



AGENDA REPORT

City Council

DATE:	May 2, 2023
TO:	Members of the City Council
FROM:	Mayor Martinez, Councilmember Jimenez and Councilmember Robinson
Subject:	May is National Bike Month
FINANCIAL IMPACT:	None
PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:	The City of Richmond has recognized and held biking events for several years to promote healthy outdoor recreation.
STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE:	May is National Bike Month, a celebration of biking as transportation, as recreation, as essential to our well-being and everyday lives. May is also when the National Bike Challenge kicks off, and the challenge continues through September. In 2023, Bike to Work Week is May 15-21 , with Bay Area Bike to Work Day on Thursday, May 18, and National Bike to Work Day on Friday, May 19.
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	PROCLAMATION recognizing May as National Bike Month and encouraging residents to participate in biking events - Councilmembers Claudia Jimenez (510-620-6565), Doria Robinson (510-620-6593) and Mayor Eduardo Martinez (510-620-6503).

DISCUSSION:

The bicycle is an economical, healthy, convenient, and environmentally sound form of transportation and an excellent tool for recreation and enjoyment of Richmond's scenic beauty.

The City of Richmond supports increased use of bicycles as a commute mode of transportation and recreation. Bike lanes have been installed throughout Richmond and to expand the Bay Trail.

Creating a bicycling-friendly community has been shown to improve citizens' health, well-being, and quality of life, attracting tourism dollars, improving traffic safety, supporting student learning outcomes, and reducing pollution, congestion, and wear and tear on our streets.

A Bicycle and Pedestrian Action Plan was approved by City Council in February 2023, with the goal of improving safe, efficient, and convenient bicycle and pedestrian travel within the City.

The City of Richmond encourages residents to ride their bikes throughout the month of May to experience the joys of bicycling through events such as Bike-to-Wherever Day and Self-Care Sunday Rides.

Rich City Rides, the Richmond Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee, Bike East Bay, the City of Richmond, the League of American Bicyclists, and others will be promoting bicycling during the month of May 2023.

DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:

Attachment 1 – Proclamation