

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND,
CALIFORNIA, CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION AND SUBMITTING TO THE
VOTERS A MEASURE TO ADOPT A SPECIAL PARCEL TAX ON VACANT
PROPERTIES TO FUND SOLUTIONS FOR BLIGHT, ILLEGAL DUMPING
REMEDATION, AND SPECIFIED PROGRAMS**

WHEREAS, the City Council (the "Council") of the City of Richmond (the "City"), within the County of Contra Costa, California (the "County"), has determined to call a special election and submit to voters at the June 7, 2022 statewide primary election, a ballot measure before the voters to adopt a special parcel tax on vacant properties to fund solutions for blight, illegal dumping remediation, and specified programs ("Special Parcel Tax on Vacant Properties"); and

WHEREAS, the proposed ordinance establishes a special tax imposed on vacant parcels of real property located within the City at rates between \$3,000 and \$8,000 tiered by parcel size, annually per vacant undeveloped parcel; between \$3,000 and \$8,000 tiered by parcel size, annually per vacant blighted developed parcel; \$3,000 annually per vacant blighted residential unit for condominiums, duplexes, or townhouse units under separate ownership; and \$3,000 annually per blighted parcel with ground floor commercial activity allowed but vacant; and

WHEREAS, in order for the Special Parcel Tax on Vacant Properties to become effective, it must be approved by the electorate; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of Section 10002 and 10403 of the Elections Code of the State of California, the Contra Costa County Clerk Recorder-Elections Division will be requested to consolidate the City of Richmond special municipal election with the statewide primary election to be held June 7, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Council desires to submit the Special Parcel Tax on Vacant Properties to the qualified electors of the City at said election; and

WHEREAS, the special tax imposed by the proposed ordinance is authorized by Article XIII A of the California Constitution and section 50075 of the California Government Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Richmond, as follows:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are true, and this Council so finds and determines.

Section 2. A special municipal election has been called for the City of

Richmond to be held in the City on Tuesday, June 7, 2022 and consolidated with the statewide primary election to be held on Tuesday, June 7, 2022. The City Council hereby submits the following measure to the voters at said election:

"Shall the Measure, to fund resources to address blight and illegal dumping, code enforcement services, and discourage vacant properties, by enacting a Vacant Property Tax on undeveloped parcels and blighted developed parcels used less than 30 days per year, at annual rates between \$3,000 and \$8,000 per parcel; raising about \$1,500,000 annually; with exemptions contingent upon code compliance for very low income, low income local seniors and hardship, be adopted?"

Section 3. The City Clerk is ordered and directed to cause said proposed measure to be printed and to mail a copy of said measure to all registered voters in the City of Richmond with sample ballots in substantially the form set forth in Exhibit A, attached hereto.

Section 4. The City Clerk is ordered to have the full text of the measure available for review in the Office of the City Clerk and at the City of Richmond's website.

Section 5. The City Clerk of the City of Richmond is hereby authorized to sign a Notice of Election and Measure to be Voted On in a form substantially similar to that attached hereto as Exhibit B. The Clerk of the City is hereby authorized and directed to publish said Notice of Election and Measure to be Voted On at least one time not later than a week before the election in the EAST BAY TIMES, a newspaper of general circulation circulated within the City of Richmond, in accordance with the provisions of Section 12111 of the Elections Code of the State of California.

Section 6. The Clerk of the City is hereby authorized and directed to cause to be delivered, no later than March 11, 2022 (which date is not fewer than 88 days prior to the date set for the statewide election), one copy of this Resolution to the Registrar of Voters of the County.

Section 7. The City Council hereby directs the City Clerk to transmit a copy of the measure to the City Attorney. The City Attorney shall prepare an impartial analysis of the measure, not to exceed 500 words in length, showing the effect of the measure on the existing law and the operation of the measure, and transmit such impartial analysis to the City Clerk within 10 days of the adoption of this resolution.

Section 8. The Finance Director of the City is hereby authorized and directed to prepare and file with the Registrar of Voters an impartial analysis of the measure contained in Section 2 hereof covering its financial impact upon the City government in accordance with Section 2.16.070 of the Municipal Code of the City, within the time established by the Registrar of Voters.

Section 9. Pursuant to Section 9282 of the Elections Code of the State of

California, the legislative body of the City of Richmond, or any member or members of the legislative body authorized by the body, or any individual voter who is eligible to vote on the measure or bona fide association of citizens, or any combination of voters and associations, may file a written argument, not to exceed 300 words in length, accompanied by the printed name(s) and signature(s) of the person(s) submitting it, or if submitted on behalf of an organization, the name of the organization, and the printed name and signature of at least one of its principal officers, for or against the City measure.

Section 10. This tax is a special tax requiring the approval by a two-thirds majority vote of qualified electors casting votes.

Section 11. Pursuant to California Elections Code section 9285, subdivision (b), the City Council hereby adopts the provisions of California Elections Code section 9285, subdivision (a), relating to rebuttal arguments for the measure identified in section 2 above only for the June 7, 2022 election and thereafter this section 12 shall expire.

Section 12. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting thereof held March 1, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTENTIONS:
ABSENT:

CLERK OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND
(SEAL)

Approved:

Mayor

Approved as to form:

City Attorney

EXHIBIT A
INITIATIVE MEASURE TO BE SUBMITTED DIRECTLY TO THE
VOTERS

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Exhibit B
Notice of Election and Measure to Be Voted On

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