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Richmond is desirous of furthering the economic and cultural understanding and development between the citizens of Shimada, Japan, and Richmond, California, by establishing a commission known as the Richmond-Shimada Friendship Commission;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Richmond, as follows:

SECTION 1: PURPOSE

There is hereby created the Richmond-Shimada Friendship Commission for the purpose of initiating and conducting approved exchange activities with appropriate organizations, groups and citizens of Shimada.

SECTION 2: MEMBERSHIP

The Commission shall be comprised of an eleven (11) member Board of Directors appointed by the Mayor with the confirmation of the Council, and a general membership drawn from the civic, service, social, religious, educational, business and fraternal elements of the community. All members of the Commission shall serve without compensation.

SECTION 3: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(a) The terms of five (5) Directors shall expire at the end of the odd numbered calendar year next following that in which their appointments become effective, and the terms of the other Directors shall expire at the end of the even numbered calendar year next following that in which their appointments become effective. Thereafter, Directors shall be appointed to serve for two (2) years and until their successors have been appointed and qualified.

(b) In the event of a vacancy in the office of a Director, the new appointee shall serve for the balance of his predecessor's term. The office of a Director shall become vacant upon the adoption by the Council of a resolution declaring such vacancy.

(c) The by-laws provided for in Section 4(g) of this resolution shall provide for such officers as the Board deems necessary, shall provide for their duties and responsibilities and terms of office and methods of election.

(d) Three consecutive absences by a Director from a regular meeting shall constitute cause for dismissal from the Board of Directors, provided however that the duly elected presiding officer of the Board may excuse a Director from a regular meeting for such reasons as are determined valid by the Board.

(e) The Board of Directors shall hold such meetings as stipulated in the by-laws as adopted by the Commission, provided however that the presiding officer of the Board may cancel a meeting and continue the business of the Commission to the next regular meeting if a plurality of the Board so indicates by vote.

(f) The City Manager shall designate a City employee to serve as Secretary to the Commission and to perform such other duties as may be assigned by the City Manager to coordinate and expedite the work of the Commission. The Secretary shall not be entitled to a vote.

#### SECTION 4: POWERS AND DUTIES

The powers and duties of the Richmond-Shimada Friendship Commission shall be as follows:

(a) To further the economic cooperation and cultural interchange on the basis of mutual friendship and amity between the cities and the citizens of Shimada, Japan, and Richmond, California.

(b) To develop, compile, coordinate and exchange information with officials and citizens of Shimada.

(c) To plan, develop and carry out mutual economic and cultural activities with officials and citizens of Shimada.

(d) To encourage and cultivate mutual understanding of the respective economic problems and cultural development.

(e) To appoint committees and subcommittees and their respective officers, as necessary, to implement the purpose of the Commission.

(f) No program formulated, promulgated or conducted by the Commission shall in any way financially obligate the City of Richmond without specific approval of such respective body. The costs of all programs shall be the responsibility of the sponsoring member or members unless otherwise consented to by the Commission.

(g) By-laws incorporating the aforementioned powers, duties, conditions and stipulations, plus such other conditions and stipulations as deemed desirable, may be adopted by the Commission. No conditions or stipulation contained in the by-laws shall contradict or abridge the responsibilities or rights contained in this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Richmond that Resolution No. 7814 adopted on March 12, 1962, is hereby repealed.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held February 10, 1964, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmen Cannon, Grydyk, Sheridan,  
Carroll, Bradley, Spinner  
and Vargas.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Councilmen Erickson and Pierce.

HARLAN J. HEYDON  
Clerk of the City of Richmond

(SEAL)

Approved:

GAY G. VARGAS  
Mayor

Approved as to form:

JAMES P. O'DRAIN  
City Attorney