

## Richmond General Plan Planning Commission Resolutions are now available...

I wanted to get this out as soon as possible so that you would have time to review. The City is posting the Planning Commission's Recommendations for changes to the General Plan. The links are below.

The Resolution includes concerning elements of a letter by Citizens for a Better Environment submitted after the comment period was closed. The Planning Commission presented it at their November 3rd meeting which was closed to public comment. Therefore the letter did not follow due process or allow for public review and comment. The letter provides that the City of Richmond will be defined as an Environmental Justice Green Zone. However, it is unclear how this will impact current residents, businesses or port activities.

Another concerning addition follows:

The following language will be added to Action EC1D (Major Industrial/Commercial Projects):

Develop and adopt an ordinance setting forth requirements for future industrial and commercial land uses to ensure that greenhouse gas and co-pollutant emissions decrease locally, that emissions will not increase locally, and that environmental, economic and jobs benefits of emission requirements applied by other levels of government to emission sources in Richmond will accrue in Richmond. At a minimum, the ordinance should require that major new industrial and commercial construction or reconstruction projects demonstrate:

- That new installations and equipment replacements will install efficient, least-emitting equipment.
- The maximum feasible energy efficiency (minimum fuel energy burned/unit production or other relevant activity) for fossil fueled uses, and that existing fossil-fueled uses will not increase the fuel energy burned/unit production or other relevant activity.
- The minimum feasible carbon intensity (intrinsic emission intensity) of fuels and feedstocks, and that existing fossil fueled uses will not increase the intrinsic emission intensity of fuels and feedstocks.
- Financial support for public transit access to serve 100% of direct and indirect transportation needs associated with major industrial and commercial uses.
- That emission credits or offsets related to emission reductions outside of Richmond will not be used for direct emissions in Richmond (in order to ensure that pollution trading will not cause increased greenhouse gas co-pollutant emissions locally and that the benefits of regional, state and federal emission requirements applied in Richmond will accrue in Richmond)

These are not the only additions or changes.

I will be scheduling a meeting in the near future to review the Resolution.

The Richmond North Shore issue will be heard by the City Council on January 10th and on January 17th the General Plan.

The signed resolutions concerning the Planning Commission's recommendations on the Richmond General Plan EIR and General Plan document have been made available online. For your convenience, links are provided below for each of the documents.

- **Planning Commission Resolution 11-19 recommending the General Plan EIR:**  
<http://www.cityofrichmondgeneralplan.org/docManager/1000001026/PC%20Resolution%2011-19%20EIR%20Certification.pdf>
- **Exhibit A-1 to Planning Commission Resolution 11-19:**  
<http://www.cityofrichmondgeneralplan.org/docManager/1000001025/PC%20Resolution%2011-19%20Exhibit%20A-1.pdf>
- **Planning Commission Resolution 11-20 recommending the General Plan:**  
<http://www.cityofrichmondgeneralplan.org/docManager/1000001024/PC%20Resolution%2011-20%20GP%20Adoption.pdf>
- **Exhibit B-1 to Planning Commission Resolution 11-20:**  
<http://www.cityofrichmondgeneralplan.org/docManager/1000001023/PC%20Resolution%2011-20%20Exhibit%20B-1.pdf>

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