



# AGENDA REPORT

## Public Works

<b>DATE:</b>	November 26, 2024
<b>TO:</b>	Mayor Martinez and Members of the City Council
<b>FROM:</b>	Daniel Chavarria, Director of Public Works Tawfic Halaby, Deputy Director of Public Works – Operations & Maintenance Hugo Mendoza, Public Works Abatement Division Superintendent
<b>Subject:</b>	October 2024 Abatement Presentation
<b>FINANCIAL IMPACT:</b>	None
<b>PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:</b>	None
<b>STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE:</b>	The Abatement Division is requesting City Council to receive the October 2024 Abatement Presentation.
<b>RECOMMENDED ACTION:</b>	RECEIVE a presentation on the October 2024 Abatement activities – Public Works Department (Hugo Mendoza 231-3030 / Tawfic Halaby 620-5482 / Daniel Chavarria 620-5478).

### DISCUSSION:

On a monthly basis, the Director of Public Works has been providing City Council with a presentation highlighting the activities of the City’s Abatement Division. The Abatement Division is responsible for myriad citywide activities, including picking up illegal dumping, hosting neighborhood dumpster days, and weed abatement.

Dumpster days are provided to Richmond residents on a rotating basis, typically once or twice a year depending on the size of the neighborhood. In preparation for the dumpster day events, Abatement Division staff provides assistance to elderly and disabled residents who are unable to transport items to the designated dumpster day location.

When picking up item as a result of illegal dumping, Abatement Division staff tracks specific items, namely, mattresses, paint/oil, and tires, for proper disposal, as these items are not placed in landfill. Within the public right-of-way, the Abatement Division staff removes weeds and abates encampments.

On occasion, in conjunction with Code Enforcement staff and Richmond Police Department staff, and with the appropriate signed warrant in hand, Abatement Division staff enters private property to perform abatement functions.

The presentation summarizes Abatement Staff activities for the month of October 2024 (Attachment 1):

- Hosted five dumpster day events and assisted 70 seniors and disabled persons;
- Removed 310.85 tons of illegal dumping;
- Removed 258 mattresses, 108 gallons of paint/oil, and 177 tires;
- Abated (under warrant) one private vacant lot;
- Abated 16 encampments and removed 40.79 tons of debris;
- Abated weeds at 8 separate locations; and
- Removed 244 graffiti tags at 168 locations.

**DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:**

Attachment 1 – Presentation