

AGENDA REPORT

**City Council** 

DATE:	May 24, 2022
то:	Mayor Butt and Members of the City Council
FROM:	Councilmember Nathaniel Bates
Subject:	Process to clean up the City
FINANCIAL IMPACT:	City staff will provide the financial impact of this item.
PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:	Public Works Director Joe Leach provides a verbal report during a City Council meeting on a monthly basis.
STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE:	Blight throughout the city has increased significantly during the pandemic.
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	RECEIVE a report and provide direction to staff for a process and procedure to clean up and maintain the cleanliness of the city - Councilmember Nathaniel Bates (510-620-6743). This item was continued from the April 26, 2022, meeting.

## DISCUSSION:

The City of Richmond Public Works Department is working diligently to address the blight throughout the city. During the Shelter in Place Order, homeless encampments

grew and increased the amount of debris on the streets including city sanctioned encampments. Illegal dumping also increased in various locations throughout the city and many areas have become routine dumping sites for illegal dumpers. Collaboration is needed between the city and other agencies to develop a strategy to abate the streets, vacant lots, homeless encampments, including highway underpasses, on ramps and off ramps.

Representatives from the Contra Costa County CORE Team, Caltrans and potentially other agencies will be invited to attend meeting and respond to the presentation.

## **DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:**

None