



AGENDA REPORT

City Council

DATE:	June 17, 2025
TO:	Mayor Martinez and Members of the City Council
FROM:	Councilmember Jamelia Brown Vice Mayor Cesar Zepeda (co-sponsor)
Subject:	Allocate Shortfall Funding to Harbour 8 Park Expansion Project
FINANCIAL IMPACT:	The proposed expenditure would require an appropriation of \$3 million in the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget and Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Years 2025-26 through 2029-2030
PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:	None.
STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE:	The Harbour 8 Park Expansion—ranked amongst the highest scoring unfunded Capital Improvement Plan projects and remains without additional financial support in the draft Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget and Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Years 2025-26 through 2029-2030, despite its potential to deliver significant environmental, health, and equity benefits to one of Richmond's most underserved neighborhoods.
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	DIRECT City staff to allocate \$3,000,000 in the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget and Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Years 2025-26 through 2029-2030 for the Harbour 8 Park Expansion Project, contingent upon: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Execution of a formal Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Richmond and Pogo Park;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submission of the original and revised project budgets, including line-item detail for each cost overrun, broken down by change order number; • Resolution of the kitchen scope and identification of its dedicated funding source; • Confirmation that all applicable grant deadlines can still be met; and • A formal meeting between City staff and the Pogo Park Board to review and align on project roles, responsibilities, and expectations for this City-owned property. <p>If these conditions go unmet by October 31, 2025, funds may be reallocated pending further Council action - Councilmember Jamelia Brown (510-609-5780)/ Vice Mayor Cesar Zepeda (510-685-5002).</p>
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DISCUSSION:

Although the Harbour 8 Park Expansion project received one of the highest CIP scores, it currently remains unfunded in the Fiscal Year 2025-26 budget. City staff have expressed concerns regarding project readiness, including the absence of a finalized Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Pogo Park, outstanding questions related to the scope and funding of the kitchen component, and uncertainty around the project's ability to meet existing grant deadlines.

However, the City Council may choose to allocate funding now, subject to clear contingencies that ensure key administrative requirements are satisfied before any funds are expended.

Given the long-standing inequities and lack of investment in the Iron Triangle, Coronado, and Santa Fe neighborhoods, the Harbour 8 Park Expansion represents a significant opportunity for Richmond residents while advancing the City's equity goals.