



AGENDA REPORT

City Council

DATE:	October 28, 2025
TO:	Mayor Martinez and Members of the City Council
FROM:	Councilmember Bana
Subject:	Proclamation recognizing the Green Team 94803 for beautifying the El Sobrante Valley neighborhood.
FINANCIAL IMPACT:	There is no financial impact related to the recognition.
PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:	None.
STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE:	The Green Team 94803 has played a vital role in maintaining the cleanliness, beauty, and civic spirit of the El Sobrante Valley by expanding its activities from business corridors to major thoroughfares and surrounding residential streets, including Richmond streets. A proclamation is proposed to honor these dedicated volunteers for their community building through environmental clean-up and to encourage expansion of their efforts into neighboring communities, including the 94806 area.
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	PROCLAMATION recognizing Green Team 94803 and its volunteers for their outstanding service in keeping the El Sobrante Valley clean and beautiful, and encouraging the expansion of these community efforts into nearby areas, including the 94806 community - Councilmember Soheila Bana (510-672-3490).

DISCUSSION:

Green Team 94803 is a volunteer-driven initiative dedicated to environmental stewardship, beautification, and community engagement. The group began in the downtown area of unincorporated El Sobrante and has since expanded throughout the El Sobrante Valley, including parts of Richmond and San Pablo. Through monthly clean-up events and outreach, the team has brought together residents from diverse backgrounds to strengthen community bonding, civic engagement, and collective responsibility and pride.

The Green Team has energized and mobilized a broad network of local organizations and community partners to collaborate on City-wide events, including annual Earth Day and Coastal Cleanup Day celebrations. These partnerships bring together residents, businesses, Safe Organized Spaces (SOS) Richmond (established through a decision of the Richmond City Council), the Office of County Supervisor John Gioia, and environmental groups such as the San Pablo Watershed Neighbors Education and Restoration Society (SPAWNERS) to promote collective action, strengthen community connections, and advance environmental stewardship.

The Green Team benefits from the participation of many volunteers, including families with their young children. Among the most dedicated volunteers are Monica Hazlewood, Dorcas Moulton, Allison Blakely, Bethsheba Lavoie, Chris Conrad, Ramon Viray, Teri Edlinger, Marsha Lowry, Maggie and John Kinstle, Anne-Marie Amaro, Richard Geyer, Ali Estrada, Simone and Alan Odom, Sharon Miller, Javier Perez and his sons, Rita Tidwell, Ruth Horton, and Sue Boudreau.

Their efforts have expanded beyond commercial areas to include surrounding neighborhoods, making the El Sobrante Valley more vibrant and connected. The team also established a community platform and website titled “**Keep El Sobrante Clean and Beautiful**”: <https://keepelsobrantebeautiful.info/>

ANALYSIS:

The Green Team’s work aligns with the City of Richmond’s goals of community empowerment, neighborhood beautification, and resident-led safety and quality-of-life improvements. Expanding these efforts into the 94806 community and beyond will promote unity across zip code boundaries and further strengthen partnerships between residents, local businesses, and city agencies.

By formally recognizing Green Team 94803, the City Council underscores its support for grassroots civic action and encourages replication of this model in nearby communities.

DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:

Attachment – Proclamation