



AGENDA REPORT

Mayor's Office

DATE:	August 19, 2025
TO:	Members of the City Council
FROM:	Mayor Eduardo Martinez
Subject:	Proclamation Commemorating the Service of Stewart Winchester on the Richmond Urban Forest Advisory Committee
FINANCIAL IMPACT:	None
PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:	None
STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE:	Presentation of a proclamation recognizing and commending Stewart Winchester for his nine years of service on the Richmond Urban Forest Advisory Committee and his many contributions to improving and expanding Richmond's urban forest.
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	PROCLAMATION Commemorating the Service of Stewart Winchester on the Richmond Urban Forest Advisory Committee - Mayor Eduardo Martinez (510-620-6503) and Councilmember Doria Robinson (510-620-6568)

DISCUSSION:

Stewart Winchester has been a dedicated volunteer in Richmond since 2016, sharing his deep knowledge of trees and horticulture to enhance the city's urban forest. Serving on the Richmond Urban Forest Advisory Committee for nine years, he has played an instrumental role in tree planting, care, and education—efforts that have improved air quality, provided cooling shade, and strengthened the city's environmental resilience.

A horticulture instructor for over 40 years at Merritt College and Diablo Valley College, Winchester has inspired countless individuals to become active stewards of the environment. His hands-on work with local nonprofit organizations, including training on

best practices for planting, pruning, and species selection, has left a lasting impact on both community members and the health of Richmond's trees.

Winchester's service exemplifies the spirit of civic engagement, combining expertise, generosity, and a deep commitment to Richmond's neighborhoods. This proclamation honors his legacy in helping to grow a stronger, greener Richmond.

DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:

Attachment 1 – Proclamation Commemorating the Service of Stewart Winchester on the Richmond Urban Forest Advisory Committee