

NORTH RICHMOND MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Tuesday, February 3, 2026

Corrine Sain/Senior and Family Community Center
515 Silver Street
N. Richmond, CA 94801

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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kaden Cotton Blake/Community Engagement Manager/Richmond Land: Mr. Blake introduces himself as the new community engagement manager for Richmond Land. He is looking forward to working in the communities.

Latifah Abdullah, Community Engagement Manager/Urban Tilth Farms - N. Richmond

As a North Richmond resident, there are ongoing issues with street sweeping. On street sweeping days, the sweeper is driving down the middle of the street, going around cars. The vehicle owners are not abiding by the posted rules pertaining to street sweeping days. Hopefully, we can get an update on the situation today. The N. Richmond farm, CSA, is back, and the new year's program has started. Residents can have produce delivered to their house, or it can be picked up at the farm's location, 323 Brookside Drive. If you need more information, contact Latifah. The Back to School Program is back. Grades Pre K - 5. Every Wednesday at the N.R. farm, from 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. The program - Not For Us - Without Us has started. Schedules are as follows: Series #2: Verde Elementary Cafeteria, 2000 Giaramita St., Richmond, CA Meeting #1: Orientation + Laying the Groundwork, Wednesday, February 4th, 2026, from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Meeting #2: Learning about the Projects, Wednesday, February 11th, 2026, from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Series #3: Online Zoom Webinar - Meeting #1: Orientation + Laying the Groundwork, Wednesday, February 18th, 2026, from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Meeting #2: Learning About the Projects, Wednesday, February 25th, 2026, from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Come out and let your voice be heard at the Community Vote and Celebration at Verde K-8 on Saturday, March 7th, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Stipends are available for N. Richmond residents.

**Annie states that this meeting began out of order. She would like to make a motion that they start over, beginning with roll call. Motion is made, Princess seconds, all are in favor.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Board members present are: Annie King-Meredith, Donald Gilmore, Princess Robinson, and Latifah Abdullah. Absent is Glory Lopez.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

Annie motions that the board accept and adopt the agenda and the minutes. Princess seconds, all are in favor.

LAW ENFORCEMENT/AGENCY REPORTS

Lieutenant Lucas/RPD: Reporting for the past thirty days.

There were seventy-seven 911 disconnect calls. Forty-nine traffic stops, 32 citations were issued. There were 31 abandoned vehicles, 18 suspicious vehicles, and seven occupied vehicles. Fifteen parking violations, twelve stolen vehicle reports. Twelve hot spotter calls, twelve arrests were made. Sixty-two incident reports were written in the past thirty days. Annie asks what area Lt. Lucas covers. The reply was that he is the Central District Commander, working three different beats. Beat four is the Belding Woods, Bissel, 23rd, and Rheem. Beat five is the Iron Triangle and N. R. Beat six is the McDonald Corridor, and 23rd Street. Annie also asks whether his report tonight pertains to the N. Richmond area. The answer is yes.

LAW ENFORCEMENT/AGENCY REPORTS CONTINUED

Lt. Lucas (RPD) says that there are new law enforcement officers working the Central District. They are still getting familiar with their jobs and are getting up to speed.

Sergeant Brian Fitzgerald/CCC Sheriff's Department: Reports for the last couple of months. There were 324 calls for service. Twenty-one reports were generated. There was one recovered stolen vehicle. An assault with a deadly weapon. A couple of thefts and auto burglaries. The trend for the last few months was assaults with deadly weapons in November. Two auto burglaries in the last two months. Questions: Princess asks how many thefts and if anyone was in custody. The answer is yes, they are in custody. Annie has a few questions: Last weekend on the County side, a party started at 9:00 p.m. and didn't end until 5:00 a.m. in the morning. The vibrations from the party rocked your entire house. Did anyone call in on that? Is the noise ordinance still in effect? The County's ordinance shut-off time is 9:00 p.m. This pertains to construction.

After ten o'clock, the music should be lowered, pertaining to a party. If called, the sheriff's department will come out. The dispatch number for the Sheriff's Department is (925) 646-2441. There is a problem with cars parking at the dead-end streets, adjacent to the creeks. Access roads for emergency vehicles are being blocked. In case of a fire or other emergencies, it is impossible to gain access to the creek areas. If a car is parked for over 72 hours on the roadway, it is subject to being legally towed. In the future, the Sheriff's Department will enforce the parking violations.

PRESENTATIONS

Judy Chen, Planning & Support Manager/West County Wastewater Management - Understanding Wastewater Management and Compliance: Ms. Chen will present tonight on the purpose of the sewer lateral compliance. The West County Wastewater - Service Area - Responsible Wastewater Management - Sewer Lateral Compliance - Incentive Program and Contact Information The purpose of the sewer lateral compliance program is to protect public health. Environmental stewardship: maintain private sewer laterals to ensure compliance and protect our environment. Preventing spills, keeping waterways clean, and ensuring a reliable wastewater system for the future. Responsible wastewater management takes place at the water quality and resource recovery plant. What not to flush down your drains: grease, chemicals, medicine and pills, and baby wipes. Household hazardous wastes should go to the West Contra Costa County Household Hazardous Waste Facility, 101 Pittsburg Ave. Richmond, CA 94801. Property owners are responsible for the care and maintenance of laterals. When buying or selling a house, you need a certificate of sewer lateral compliance from WCS. Important information on overflow devices: If a backup occurs, the overflow device's ball-check mechanism automatically opens, allowing the overflow to occur outside the build rather than inside. The Public Incentive Program is for the efficiency of sewers (pipes). You may be entitled to rebates by replacing lateral pipes at your current address location. Waste Water Management has several strategies to inform customers about the various programs: Social Media, Mail Correspondence, and In-Person Engagement. Contact information: Website: <https://www.wc wd.org> Inspection email: Inspections@wc wd.org Permits Email: Permits@wc wd.org PIPES Email: PIPESProgram@wc wd.org Phone: 510-222-6700

PRESENTATIONS CONTINUED

Naama Raz-Yaseef, Senior Manager, The Watershed Project - Climate Ready Communities/Richmond Sea Level Rise Adaptation and Resilience Plan:

This is the City of Richmond Sea Level Rise Adaptation and Resiliency Plan. The project purpose: The City of Richmond's 32 miles of shoreline faces increasing risks from sea level rise, which threatens community well-being and environmental

health. The City is launching a community-driven effort to develop a shared vision and clear pathways for implementation that build resilience for Richmond residents against coastal flooding.

The plan will address SB272, California legislation from 2023, that “requires local governments within the coastal zone to develop a sea level rise plan by 2034.

The plan will need to be approved by the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) and follow their Regional Shoreline Resilience Plan (RSAP) Funding for the planning process comes from the California Ocean Protection Council.

Project Partners are the City of Richmond, The Watershed Project, ESA, MITHUN, KLEINFELDER, and ERG.

Other Sea-Level Rise Resilience Adjacent Projects in CCC: North Richmond, and of course City of Richmond.

The Project Timeline: Confirm Vulnerable Assets, September 2025 - March 2026.

Adaptation Responses: March 2026 - January 2027, Develop Sea Level Rise

Adaptation and Resiliency Plan: January 2026 - May 2027. An average of ten years to achieve. An opportunity for development: The plan can include multi-benefit protection structures, changes in land use policy, transportation and utility system adaptation, site and building adaptation strategies, emergency response, and flood management.

Climate change, sea level rise, and their impact on our communities: Global Warming, since the Industrial Revolution (1850) earth has warmed by 2 degrees Fahrenheit (1.2 degrees Celsius). Most of the warming happened over the last 40 years. The most recent decade was the hottest on record. Sea level rise will increase coastal flooding.

The types of coastal flooding are: Large waves, high winds, high tides, and storm surges. When the sea rises, it moves further inland and pushes the groundwater up.

The impacts from rising groundwater, basements, and drainage systems could flood roads and other structures weaken. Vulnerable assets and priorities: What is most

vulnerable to sea level rise in your community? How will sea level rise impact your day-to-day life? Moving Forward - Solutions to Sea Level Rise: Topic Areas the Plan will be Working on:

Community health and wellbeing, Ecosystem health and resilience, development, housing, and land use, critical infrastructure and services, flood management, public access and recreation, transportation and transit, shoreline contamination, and collaborative governance and funding.

PROGRAM AND OTHER AGENCY REPORTS

Tony Ucciferri, Deputy Executive Director/Housing Authority Contra Costa County

Presenting the status of the sales of the scattered sites at the market rate. Have closed on two sales, and two are getting ready to close. There are fourteen more sites that

need to be closed on. Thirteen are in escrow. Hoping to close sometime soon in the next sixty days. The new buyers will start getting the houses fixed up to live in or sell. The vacant lot at 1601 2nd Street, in N. Richmond, needs to be sold. Hoping to list this property by March. The below-market-rate units that were purchased by Richmond Community Foundation, have been remodeled and were on the verge of releasing one of the properties to the public for sale. Unfortunately, while waiting for PG&E to come out and power the property up, the site was vandalized. Someone broke into the property and stole all of the electrical wiring and copper piping. This was a tremendous setback. Tony will return next month with the status of the below-market homes. Annie asks about the vacant lot on 2nd Street. She would like to know the cost of the property. The site is valued at \$240,000. Latifah says that the remodeled house across from the senior center looks really nice. A very pleasant upgrade to the community.

Tania Pulido/District Coordinator/Supervisor, John Gioia's Office: Supervisor Gioia's Community Impact Fund is open. He is accepting applications until February 27th. It is a fairly simple application process. Hoping to do a quick turnaround with this. At the county level, they have the Youth Town Hall of Fame Award. You can nominate someone, ages 12 to 18. There are six categories, and a youth will be selected for each category. This is a great way to recognize a young person who is doing amazing work. The deadline to file is February 20th. Tania will follow up with more information if needed. There will be a meeting with the superintendent at Verde School this Friday. They are advocating for the portables to remain on the campus. The other meeting at Verde is the - (Not For Us - Without Us). This is a great opportunity to prioritize unfinished projects in the community.

PROGRAM AND OTHER AGENCY REPORTS CONTINUED

The VEOLIA Grant benefits the Iron Triangle and N. Richmond. Trying to get a panel together in order to access the funding. Presently, the amount of funding is \$300,000. Tania and Annie have been working to get people on the panel. Tania says Annie is playing a great role in doing outreach. Annie says Tania is doing a great job with her outreach efforts.

Donald Gilmore, Director/Community Housing Development Corporation: Don gives an update on the progress of acquiring the property known as the Las Deltas Main Campus. They are working through the necessary transactions. Legacy Court units are being rented out. There will be a grand opening ceremony

on March 6th. The permit for the grocery store has been extended. Have speed up the conversation with Urban Tilth Farm.

Kalu Dennis, Community Service Coordinator/CHDC - Mitigation Fee Funded:

Have been doing a lot of outreach in the community. Spending a lot of time at Wildcat Creek, along the train tracks. BNSF has a cleanup crew; Union Pacific does not. There was a fire at the homeless encampment, and mitigation went and checked things out. Several homeless structures were burnt down. Trying to get the area cleaned up. Working with SOS, they came out and passed out blankets. Offered up social services and resources. The majority of the homeless people refused the services. CORE came out and was able to take a few people to the Brookside Shelter. Tons of trash were moved from two locations, San Pablo Creek and Wildcat Creek. The issues pertaining to trash are overwhelming. Annie asks how many people go out on the monthly trash walk. Kalu says it depends on which agencies come out on that day. The walk is scheduled for the 2nd Thursday of each month. Kalu also does a trash walk with local deputies on a regular basis.

Princess Robinson, Executive Director/Richmond Land: Princess explains what a (CLT) organization is. A Community Land Trust is a community-driven model of land ownership where land is held in trust for the long-term benefit of marginalized communities rather than for individual profit. Richmond Land was able to launch a monthly virtual orientation to give people a visual presentation of who they are and what they do. And to bring more and help members unite their organizations. Available every 3rd Tuesday of the month. Was able to increase the board members to a total of eight. Was able to approve and finalize their goals for 2026. A new community engagement manager was hired. Eco Village News: Been working with a pro bono technical assistance focus group. Still trying to secure a senior developer to complete the project designs. The project has changed to eight family units and three to four small cottages.

Latifah Abdullah, Community Engagement Manager/Urban Tilth Farm:

Have a couple of job positions open. One position is for a CSA Logistics Specialist. The ideal candidate is a West Contra Costa County resident, 21+ y/o, with a valid CA driver's license. Please go to the Urban Tilth Farm Website for the application.

Cheryll Lopez, Community Engagement Manager/Urban Tilth Farm:

Making plans for Earth Day in April 2026. There is ongoing work at Wildcat Creek. Starting some restoration work. Have plans to get the planting done before the rains come in.

Donald Gilmore (Chair) The meeting ended with a moratorium in honor of Mr. Tommy, who passed away last week. He was up in age, in his 90's. Father of Jannine Shaheed/N. R. Senior Center. Mr Tommy was the owner of North Richmond Liquor and Grocery Store. The store was located at the property, where Legacy Court is presently located. He and his family were pillars in the community. Providing the community with essential daily needs. Mr. Tommy was a mentor to many residents and always had kind, encouraging words of wisdom and knowledge to pass on. May his memory live on in the North Richmond community.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.