

NORTH RICHMOND MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

July 7, 2026

Meetings are being conducted at the Corrine Sain/Senior and Family Community Center, 515 Silver Street, North Richmond, CA 94801. The meetings are also accessible on ZOOM.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. Board members present were:

Latifah Abdulah, Beatriz Dominguez, Princess Robinson, Andrea Bailey, Annie King-Meredith and Jaya Blakely. Absent: Donald Gilmore.

INTRODUCTIONS OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Jaya Blakely introduces herself. Has a background in planning. She currently works in Downtown Richmond. She is all about development and improving the community. She is looking forward to serving on the NRMAC Board. Andrea Bailey has served on the NRMAC before. She moved out of the Bay Area. Now she is back at the Chevron Refinery and is glad to be back on the board.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

North Richmond Resident: This resident has been complaining for three years about the diesel traffic in the community. These 18-wheeler trucks continue to drive through the neighborhood, taking shortcuts to get to their destination. This resident has constantly come before the NRMAC with this complaint. He says that no action has been taken to stop heavy-duty vehicles from driving in the community. Recently, one such vehicle broke down at the corner of 5th and Chesley. Traffic was disrupted for at least five hours. The street sweeping is another ongoing issue that has not been resolved. The Sheriff's department said that they would issue tickets for cars that are illegally parked on street sweeping days. But the Sheriff's are not enforcing the parking laws on street sweeping days.

Martha Nieto/North Richmond Resident: Martha is a Community Volunteer at Verde School. Her program received \$20,000 in funding from the Leadership Program. Currently, there are 22 participants in her program; they will be targeting the Latino Community. Their plans for the funds are to help people get their GED. Will be focusing on mental health and environmental health. They will be hosting three workshops focusing on immigration.

Bertha/ N. Richmond Resident: Bertha lives on the street where two of the Las Deltas scattered sites are located, formerly owned by HACCC. There is a problem with trash and graffiti at the sites. The situation is really bad and needs to be addressed before it gets any worse. Tania says that the property is no longer HACCC's responsibility. They are privately owned. This is a code enforcement issue. Tania will check up on the situation.

Latifah Abdullah/N. Richmond Resident: Latifah says that N. Richmond residents voted on projects that they want to see move forward. One of the projects that got the highest votes is to paint houses that have been affected by the soot from the refinery. Urban Tilth was part of the workshops that brought the community together. Urban Tilth will be doing the footwork. They will be getting quotes and estimates. If you voted for the project or are a resident leader, a meeting is scheduled for July 15th at 6:00 p.m.; the location has not been determined. Regarding the street sweeping issue, the Sheriff's Department says that they have a plan in place.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA.MINUTES

A motion has been set forth to review the agenda and minutes from the previous meeting. Princess motions to approve the agenda and the minutes; Beatrice seconds; all are in favor.

LAW ENFORCEMENT/AGENCY REPORTS

Deputy Del Chiaro/CCC Sheriff's Department: Reporting for June 2026.

The department is in the process of having a new Base Commander. Deputy Del Chiaro says that he knows that there are a lot of stolen vehicles. He does not have the statistics for last month. The department is looking into getting cameras for the community. Perhaps this will help identify people who are dumping abandoned and stolen vehicles in the area. There has been an increase in abandoned and stolen vehicles. Vehicles are being stripped and burned. This is a common reoccurrence.

Lieutenant Ernest Lucas/Richmond Police Department: Reporting for June, 2026. The fence has been vandalized and repaired a number of times. Most likely, the number of foot patrols at the park will be increased. This Saturday is the reopening of the park and the North Richmond 15th Annual Music Festival. Routine patrols will be in full force to ensure that the park will be in pristine condition for the event. The department did have a Fourth of July Fireworks Suppression Operation. Twelve officers were working two-man cars, coming on overtime throughout the city to specifically respond to fireworks calls. Anyone who was observed setting off fireworks was issued citations. Numerous fireworks were confiscated, and there were fires all throughout the city. Besides the

fireworks, officers responded to a party where there were over 500 individuals in attendance. The party subsequently became a sideshow. There were a number of fights. The department ended up towing a number of vehicles and also recovering a number of firearms from just that location. The party incidents took a lot of the department's resources away from responding to the illegal fireworks.

Angela Kwok and Nate Beckett/Planted Solar-Permit Application: Presenters were asked to come back to a future NRMAC meeting with a PowerPoint presentation.

A C Transit: Will come back to a future NRMAC meeting.

Michelle Rinehart, CCC Coordinator/CCC Fire Protection District/County Coordinator Update and CC Wildfire Mitigation Program: Funding for this project was provided by a grant from the CA Department of Forestry and Fire Protection as part of the CA Climate Investments Program, through the CA Fire Safe Council. This program was established in 2021; the Wildfire County Coordinators Program seeks to educate, encourage, and develop countywide community collaboration and coordination among wildfire mitigation groups. The program is powered by a partnership between the CA Fire Safe Council and CAL Fire, which has provided funding to 52 of CA's 58 counties to hire a County Coordinator and establish critical local capacity to plan and implement wildfire resilience strategies on the ground. County Coordinators are an essential local resource for the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP), crucial to the state's wildfire resilience strategy. This vital link between state strategy and local execution ensures CA communities are better prepared, connected, and more resilient to wildfire. Aligning various CCC plans is a key focus, including the Regional Priority Plan, Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, CAL Fire Unit Plan, CCC 2045 General Plan, and CA Wildfire and Forest Resilience Action Plan (which prioritizes the CWPP planning process). The CC Wildfire Mitigation Program is funded by Measure X dollars. This program is resident-driven. The program is designed to reduce hazardous fuel and strengthen evacuation routes. Anyone within CCC, regardless of their local fire district or department, can apply for a Wildfire Mitigation Program, as long as they meet the requirements for the specific program. Community Chipping Day, Evacuation Route, Fire Trail Clean Up, Firewise Strategic Plan Projects, Home Hardening Outreach Program, Low Income Exterior Hazard Control Program, Removal of Dead Trees, Shaded Fuel Break and Vegetation Management, and Fuel Reduction Program. Be prepared for wildfires, register for your community warning system, know your zone. Three steps to a safer fire season: Find your evacuation zone, subscribe to CWS, and protect your home with defensible space. Question: Is this program free? The answer is yes.

Annie King-Meredith: Announces National Night Out. To be held on the first Tuesday in August. Annie recognizes a representative in the audience from W. County Wastewater.

Jessica Walden, Lending Library Specialist/North Richmond Mobile Tool Library: The Mobile Tool Library will be located at Gertrude Ave. and FJW. Every first and third Saturday. Tools are available for rental. The tool library will be celebrating its 10th anniversary on July 25th. The location will be at the rec center at Nicholl Park. There will be activities such as games and projects, and food will be served. The Mobile Tool Library will be opening up its second site at Fire Station 63. The Mobile Tool Library will be located at 5201 Valley View Road, Richmond, CA. On July 11th, the Mobile Tool Library will be attending the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the remodeled Shield's/Reid Park and N. Richmond 15th Annual Music Festival. Leticia says that the Berkeley Tool Library lends out culinary equipment. Jessica says that some tool libraries offer a variety of equipment for residents to borrow.

Bee Colemon, Partnership for the Bay's Future Fellow/HACCC: The Las Delta's market-rate sales are expected to close on July 9, 2026. Housing is still accepting offers on the empty lots. Suggested selling price is \$240,000. The main campus has reached an agreement between HA and CHDC. Need to have it approved by HUD, so everything can be in place and move on to the next stage

Darrel Davis, PhD, Director of Community Building & Engagement Department/CHDC: Would like to thank everyone who came out to Community Awareness Day. This event was put on hold during the COVID crisis. The Clean Slate Program is being offered for ages 14 and up. This is an opportunity to get things expunged from a person's criminal record. The Summer Intern Program has started. One of the interns is present at tonight's meeting. He is looking at completing his education and earning a degree in engineering. The Mitigation Program has vouchers available for North Richmond residents. These vouchers may be used at the local waste sanitation facility. If you have trash to dispose of, come by CHDC and get your waste disposal vouchers for bulky pickups. Any illegal dumping in the area should be reported to Kalu Dennis. Have started to rent out the Senior Center for events. Andrea asks: Does CHDC have a program for folks that buy homes or that need furniture? Daryll suggests that people in need reach out to Katrina at CHDC.

Dante Miguel - sitting in for Tania Pulido, District Coordinator, Supervisor John Gioia:

Recently, the Community Impact Fund Grant recipients have been announced. Some of the funds are going to North Richmond. You can go on Supervisor Gioia's website; there is a list of recipients.

Caden Cotton Blake, Community Engagement Manager/Richmond Land: R.L. has entered into a partnership with CHDC. The Buy Back the Jets event is scheduled for September 26th at Shield's/Reid Park. There will be housing resources, fun, friends, family, and food. This event is focused on making sure that the community is aware of the possibilities of home ownership. If you are interested in learning more about the work that R.L. does, every 3rd Tuesday at 5:30 p.m., they have an orientation. This weekend, R, L. will be hosting their fundraiser of the year at 515 Silver Street, Richmond, CA 94801. The event starts at 2:00 p.m. and ends at 4:00 p.m. Free food will be available, hosted by a chef from North Richmond. They will be discussing the things that they have accomplished and will be presenting their vision for the future. During the event, they will have a walk-along to the recently purchased scattered sites. Will be discussing the plans for transforming the sites into liveable dwellings.

Latifah Abdullah, Community Engagement Manager/N. R. Urban Farm -Urban Tilth The farm is located at 323 Brookside Drive, Richmond, CA. She thanks those people who recently came out and volunteered at the farm. Urban Tilth will be attending the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the newly renovated Shield's/Reid Park and the 15th Annual North Richmond Music Festival this weekend. This summer, the farm is hosting interns from Supervisor John Gioia's office. On July 15th, will be having the repainting of the houses at the farm. Will be having a meeting about that project. Will be having the Hidden Genius Project at the farm on July 24th. Had a Seed & Feed Ministry from Praise Fellowship Bible Church. The community advisory committee meets every month. Doria came out and presented on the Resilience Center that's being developed at the farm. Coming up, there's gonna be opportunities for tea blending. The Just Transition does excellent work with making herbal medicine, tinctures, and steams. Come and learn about herbal medicine. Opportunities are coming up; you can participate. The Education Team will be resuming. Senior Gardening Day will be starting on July 13th, on Mondays, at 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. There are events at the farm on the 1st and 3rd Friday in August from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. There is a new part of the farm called U-Pick. You are welcome to come and be a part of the U-Pick project. The Education Team is rolling that out. Every 4th Saturday is Volunteer Day at the farm. This past 4th Saturday, they had apricots from the orchard at the farm. People came and made apricot jam. This 4th Saturday, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. is going to be KIDS Activity Day. The CSA Program has added flowers to their produce bags, which is optional if you want them.

Cynthia announces the upcoming Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the newly renovated Shield's/Reid Park and the N. Richmond 15th Annual Music Festival. July 11th, starting at 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Annie would like to close the meeting out in memoriam to two outstanding citizens who passed away recently. Lydia Stewart/Director, Rose Manor Funeral Home; Lydia was a beautiful kindred spirit. Mr. Joe Fisher also passed away. He was a noted business person in the Richmond community. May they both rest in peace.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.