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**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2025****REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING (6:00 PM)**

City Council Chambers - 10890 San Pablo Ave, El Cerrito

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**6:00 PM      ROLL CALL – CONVENE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**1.    CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON ANY REQUEST FROM A COUNCILMEMBER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING REMOTELY DUE TO EMERGENCY CIRCUMSTANCES PURSUANT TO AB 2449**

**2.    PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OR OBSERVATION OF A MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**3.    TELECONFERENCE AND PUBLIC COMMENT INSTRUCTIONS**

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**6.    PRESENTATIONS**

**A.    Resolution Honoring Recycling Operations Supervisor Mario Gonzalez in Retirement**

**Action Proposed:** Adopt a Resolution recognizing and honoring Recycling Operations Supervisor Mario Gonzalez in retirement after serving the City of El Cerrito for more than 30 years.

**Contact:** Yvetteh Ortiz, Public Works Director/City Engineer, Public Works Department

**7.    ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR**

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**A. Approval of Minutes**

**Action Proposed:** Approve the City Council Meeting minutes from December 17, 2024 and January 21, 2025.

**Contact:** Holly M. Charléty, City Clerk, City Management

**B. Proclamation in Recognition of Jean Thompson**

**Action Proposed:** Approve a Proclamation recognizing Jean Thompson for her Decades of Service to the El Cerrito Farmers Market.

**Contact:** Aissia Ashoori, Housing Manager, Community Development Department

**C. Proclamation in Recognition of Well Grounded Tea & Coffee**

**Action Proposed:** Approve a Proclamation in Recognition of the 20th Anniversary of Well Grounded Tea & Coffee.

**Contact:** Aissia Ashoori, Housing Manager, Community Development Department

**D. Environmental Quality Committee Reappointment Recommendation**

**Action Proposed:** Approve an Environmental Quality Committee recommendation to reappoint Pamela Austin and Sheila Tarbet to the Environmental Quality Committee, effective March 1, 2025.

**Contact:** Christina Leard, Management Analyst III and Amelia Timbers, Operations and Environmental Services Division Manager, Public Works Department; Yvetteh Ortiz, Public Works Director/City Engineer

**E. Urban Forest Committee Appointment Recommendations**

**Action Proposed:** Approve an Urban Forest Committee recommendation to reappoint Jennifer Kaczor and Robin Mitchell, and to appoint Randi Jimenez to the Urban Forest Committee effective March 1, 2025.

**Contact:** Stephen Prée, Environmental Programs Manager/City Arborist and Amelia Timbers, Operations + Environmental Services Division Manager, Public Works Department; and Yvetteh Ortiz, Public Works Director/City Engineer



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#### F. Community Safety Committee Recommendation

**Action Proposed:** Receive and file a recommendation from the Community Safety Committee.

**Contact:** Aaron Leone, Sergeant, Police Department

#### G. Monthly Disbursement and Check Register Report for January 2025

**Action Proposed:** Receive and file the Monthly Disbursement and Check Register Report for the month of January 2025.

**Contact:** Crystal Reams, Finance Director/City Treasurer, Finance Department

#### H. Authorize the purchase of Police Vehicle Emergency Equipment

**Action Proposed:** Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or designee to purchase emergency equipment for El Cerrito Police Department vehicles in an amount not to exceed \$80,000.

**Contact:** John-Tracy Wahrlich, Lieutenant, Police Department

### 8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

#### A. Establishment of the Pierce Street/San Mateo Street Utility Underground District for the I-80/Central Avenue Interchange Improvements Project

**Action Proposed:** Conduct a public hearing and, upon conclusion, adopt a resolution establishing the Pierce Street/San Mateo Street Underground Utility District for the I-80/Central Avenue Interchange Improvements Project.

**Contact:** James Mizutani, Associate Engineer, Public Works Department; Yvetteh Ortiz, Public Works Director/City Engineer

### 9. POLICY MATTERS

#### A. Legislative Platform Study Session

**Action Proposed:** Conduct a study session to review and provide input on the content of the City of El Cerrito's first Legislative Platform.

**Contact:** Alexandra Orologas, Assistant City Manager, City Management; Dane Hutchings, Founder & CEO, CA Public Policy Group

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**10. CITY COUNCIL LOCAL & REGIONAL LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS**

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**11. ADJOURN REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

*The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting is Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.*

***The City of El Cerrito serves our diverse community by providing exceptional services that create a safe and resilient future for all.***

**RESOLUTION 2025-XX****RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF RECYCLING OPERATIONS SUPERVISOR  
MARIO GONZALES FOR 30 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CITY OF  
EL CERRITO UPON RETIRMENT**

WHEREAS, Mario Gonzalez, Recycling Operations Supervisor, has dedicated more than 30 years of service to the El Cerrito community, demonstrating unwavering commitment and goodwill, and is deserving of recognition upon the occasion of his retirement; and

WHEREAS, Mario joined the City of El Cerrito on December 13, 1990 as a part-time Recycling Aide and he was promoted to full-time Recycling Worker in December 1994; and

WHEREAS, in March 2010, Mario advanced to the role of the City's Recycling Operations Supervisor, overseeing the City's curbside recycling collection and operations of the City's pioneering Recycling Center; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Mario was responsible for providing uninterrupted curbside pick-up and drop-off recycling collection service on weekdays and weekends, averaging 1,800 pick-ups per day and diverting approximately 5,000 tons of recyclables from the landfill each year; and

WHEREAS, Mario demonstrated ingenuity in keeping the City's multifaceted fleet of recycling trucks and heavy equipment at the Recycling Center up and running to meet the daily service demand; and

WHEREAS, Mario had a pivotal role in the building of the new Recycling and Environmental Resource Center providing critical input into the design, program development, and construction coordination; and

WHEREAS, Mario has recruited, trained, and mentored the City's outstanding recycling team, both past and next generation of staff, to seamlessly run the many and varied aspects of the City's recycling operations and provide responsive customer service; and

WHEREAS, Mario's leadership and innovative approach during challenging times, including the international upheaval in recycling markets and pandemic, ensured the continued success of the City's recycling programs, benefiting both the environment and the community; and

WHEREAS, Mario's dedicated service and environmental stewardship have left a lasting impact on the community and his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, thanks in no small part to Mario's leadership, the award-winning Recycling and Environmental Resource Center and City-run curbside recycling operations have continued to be a source of pride for the El Cerrito community, with more than 90% of residents rating the City's recycling programs as excellent or good, well above national benchmarks.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of El Cerrito that it takes great pride and pleasure in drawing special public attention to Mario Gonzalez for his 30 years of exemplary service to the City and extends its sincere appreciation and best wishes for continued happiness and success upon his retirement on March 1, 2025.

I CERTIFY that at a regular meeting on February 18, 2025 the City Council of the City of El Cerrito passed this Resolution by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS:  
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS:  
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS:  
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS:

IN WITNESS of this action, I sign this document and affix the corporate seal of the City of El Cerrito on \_\_\_\_\_.

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Holly M. Charléty, City Clerk

APPROVED:

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Carolyn Wysinger, Mayor



**Mayor**  
Tessa Rudnick  
**Mayor Pro Tem**  
Carolyn Wysinger

Agenda Item No. 7.A.

**Councilmembers**  
Paul Fadelli  
Lisa Motoyama  
Gabriel Quino

## EL CERRITO CITY COUNCIL DRAFT MINUTES

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2024

### CONCURRENT REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SUCCESSOR AGENCY SPECIAL MEETING AND REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING (6:00 PM)

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### 6:00 PM ROLL CALL – CONVENE CONCURRENT REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SUCCESSOR AGENCY SPECIAL MEETING AND REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Rudnick called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

**Present:** Mayor Rudnick, Mayor Pro Tem Wysinger, Councilmember Fadelli, Councilmember Motoyama, Councilmember Quinto

**Absent:** None

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*Reports of closed session, commission appointments and informational reports on matters of general interest which are announced by the City Council and staff.*

Assistant City Manager Orologas - announced upcoming holiday closure schedule,

Councilmember Fadelli - reported on attendance at the City Pancake breakfast, and fundraising efforts for DownHome Music.

Mayor Rudnick - announced recognition of El Cerrito centenarians Theresa Parella and Peggy Hender with Mayoral Certificates of Recognition and disbanded the Ad-Hoc comprised of Mayor Rudnick and Councilmember Quinto for Salary Negotiations with the City Manager.

- 5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

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Janet Bryan, Steve Price, Kyle Brunelle, Henry Pinkard, Stuart Sonatina, Gaia Sonatina, Rhianna, Phoebe - spoke in support of dedicated bike lanes on Richmond Street.

Peter Degan – spoke in opposition to removal of on street parking on Richmond Street.

Jim Dolgonas – thanked outgoing councilmembers and announced commission vacancies.

Miguel, Leslie Adams, Somaia Nassef, Yuko – spoke in support of a City Council ceasefire resolution.

Harqanoush Preisler – spoke regarding conflict in the middle east.

**6. ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR**

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**Moved/Seconded:** Councilmember Quinto/Mayor Pro Tem Wysinger **Action:** Approved the consent calendar as indicated below. **Ayes:** Mayor Rudnick, Mayor Pro Tem Wysinger, Councilmember Fadelli, Councilmember Motoyama, Councilmember Quinto **Noes:** None

**A. Approval of Minutes**

**Action Proposed:** Approve the City Council Meeting minutes from November 19 and December 3, 2024.

**Contact:** Holly M. Charléty, City Clerk, City Management

**Action:** Approved minutes

**B. El Cerrito Historical Society 50th Anniversary Proclamation**

**Action Proposed:** Approve a proclamation recognizing the 50th Anniversary of the El Cerrito Historical Society.

**Contact:** Holly M. Charléty, City Clerk, City Management

**Action:** Approved proclamation

**C. Transportation Impact Fee Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2023-24**  
*Report publicly posted 11/21/2024*

**Action Proposed:** Receive and file the Transportation Impact Fee Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2023-24, ending June 30, 2024.

**Contact:** A'shanti Coleman, Management Assistant, Public Works Department; Yvetteh Ortiz, Public Works Director/City Engineer

**Action:** Received and filed

**D. Monthly Disbursement and Check Register Report for November 2024**

**Action Proposed:** Receive and file the Monthly Disbursement and Check Register Report for the month of November 2024.

**Contact:** Crystal Reams, Finance Director/City Treasurer, Finance Department

**Action:** Received and filed

**E. Designating Primary and Alternate Board Members to the Municipal Pooling Authority of Northern California (MPA)**

**Action Proposed:** Adopt a resolution designating the Assistant City Manager as Primary Board Member and the Human Resources Manager as Alternate Board Member to the Municipal Pooling Authority of Northern

California (MPA).

**Contact:** Alexandra Orogas, Assistant City Manager, City Management  
**Action:** Approved Resolution 2024-94

**F. Agreement with the City of Berkeley for Year-round Automatic Aid**

**Action Proposed:** Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute the revised Memorandum of Understanding for mutual aid between the City of Berkeley and the City of El Cerrito.

**Contact:** Eric Saylor, Fire Chief, Fire Department

**Action:** Approved Resolution 2024-95

**G. Adopt a resolution authorizing staff to apply for the Prohousing Incentive Program**

**Action Proposed:** Adopt a resolution authorizing staff to apply for the Prohousing Incentive Program.

**Contact:** Aissia Ashoori, Housing-Economic Development Manager; Melanie Mintz, Community Development Director, Community Development Department

**Action:** Approved Resolution 2024-96

**H. Declare and Certify the Results of the November 5, 2024 General Municipal Election**

**Action Proposed:**

Adopt a resolution confirming the results of the November 5, 2024 General Municipal Election and declaring the re-election of Lisa Motoyama; election of Rebecca Saltzman and William Ktsanes to the office of City Council; and the passage of Measure G.

**Contact:** Holly M. Charléty, City Clerk, City Management

**Action:** Approved Resolution 2024-97

**I. REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SUCCESSOR AGENCY ITEM: Approve Draft Annual Recognized Obligations Payment Schedule 25-26 (July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026)**

**Action Proposed:** Adopt a Successor Agency resolution reviewing and authorizing submittal of the draft Recognized Obligations Payment Schedule 25-26.

**Contact:** Crystal Reams, Finance Director/City Treasurer, Finance

**Action:** Approved SA Resolution 2024-01

**7. PRESENTATIONS**

**A. Resolution Honoring Lead Maintenance Worker Jose Jaramillo for 38 years of service upon Retirement**

**Action Proposed:** Approve a Resolution recognizing and honoring Lead Maintenance Worker Jose Jaramillo upon retirement after serving the City of El Cerrito for 38 years.

**Contact:** Yvetteh Ortiz, Public Works Director/City Engineer, Public Works Department

**Moved/Seconded:** Councilmember Motoyama/Councilmember Quinto

**Action:** Action: Approved Resolution 2024-98. **Ayes:** Mayor Rudnick, Mayor Pro Tem Wysinger, Councilmember Fadelli, Councilmember Motoyama, Councilmember Quinto **Noes:** None

## B. Recognition of City Councilmembers Leaving Office

**Action Proposed:** Special recognition of outgoing Councilmembers:

- Paul Fadelli - Mayor (2021) and Councilmember, served from 2016-2024
- Tessa Rudnick - Mayor (2024) and Councilmember, served from 2020-2024

**Contact:** Holly M. Charléty, City Clerk, City Management

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Senator Jessie Arraign, Harpreet Sandhu (representing Congressman John Garamendi), Contra Costa County Supervisor John Gioia, Nick Zamorano, Michael Fischer, Sue Duncan, John Stashik, Igor Tregub, Michelle Fadelli - provided comments, thanks and well wishes for outgoing members and their service.

## C. Swearing in of Newly Elected Councilmembers

**Action Proposed:** Administration of Oath of Office and Presentation of Certificates of Election for:

- Lisa Motoyama - re-elected to a term ending December 2028
- Rebecca Saltzman - elected to a term ending December 2028
- William Ktsanes - elected to a term ending December 2028

**Contact:** Holly M. Charléty, City Clerk, City Management

Lisa Motoyama was sworn in by City Clerk Holly Charléty; Rebecca Saltzman was sworn in by Alameda County Superior Court Judge Vicky Kolakowski; and William Ktsanes was sworn in by El Cerrito resident Betsy Bashor.

### Public Comments:

Harpreet Sandhu (representing Congressman John Garamendi), Contra Costa County Supervisor John Gioia - provided comments, thanks and

well wishes for incoming members.

## 8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

## 9. POLICY MATTERS

### A. City Council Reorganization

*The City Council will elect a Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tempore to serve a term of one year.*

**Contact:** Holly M. Charléty, City Clerk, City Management

The City Clerk declared the offices of Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem vacant and called for nomination for Mayor. Councilmember Wysinger was nominated by Councilmember Quinto.

**Moved/Seconded:** Councilmember Motoyama/Councilmember Ktsanes

**Action:** Closed nominations and selected Councilmember Wysinger as Mayor for 2024. **Ayes:** Councilmember Ktsanes, Councilmember Motoyama, Councilmember Quinto, Councilmember Saltzman, Councilmember Wysinger **Noes:** None

Mayor Wysinger shared remarks on her vision as Mayor in the upcoming year. The City Clerk called for nominations for Mayor Pro Tem.

Councilmember Quinto was nominated by Councilmember Motoyama.

**Moved/Seconded:** Mayor Wysinger/Councilmember Saltzman **Action:**

Closed nominations and selected Councilmember Quinto to serve as Mayor Pro Tem for 2025 **Ayes:** Mayor Wysinger, Councilmember Ktsanes, Councilmember Motoyama, Councilmember Quinto, Councilmember Saltzman **Noes:** None

Mayor Pro Tem Quinto shared remarks on his vision as Mayor Pro Tem in the upcoming year.

### Public Comments:

Dana Early, Courtney Wysinger - provided well wishes to the new Mayor.

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Councilmember Motoyama - reported on attendance at the Contra Costa Mayors Conference and Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) Executive Board meeting.

## 11. ADJOURN CONCURRENT REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SUCCESSOR AGENCY SPECIAL MEETING AND REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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Carolyn Wysinger, Mayor Pro Tem

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the City Council meeting of December 17, 2024 as approved by the El Cerrito City Council.

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Holly M. Charléty, MMC, City Clerk

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**6:00 PM      ROLL CALL – CONVENE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
Mayor Wysinger called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM. **Present:** Mayor Wysinger, Mayor Pro Tem Quinto, Councilmember Ktsanes, Councilmember Saltzman **Absent:** Councilmember Motoyama

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City manager Pinkos – announced upcoming 2/1 Council Retreat, website information on Richmond Complete Streets project, and removal of item 7.E. and 6.B. from tonight's meeting agenda.

Mayor Pro Tem Quinto – reported on attendance at event honoring 1<sup>st</sup> Filipino Japanese Mayor for the City of Pinole.

Mayor Wysinger – reported attendance at the 36<sup>th</sup> annual MLK day parade, announced upcoming El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce mega mixer on 1/27; announced upcoming deadline for City Advisory Body application of 1/31, and issuance of Mayor Certificate of Recognition to Tyra Wright for her service as 2024 President for the Contra Costa Association of Realtors.

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Inge Brust, Ted Devan, Shelby Holguin, Catherine Baca, Ethan Kim, Ruth Amernick, Larry Amernick - spoke in opposition to the proposed Richmond Street Complete Streets Improvement Project.

Sue Duncan - spoke regarding the need to increase resident education on wildfire safety.

Gary Prost - commented regarding wildfire safety and need to make pilot program permanent for no parking on red flag warning days.

Nick Zamorano - spoke on the importance of fully funding the fire department to respond to wildfire threats.

Jim Dolgonas - spoke regarding wildfire prevention and home to home ignition.

Bill Barish - spoke representing 350 Contra Costa, commented on the adopted Climate Action and Adaptation Plan and electrification of new construction.

John Gioia - announced planned upgrades to the Veterans building in El Cerrito and desire to explore with local groups to get more public use at the building, commented on vegetation management funds allocated by Contra Costa County.

Buddy Akacic - shared comments regarding former Councilmember Janet Abelson and desire to name a street after her, and announced the 1/26 2nd annual Janet Abelson walk.

Eyal Shahar - congratulated the new council members on their elections and commented on the need to keep a focus on reducing hate and divisiveness in El Cerrito.

Anne Ogonowski - commented regarding the work of Eddie Nodel in responsiveness and service to the residence, and challenges with street parking near intersections.

## **6. PRESENTATIONS**

### **A. Induction of Patricia Durham into the El Cerrito Wall of Fame**

**Action Proposed:** Adopt a Resolution to induct Patricia Durham into the El Cerrito Wall of Fame, as directed by the City Council on October 1, 2024.

**Contact:** Holly M. Charléty, City Clerk, City Management  
**Public Comments:**

Police Chief/Resident Paul Keith, Former Mayor Rudnick, Mina Wilson, John Gioia, Cotton Blake, Harpreet Singh as representative of Congressman John Garamendi, Ken Jones, Evelyn Mitchell, William McDaniel, Former Mayor Leticia Moore, Michele Jackson - provided accolades and congratulations to Patricia on her induction.

**Moved/Seconded:** Mayor Pro Tem Quinto/Councilmember Saltzman  
**Action:** Approved Resolution No. 2025-01. **Ayes:** Mayor Wysinger, Mayor Pro Tem Quinto, Councilmember Ktsanes, Councilmember

**Saltzman Noes: None Absent:** Councilmember Motoyama Council

City Council recessed from 7:34 PM to 7:39 PM.

**B. A3 Contra Costa Presentation**

**Action Proposed:** Receive and file a brief presentation on services and response provided to El Cerrito.

**Contact:** Debbie Thomas, MH Program Manager; Eric Jackson, Supervisor, A3 Contra Costa

This item was pulled from the agenda and will be rescheduled for a future date.

**C. Contra Costa Library Commissioner Update**

**Action Proposed:** Receive and file a brief update on items and activities related to the Contra Costa County Library Commission from El Cerrito representatives.

**Contact:** Michael Fischer, Contra Costa County Library Commissioner; Bethany Woods, Contra Costa County Library Commissioner (Alternate)

**Presentation and Discussion:** Presenters and staff responded to comments and questions raised by members of the council regarding maximum additional hours, cities in the county that are at the maximum allowable sales tax, use of Measure X funds for additional hours.

**Action:** Received and filed

**D. Auditor Presentation on FY 2023-24 Financial Statements**

**Action Proposed:** Receive and file a presentation on the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 basic financial statements

**Contact:** Sheldon Chavan CPA, Managing Partner, Chavan & Associates LLP

**Presentation and Discussion:** Presenters and staff responded to comments and questions raised by members of the council regarding follow up discussion on the report, and factors in long term debt interest decline.

**Action:** Received and filed

**7. ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR**

*All items on the consent calendar shall be acted upon in one motion, unless a member of the City Council or staff request separate consideration.*

**Moved/Seconded:** Councilmember Saltzman/Mayor Pro Tem Quinto  
**Action:** Approved items A, B, C, and D on the consent calendar as indicated below. **Ayes:** Mayor Wysinger, Mayor Pro Tem Quinto, Councilmember Ktsanes, Councilmember Saltzman **Noes:** None **Absent:** Councilmember Motoyama

**A. Lunar New Year Proclamation**

**Action Proposed:** Pass a motion to approve a proclamation recognizing the cultural and historical significance of Lunar New Year in the City of El Cerrito.

**Contact:** Shannon Bassi, Senior Human Resources Manager, City Management

**Action:** Approved proclamation

**B. Board, Commission, and Committee Workplan(s) and/or Accomplishments**

**Action Proposed:** Receive and file adopted workplan(s) and accomplishments from applicable Boards, Commissions, and Committees of the City.

- Park and Recreation Commission Workplan (FY24/25-25/26)
- Park and Recreation Commission Accomplishments (FY23/24)

**Contact:** Holly M. Charléty, City Clerk, City Management

**Action:** Received and filed

**C. FY 2024-25 Second Quarter Cash and Investment Report**

**Action Proposed:** Receive and file the City's Second Quarter Cash and Investment Report for the period October 31, 2024 to December 31, 2024.

**Contact:** Crystal Reams, Finance Director/City Treasurer, Finance Department

**Action:** Received and filed

**D. Monthly Disbursement and Check Register Report for December 2024**

**Action Proposed:** Receive and file the Monthly Disbursement and Check Register Report for the month of December 2024.

**Contact:** Crystal Reams, Finance Director/City Treasurer, Finance Department

**Action:** Received and filed

**E. Spending Authority for SSP Data, CentralSquare and Dell Expected to Exceed \$45,000 for FY 2024-25**

**Action Proposed:** Adopt a resolution approving spending authority for vendors expected to exceed \$45,000 in Fiscal Year 2024-25.

**Contact:** Eric Ng, Information Technology Manager, City Management  
This item was pulled from the agenda and will be rescheduled for a future date.

**F. Professional Services Agreement with Strategic Economics to Complete a Priority Development Area Economic Development and Affordable Housing Financial Analysis and Implementation Strategy**

**Action Proposed:** Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Strategic Economics to complete an Economic Development and Affordable Housing Analysis and Implementation Strategy for an amount not to exceed \$100,000 and authorize a contingency amount not to exceed 10% of the contract amount, for a total not to exceed \$110,000.

**Contact:** Aissia Ashoori, Housing-Economic Development Manager; Melanie Mintz, Community Development Director, Community Development Department

**Moved/Seconded:** Councilmember Saltzman/Mayor Pro Tem Quinto

**Action:** Approved Resolution No. 2025-02 **Ayes:** Mayor Wysinger, Mayor Pro Tem Quinto, Councilmember Saltzman **Noes:** None **Abstain:** Councilmember Ktsanes **Absent:** Councilmember Motoyama

**8. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**9. POLICY MATTERS**

**10. CITY COUNCIL LOCAL & REGIONAL LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS** *Mayor and City Council communications regarding local and regional liaison assignments, committee reports, and any required reporting under AB 1234 for meetings (as defined by the Brown Act) attended at the public's expense.*

*Mayor Pro Tem Quinto - announced upcoming meetings as a Board Member of Cal Cities.*

**A. 2025 Local Liaison Assignments**

*The Mayor will announce the 2025 City Council Liaison Assignments to City Boards, Commissions, and Committees and to Regional Bodies.*

*Mayor Pro Tem Quinto requested removal as alternate for WCCTAC, Mayor Wysinger named as the replacement.*

**11. ADJOURN REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

*The regular meeting adjourned at 8:26 PM in memory of community members*

Jean Thompson and Kelly Jo Gould.

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Carolyn Wysinger, Mayor

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the City Council meeting of January 21, 2025 as approved by the El Cerrito City Council.

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Holly M. Charléty, MMC, City Clerk

**EL CERRITO CITY COUNCIL PROCLAMATION**  
**Recognizing Jean Thompson for Her Decades of Service to**  
**the El Cerrito Farmers Market**

WHEREAS, the Farmers Market at El Cerrito Plaza opened for business on July 19, 1994, as a market certified by the State of California Department of Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, Jean Thompson began her tenure as manager of the Farmers Market in 1999, serving customers at El Cerrito Plaza on Tuesdays and Saturdays for nearly 30 years; and

WHEREAS, the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce became the sponsor of the Farmers Market in 2012; and

WHEREAS, Jean Thompson dedicated her service to the community by partnering with farmers to deliver fresh local food options to El Cerrito; and

WHEREAS, Jean ensured that the market stayed consistent in providing quality fresh produce and fruit, sold by the friendly farmers that grew it who were beloved by customers and became like family; and

WHEREAS, on January 7, 2025, Jean Thompson passed away at the age of 83 years old; and

WHEREAS, Jean is survived by her husband Don Inferrera, who will oversee the Farmers Market until a new manager is selected; and

WHEREAS, the City Council adjourned its meeting on January 21, 2025 in Jean's memory, honoring her life and service.

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of El Cerrito does hereby salute Jean Thompson for her decades of service to the community providing locally grown, fresh, seasonal vegetables and fruits while also supporting small businesses, and sends condolences to her husband Don, family, friends, colleagues, and all that knew her.

Dated: February 18, 2025

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Carolyn Wysinger, Mayor

**EL CERRITO CITY COUNCIL PROCLAMATION**  
**Recognizing Well Grounded Tea & Coffee on Its 20th Anniversary**

WHEREAS, El Cerrito business owners and husband-and-wife duo, Kevin O'Neal and Jenny Komaromi, planted roots and invested in El Cerrito; and

WHEREAS, Kevin and Jenny opened Well Grounded Tea & Coffee in February 2005 at 6925 Stockon Avenue, just one year after launching their boutique shop Jenny K. Gifts; and

WHEREAS, Well Grounded Tea & Coffee serves an array of organic and locally sourced food, beverages, beer and wine to El Cerritans and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Well Grounded Tea & Coffee celebrated 20 years in El Cerrito on February 8, 2025, at their Valentine's Making Party; and

WHEREAS, neighbors build community connections while visiting Well Grounded Tea & Coffee for food and beverages.

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of El Cerrito does hereby celebrate Well Grounded Tea & Coffee for its twenty years of business and recognizes its success as a valuable small local business.

Dated: February 18, 2025

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Carolyn Wysinger, Mayor



## AGENDA BILL

Agenda Item No. 7.D.

**Date:** February 18, 2025  
**To:** El Cerrito City Council  
**From:** Christina Leard, Management Analyst III and Amelia Timbers, Operations and Environmental Services Division Manager, Public Works Department; Yvetteh Ortiz, Public Works Director/City Engineer  
**Subject:** Environmental Quality Committee Reappointment Recommendation

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### ACTION PROPOSED

Approve an Environmental Quality Committee recommendation to reappoint Pamela Austin and Sheila Tarbet to the Environmental Quality Committee, effective March 1, 2025.

### BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

In November 2024 and January 2025, the City received applications for reappointment to the Environmental Quality Committee (EQC) from Pamela Austin and Sheila Tarbet. The Committee conducted informal interviews during the January 14, 2025 meeting and subsequently voted unanimously to recommend Ms. Austin and Ms. Tarbet's EQC reappointments to the City Council.

Ms. Austin has served on the EQC since 2023 and has been a resident of El Cerrito for 20 years. She has been an active committee participant and served on ad-hoc subcommittees. Ms. Austin is a member of the El Cerrito Trail Trekkers and El Cerrito Garden Club, and is also a Contra Costa Master Gardener.

Ms. Tarbet has served on the EQC since 2018 and has been a resident of El Cerrito for 40 years. She has been an active committee participant and served on ad-hoc subcommittees. Ms. Tarbet is the Policy Committee Co-Chair for Elders Climate Action, a national organization, and also the Climate Justice Committee Chair for the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley (in Kensington).

If the City Council approves this recommendation, the number of Committee members will be 11 out of a possible membership total of 15.

### STRATEGIC PLAN CONSIDERATIONS

This action supports the [City's Strategic Plan Goal\(s\)](#) of:

- *Livability and Belonging; and*
- *Environmental Sustainability.*

## **ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS**

The EQC supports the City in developing programs and policies that help protect the local environment (e.g., Expanded Foodware Ordinance), while also engaging in activities that have a direct impact on environmental quality (e.g., volunteer litter and creek cleanups).

## **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

This section is not applicable to this agenda item.

## **LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

This section is not applicable to this agenda item.

### **Reviewed by:**



Karen Pinkos, City Manager

### **Attachments:**

Application(s) on file with the City Clerk.



## AGENDA BILL

Agenda Item No. 7.E.

**Date:** February 18, 2025  
**To:** El Cerrito City Council  
**From:** Stephen Prée, Environmental Programs Manager/City Arborist and Amelia Timbers, Operations + Environmental Services Division Manager, Public Works Department; and Yvetteh Ortiz, Public Works Director/City Engineer  
**Subject:** Urban Forest Committee Appointment Recommendations

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### ACTION PROPOSED

Approve an Urban Forest Committee recommendation to reappoint Jennifer Kaczor and Robin Mitchell, and to appoint Randi Jimenez to the Urban Forest Committee effective March 1, 2025.

### BACKGROUND/ ANALYSIS

In January 2025, the City received applications for reappointment to the Urban Forest Committee (UFC) from Jennifer Kaczor and Robin Mitchell. During the January 13, 2025, UFC meeting, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend to the City Council each of their reappointments. The City also received application for appointment to the UFC from Randi Jiménez in November 2024. During the February 10, 2025, meeting, the UFC interviewed the applicant and voted to recommend to the Council the appointment of Randi Jiménez.

Jennifer Kaczor has served on the UFC since May 2021. She has actively participated in UFC meetings, as well as planning and organizing the UFC work plan and activities, serving on ad-hoc subcommittees, and locating resources. Ms. Kaczor has lived in El Cerrito for four years and also serves on the City's Park and Recreation Commission. Ms. Kaczor and Robin Mitchell (below) helped the City locate and apply for a State Coastal Conservancy Grant to fund the Hillside Natural Area Fire Resilience and Forest Conservation Management Plan. Ms. Kaczor is particularly interested in being involved and aware of the next phases of the HNA plan.

Robin Mitchell has served on the UFC since September 2019, during which time she served terms as Chair and as Vice Chair. Ms. Mitchell has been an active participant in planning UFC activities, serving on ad-hoc subcommittees, and adding her perspective as a native plant and ecology enthusiast. Ms. Mitchell has lived in El Cerrito for 23 years. During this time, she has demonstrated her commitment to serving the community through her two terms on the City's Park and Recreation Commission, her work with the El Cerrito Community Garden Network and the El Cerrito Garden Club, as well as her service on the UFC. Ms. Mitchell is a U.C. Master Gardener of Contra Costa County, and co-edits the El Cerrito Garden Club newsletter. Ms. Mitchell believes that a healthy urban forest contributes to the goals set forth in the City's Climate Action and Adaption Plan to combat global warming.

Ms. Mitchell, along with UFC member Ms. Kaczor, as noted above, was instrumental in locating and helping apply for a State Coastal Conservancy Grant to fund the Hillside Natural Area Fire Resilience and Forest Conservation Management Plan. Robin Mitchell is extremely interested in seeing the implementation of the HNA plan, and she believes that managing a healthy ecosystem in the El Cerrito Hillside Natural Area will improve fire safety.

Randi Jiménez has been a resident of El Cerrito for five years. As a new applicant to the UFC, Ms Jiménez informed herself of the workings of the UFC by attending three consecutive meetings, which has solidified her candidacy for appointment. Ms. Jiménez has a Bachelor of Science degree in plant sciences, and a Masters of Science degree in horticulture and agronomy. She holds a Ph.D. in Horticulture, and is a former National Science Foundation Fellow. As a horticulturalist, Randi Jiménez recognizes the important functions of trees and is interested in promoting the use of ecologically appropriate tree species.

If the City Council approves this recommendation, the number of UFC members on March 1, 2025, will be 7 out of a possible membership total of 15.

#### Youth Appointment

While City Council does not appoint youth members, the Committee would like to share with the City Council that they also received a youth application from Akhil Iyer in December 2024. During the February 10, 2025 meeting, the UFC interviewed and appointed Akhil to serve as the UFC's youth member. Akhil Iyer is a nine-year resident of El Cerrito and a student at El Cerrito High School, where he is a member of the Key Club and the Hiking Club. He has attended three UFC meetings and has expressed interest in volunteering for Arbor Week and other UFC activities. Mr. Iyer is interested in serving on the UFC for three reasons: his keen interest in ecosystems, gaining experience as he considers a career in ecology, his passion for his home in El Cerrito, and his obligation to serve it.

## **STRATEGIC PLAN CONSIDERATIONS**

This action supports the [City's Strategic Plan Goal\(s\)](#) of:

- *Livability and Belonging*
- *Infrastructure and Amenities*
- *Environmental Sustainability*

The work of the Urban Forest Committee is instrumental in helping the City achieve the El Cerrito Strategic Plan Goals to “*Promote a high quality of life and sense of community for current and future generations*”, “*Advance climate focused, sustainable infrastructure efforts that have community benefit*”, and to “*Promote environmental sustainability and stewardship by engaging in initiatives that reduce our carbon footprint, conserve natural resources, and foster a culture of environmental responsibility*.”

## **ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS**

As stated in its enabling Resolution 2007-96, the UFC was established to assist the City in its “stewardship of its urban forest, including establishing a citywide commitment to a healthy, growing forest, and creating a coordinated, high quality forestry management program.” A healthy urban forest contributes to human health and comfort, wildlife habitat, carbon sequestration, improved air quality, the production of oxygen, reduction of the heat-island-effect, and storm-water runoff reduction.

## **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

This section is not applicable to this agenda item.

## **LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

This section is not applicable to this agenda item.

### **Reviewed by:**



Karen Pinkos, City Manager

### **Attachments:**

Application(s) on file with the City Clerk



**Date:** February 18, 2025  
**To:** El Cerrito City Council  
**From:** Community Safety Committee  
**Subject:** Receive and file Advisory Body Recommendation(s)

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### **ACTION PROPOSED**

Receive and file a recommendation from the Community Safety Committee.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

On February 3, 2025 the Community Safety Committee made the following recommendation to City Council:

To make the pilot program of restricting parking to one side of the street on certain streets during red flag days permanent.

**Moved/Second:** Members (Dolgonas/Esquivel) **Ayes:** Members (Bashor, Dolgonas, Gager, Guest, and Esquivel) **Noes:** None **Absent:** Members (Cobb/Hickman)

### **ASSOCIATED WORKPLAN GOAL(S)/AREA(S) OF RESPONSIBILITY**

1. Public safety

### **Attachment(s):**

Memorandum written by Community Safety Committee Vice-Chair James Dolgonas to the committee members.

December 30, 2024

To: Community Safety Committee (CSC)

From: Jim Dolgnas

Re: No Parking on Red Flag Days

Sue and Paul Duncan from Make El Cerrito Fire Safe (MECFS) presented to the CSC at the November meeting. During the presentation Sue briefly reviewed work by MECFS, the Fire Department and Public Works to implement a pilot project to restrict parking on several streets during Red Flag days.

Any of us who were in the Bay Area during the Oakland Hills fire are well aware of how parking on the narrow streets in the hills restricted emergency vehicles from accessing the area as well as residents from leaving the area. The Community Safety Committee should not want the same things to happen in El Cerrito.

Parking restrictions on red flag days are becoming more common in areas of high fire severity zones, such as much of El Cerrito. Several communities are far further along in implementation than is El Cerrito, with Pasadena and Los Angeles, being two of the largest. We are not the first ones to recognize the need implement parking restrictions on red flag days.

During 2024 a red flag day parking pilot project was conducted. The City identified, with the assistance of MECFS, several narrow streets to be part of the pilot. This included King and Contra Costa from King Court to Madera School, Rifle Range from Belview Court to the end and Terrance between Arlington and Leneve.

El Cerrito Public Works placed A frames with no parking signage at the entrance to each street involved in the pilot. MECFS supported this project by placing leaflets on vehicles parked on these streets on red flag days to provide notice that the vehicles should be moved off the street. The pilot was quite successful in that most of the vehicles were moved after having received the notices; most of those vehicles that were not moved were from construction or utility companies, vehicles that could likely be moved in a real emergency because the drivers would be nearby. However, as a pilot there were no permanent signs used to identify areas where no parking was to occur on red flag days. As a result, many of the signs on the A frames faded and needed to be replaced. And, during Red Flag days, many of the A frames blew over in the high winds, necessitating multiple visits from Public Works.

The Community Safety Committee should recommend that the areas where the pilot was conducted become permanent, with permanent signage to address the weather-related problems with signage. And the City, with the help of MECFS, should identify additional streets to be included in a pilot in 2025. This process, implementation of a pilot with temporary signs followed by permanent signage should be followed until all narrow streets have permanent red flag parking restriction signs.

One change from the 2024 pilot should be the City providing during fire season written notice to residences on affected streets the possibility of restricted parking and how residents can be informed when red flag days are declared. Another possible addition from 2024 would be placing large red flag day banners on various City properties.



## AGENDA BILL

Agenda Item No. 7.G.

**Date:** February 18, 2025  
**To:** El Cerrito City Council  
**From:** Crystal Reams, Finance Director/City Treasurer, Finance Department  
**Subject:** Monthly Disbursement and Check Register Report for January 2025

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### ACTION PROPOSED

Receive and file the Monthly Disbursement and Check Register Report for the month of January 2025.

### BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

California Government Code, Title 4. Government of Cities, Division 3, Part 3, Chapter 3, Section 41004 states, "Regularly, at least once each month, the city treasurer shall submit to the city clerk a written report and accounting of all receipts, disbursements, and fund balances. The city treasurer shall file a copy with the legislative body." In addition, the City's Comprehensive Financial Policy, Item 5.1 Accounting Standards indicates the City's accounting and financial reporting systems shall be maintained in conformance with all state and federal laws.

- Month ending January 31, 2025, reflecting 287 Accounts Payable General Warrant Nos. 91870 through 92156, 37 ACH/EFT transactions, and 569 payroll-related checks and EFTs for a grand total of \$4,851,481.07.

### STRATEGIC PLAN CONSIDERATIONS

The City's Comprehensive Financial Policy, which includes ensuring policies, procedures, and systems represent best practices in financial management, is aligned with requirements referenced in California Government Code, Title 4, Chapter 3, Section 41004.

This action supports the [City's Strategic Plan Goal\(s\)](#) of:

- *High Performing Organization* by ensuring the City maintains a strong financial position and a high-performing organization where employees feel a sense of inclusion and belonging.

### ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

This section is not applicable to this agenda item.

## **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

There is no fiscal impact associated with acceptance of the Monthly Disbursement and Check Register Report.

## **LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

This section is not applicable to this agenda item.

### **Reviewed by:**



Karen Pinkos, City Manager

### **Attachments:**

1. Monthly Payment Register January 2025

# Payment Register

From Payment Date: 1/1/2025 - To Payment Date: 1/31/2025

Number	Date	Status	Void Reason	Reconciled/ Voided Date	Source	Payee Name	Description	Transaction Amount
<b>Accounts Payable - Checks</b>								
<u>Check</u>								
91870	01/09/2025	Open			Accounts Payable	4LEAF, INC.	PLAN REVIEW/TECHNICAL SVC - SOLAR, 08/01/24-08/31/24	\$8,687.80
91871	01/09/2025	Open			Accounts Payable	ALAMEDA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT	FD 32 REPAIRS	\$11,284.42
91872	01/09/2025	Open			Accounts Payable	ALL STAR FIRE EQUIPMENT, INC.	NEW E51 PARTS	\$2,178.90
91873	01/09/2025	Open			Accounts Payable	BAY AREA NEWS GROUP EAST BAY	PUBLIC HEARINGS	\$188.18
91874	01/09/2025	Open			Accounts Payable	BERKHEIMER LABOR RELATIONS, LLC	MOU AND LABOR CONTRACT 4TH QTR 2024	\$9,250.00
91875	01/09/2025	Open			Accounts Payable	BERTRAND, FOX, ELLIOT, OSMAN & WENZEL LLP	PERSONNEL MATTER	\$2,307.50
91876	01/09/2025	Open			Accounts Payable	BLUECOSMO	FD SATELLITE PHONES 01/01-01/31/25	\$133.90
91877	01/09/2025	Open			Accounts Payable	BROWN, KRISTEN, L.	ART & WELLNESS NOV 2024	\$147.00
91878	01/09/2025	Open			Accounts Payable	CHILDCARE CAREERS, LLC	FAIRMONT CHILDCARE TEMPS	\$2,436.80
91879	01/09/2025	Open			Accounts Payable	CITY OF OAKLEY	MAYORS CONFERENCE	\$140.00
91880	01/09/2025	Open			Accounts Payable	DATA TICKET, INC.	BUILDING & SAFETY	\$400.00
91881	01/09/2025	Open			Accounts Payable	DIEGO TRUCK REPAIR	F550 REPAIRS	\$1,711.62
91882	01/09/2025	Open			Accounts Payable	EBMUD	EBMUD 10/11/24-12/11/24	\$7,061.34
91883	01/09/2025	Open			Accounts Payable	ENGBERG, GERI	HASEP & MASEP IMPROV S1 2024	\$3,686.42
91884	01/09/2025	Open			Accounts Payable	FEDEX	SHIPPING FOR E51 HOSE	\$1,987.25
91885	01/09/2025	Open			Accounts Payable	FUJIWARA, PATTY	OPEN CERAMICS MON AFTERNOON NOV 2024	\$1,146.40
91886	01/09/2025	Open			Accounts Payable	GARDA CL WEST,INC.	ARMORED TRANSPORT SVC - JAN25	\$294.30
91887	01/09/2025	Open			Accounts Payable	IBRAHIM, JASON	REAL PROPERTY TAX REBATE FOR 5332 ROSALIND AVE	\$1,800.00
91888	01/09/2025	Open			Accounts Payable	J & O'S COMMERCIAL TIRE CENTER	E65 TIRE REPAIR	\$354.34
91889	01/09/2025	Open			Accounts Payable	JAFFE, SCOT	OPEN CERAMICS THUR NOV 2024	\$280.80
91890	01/09/2025	Open			Accounts Payable	JONES, HIROMI	HATHA YOGA NOV 2024	\$576.00
91891	01/09/2025	Open			Accounts Payable	KNORR SYSTEMS, INC.	HEATER DOOR	\$565.31
91892	01/09/2025	Open			Accounts Payable	L.N. CURTIS & SONS	ANNUAL HURST MAINTENANCE	\$5,510.20
91893	01/09/2025	Open			Accounts Payable	LEAF	SOPHOS LICENSING LEASE PAYMENT	\$1,300.43
91894	01/09/2025	Open			Accounts Payable	LEARD, CHRISTINA	MILEAGE AND MEAL REIMBURSEMENT	\$208.28
91895	01/09/2025	Open			Accounts Payable	MCAVOY, IAN	THANKSGIVING LEGO CAMPS 2024	\$4,428.00
91896	01/09/2025	Open			Accounts Payable	MERCURIO BROS. PRINTING, INC,	WADE BUSINESS CARDS	\$92.17
91897	01/09/2025	Open			Accounts Payable	OROLOGAS, ALEXANDRA	MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT JUL-DEC 2024	\$283.94
91898	01/09/2025	Open			Accounts Payable	PASTIME HARDWARE	CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES	\$78.18
91899	01/09/2025	Open			Accounts Payable	PAYMENTUS CORPORATION	CREDIT CARD PROCESSING FEES NOV 2024	\$3,209.41
91900	01/09/2025	Open			Accounts Payable	PLACEWORKS	SAFETY ELEMENT UPDATE SVC 11/01-11/30/24	\$5,434.66
91901	01/09/2025	Open			Accounts Payable	PLAZA AUTO SERVICE INC	08 CHEVROLET SILVERADO HEADLIGHT BULB HEATER HOSE FILTER !	\$3,351.56
91902	01/09/2025	Open			Accounts Payable	RIVERA, NICOLE	WOMEN'S FBW DEC24	\$240.00
91903	01/09/2025	Open			Accounts Payable	STERICYCLE, INC.	MEDICAL WASTE	\$814.36
91904	01/09/2025	Open			Accounts Payable	SUPERION, LLC	SOLAR APP + INTEGRATION WITH CD	\$486.00
91905	01/09/2025	Open			Accounts Payable	TRB AND ASSOCIATES, INC.	TECHNICAL/PLAN REVIEW SVCS 11/1-11/30/24	\$29,927.30
91906	01/09/2025	Open			Accounts Payable	TRIPEPI SMITH AND ASSOCIATES, INC.	COMMUNICATION SUPPORT	\$3,750.00
91907	01/09/2025	Open			Accounts Payable	TWO BROTHERS POOL & SPA, INC	OCT24 SVC & REAGENTS + SUMP PUMP	\$4,256.60
91908	01/09/2025	Open			Accounts Payable	Urban37, Inc.	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES -STAFFING	\$14,400.00
91909	01/09/2025	Open			Accounts Payable	WILLDAN FINANCIAL SERVICES	CITYWIDE COST ALLOCATION PLAN & CONPREHENSIVE STUDY 10/2	\$3,221.00
91910	01/09/2025	Open			Accounts Payable	ROSA DLC/TESLA	CANCEL PERMIT REFUND PERMIT PAYMENT	\$355.95
91911	01/16/2025	Open			Accounts Payable	24 HOUR FITNESS USA, LLC	GYM MEMBERSHIP	\$503.86
91912	01/16/2025	Open			Accounts Payable	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC.	TOOLS & EQUIPMENT	\$87.73
91913	01/16/2025	Open			Accounts Payable	AT&T	COPPER LAND PHONE LINE FOR CITY STAFFS 11/12 - 12/11/2024	\$13,941.53
91914	01/16/2025	Open			Accounts Payable	AVILA PROJECT MANAGEMENT	2023 MISC STORM DRAIN REPAIRS	\$7,693.00
91915	01/16/2025	Open			Accounts Payable	BERKHEIMER LABOR RELATIONS, LLC	MOU AND LABOR CONTRACT 1ST QTR 2025	\$10,000.00
91916	01/16/2025	Open			Accounts Payable	CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS COMMISSION	CBSC FEES FY2024-25 Q2	\$486.04

# Payment Register

**From Payment Date: 1/1/2025 - To Payment Date: 1/31/2025**

91917	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION	SMIP FEES FY2025 Q2	\$1,183.71
91918	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	CALIFORNIA PUBLIC POLICY GROUP INC.	GRANT WRITING & LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY DEC 2024	\$6,500.00
91919	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	CHILDCARE CAREERS, LLC	FAIRMONT TEMP	\$5,656.60
91920	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	COIT	ANNUAL FLOOR CLEANING PORTOLA CLUBHOUSE	\$10,005.00
91921	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	DIABLO TROPHIES & AWARDS	CITY COUNCIL GENERAL SUPPLIES	\$16.98
91922	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	DIEGO TRUCK REPAIR	355 REPAIRS	\$2,688.77
91923	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	DIVISION OF STATE ARCHITECT	DISABILITY ACCESS & EDU FEE FOR Q4 2024	\$117.60
91924	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	EAST BAY BLUE PRINT & SUPPLY CO.	HP SERVICE DEC 2024	\$75.00
91925	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	EBMUD	EBMUD 10/29/-1/2/2025	\$9,392.27
91926	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	FAILSAFE TESTING LLC	LADDER REPAIR	\$530.00
91927	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	FJ&I ENGINEERING, INC.	STORM DRIAN REPAIRS	\$12,000.00
91928	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	FRASER & ASSOCIATES	PREPARE ROPS FOR 25-26	\$1,200.00
91929	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	HdL Companies	TRANSACTION TAX (OCT - DEC24) TAC 60174	\$600.00
91930	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	IRON MOUNTAIN	OFF-SITE RECORDS STORAGE	\$740.15
91931	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	JOE FARRELL PAVING & GRADING	REFUND ENCROACHMENT BOND & FEE FOR PW24-0658	\$2,305.00
91932	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	KASSIRER ENTERTAINMENT COMPANY	HASEP SPORTS S1 2024	\$5,551.00
91933	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	KENNEDY, GREG, C	DEC EMS REVIEW	\$2,000.00
91934	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	KREISBERG LAW FIRM	LEGAL SERVICES 08.2024	\$1,491.00
91935	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	L.N. CURTIS & SONS	TURNOUT CLEANER	\$463.43
91936	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	MACK5	EL CERRITO CHURCH FACILITY NOV 2024	\$9,398.00
91937	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	MIDAS OF EL CERRITO	FD18 REPAIRS	\$6,171.29
91938	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	MITCHELL, BONNIE	AQUA ZUMBA DECEMBER DEC 2024	\$138.00
91939	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	NINYO & MOORE	GEOTECHNICAL SERVICES	\$1,719.00
91940	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	PACIFIC COAST AV	COUNCIL CHAMBERS AV DESIGN SERVICES	\$10,555.00
91941	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	PASTIME HARDWARE	LIGHT BULBS	\$285.26
91942	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	PREMIER GRAPHICS	BUSINESS CARDS	\$143.33
91943	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	RDH Building Science Inc,	EL CERRITO CITY HALL LEAK REPAIR	\$1,676.25
91944	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	RICOH USA, INC	LEASE PAYMENT DEC 2024	\$1,599.09
91945	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	RINGCENTRAL, INC.	VOIP PHONE SERVICE FOR CITY STAFFS	\$2,033.71
91946	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	SANTA'S LIGHTING EXPERT	HOLIDAY LIGHTS ON SAN PABLO AVE	\$4,400.00
91947	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	SLIM CHANCE CIRCUS	HASEP & FASEP CIRCUS S1 2024	\$4,200.00
91948	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	SUPERION, LLC	SOLARAPP + INTEGRATION PROJECT MANAGEMENT	\$162.00
91949	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	THE FLYING LOCKSMITHS - SAN JOSE	REPAIR 3 CITY HALL PUBLIC DOORS ON 1ST FLOOR	\$1,274.38
91950	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	THEIS ENGINEERING & ASSOCIATES	RICHMOND ST. COMPLETE STREETS PROJECT	\$9,813.00
91951	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	UNIVERSAL BUILDING SERVICE	JANITORIAL SERVICES -RECYCLE CENTER DEC 2024	\$6,001.00
91952	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	VERIZON WIRELESS	WIRELESS PHONE BILL 11/20-12/19/24	\$2,920.38
91953	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	WILLIAMS, LEWIS	MASEP DRAMA S1 2024	\$4,536.00
91954	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	WINFIELD CONSTRUCTION	BUILDING PERMIT FEE/CBSC FEE/SMIP FEE/EDUCATION FEE	\$768.76
91955	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	CARRION, DAMIEN	TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	\$1,530.35
91956	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	CASTREJON, JOSE	TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	\$1,000.00
91957	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	JONES, CHRIS	LIQUID EGGS FOR PANCAKE BREAKFAST	\$233.36
91958	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	BAKER, DORRICK	MLK ENTERTAINMENT 2025	\$250.00
91959	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	JONES, DONNELL, R	MLK ENTERTAINMENT 2025	\$50.00
91960	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	4LEAF, INC.	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES - STAFFING	\$40,918.90
91961	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	ADAMS SAFETY TRAINING	TEEN BABYSITTING CPR CLASS 10/14/24	\$1,200.00
91962	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	BAY AREA NEWS GROUP EAST BAY	PUBLIC NOTICES	\$339.50
91963	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	CALIFORNIA ROOFING CO., INC.	COMMUNITY CENTER ROOF REPAIR	\$22,896.50
91964	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	CITY OF RICHMOND	CAD	\$70,605.42
91965	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	COIT	CLEANING	\$1,770.00
91966	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	COLLER INDUSTRIES INC	LOCKER NAME	\$18.42

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91967	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	CONCENTRA MEDICAL CENTERS	MED EXAM	\$1,124.00
91968	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	CONTRA COSTA COUNTY SHERIFF	RENDITION	\$485.00
91969	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	CONTRA COSTA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	CLETS 24/25	\$2,090.21
91970	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	COPWARE, INC.	SUBSCRIPTION	\$815.00
91971	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	CORODATA SHREDDING INC.	SHREDDING NOV 2024	\$169.08
91972	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA	TELECOMMS	\$13,020.00
91973	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	CPS HR CONSULTING	RECRUITING	\$2,499.43
91974	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	CRIME SCENE CLEANERS, INC.	DISCONTAMINATE WRAP & CELL	\$390.00
91975	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	DOGFATHER K9 CONNECTIONS	K9 BOARDING	\$1,037.00
91976	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	DON'S TIRE SERVICE, INC.	R&R TWO TIRE CAR 2	\$886.28
91977	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	EBMUD	EBMUD 11/2-1/8/2025	\$465.34
91978	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	FORENSIC SERVICES DIVISION	FORENSICS 11/1-11/30/2024	\$421.26
91979	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	GILMAN STREET PRESS	BUSINESS CARDS	\$66.45
91980	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	GOLDEN GATE K9	K9 TRANING	\$1,350.00
91981	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	Green Halo Systems Inc,	HOSTING & MAINTENANCE DEC 2024	\$171.00
91982	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	HILLTOP FORD KIA	BRAKE PARTS CAR #29	\$366.27
91983	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	JACKSON, DOUGLAS, W.	CHESS BASICS DEC 2024	\$12.00
91984	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	JAFFE, SCOT	OPEN CERAMIC DEC 2024	\$187.20
91985	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	JONES, HIROMI	HATHA YOGA DEC 2024	\$588.00
91986	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	KINSEY, KATHRYNE ANN	BRIDGE DEC 2024	\$662.40
91987	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	KNORR SYSTEMS, INC.	CHLORINE	\$3,803.76
91988	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	L.N. CURTIS & SONS	TRAINING AMMO	\$876.78
91989	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	NAPA SOLANO S.A.N.E/S.A.R.T.	SART EXAM	\$4,800.00
91990	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	NBS	PROFESSIONAL SVCS 1/1-3/31/2025	\$5,890.23
91991	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	NORGE CLEANERS	DRY CLEANING DEC 2024	\$289.65
91992	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, LLC	SUPPLIES	\$184.28
91993	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	OIL CHANGERS	OIL CHANGE CAR 7	\$116.53
91994	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	PASTIME HARDWARE	STU 55 COFFEE STATION REPAIR	\$81.03
91995	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	PLAZA AUTO SERVICE INC	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	\$63.08
91996	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	PREMIER GRAPHICS	PRINTING/NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION	\$259.09
91997	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	R.S. HUGHES CO.	SCBA REPAIR	\$305.13
91998	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	RAMOS, STEPHANIE, R	ZUMBA CLASS DEC 2024	\$4,112.40
91999	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	REDWOOD PUBLIC LAW, LLP	1755 EASTSHORE (FORMER OSH SITE) LABOR	\$29,206.59
92000	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	RIVERA, NICOLE	WOMEN'S FBW DEC 2024	\$216.00
92001	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	STAPLES	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$448.17
92002	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	STATE OF CA DEPT OF JUSTICE	FINGER PRINTING NOV 2024	\$927.00
92003	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	STERICYCLE, INC.	SHREDDING SVCS	\$85.88
92004	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	SUPER SOCCER STARS	SUPER SOCCER STARS HASEP MASEP S1 SAT FALL 2024	\$12,583.20
92005	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	TWO BROTHERS POOL & SPA, INC	DEC24 SVC + CHEM/REAGENT	\$3,959.30
92006	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	CHUMP CHANGE RECORDS	MLK ENTERTAINMENT 2025	\$850.00
92007	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	Codany Holiday	MLK ENTERTAINMENT 2025	\$200.00
92008	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	OAKLAND BLACK COWBOY ASSOCIATION	MLK ENTERTAINMENT 2025	\$350.00
92009	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	TROTTER VIDEOGRAPHY	MLK ENTERTAINMENT 2025	\$350.00
92010	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	WAHRLICH, JOHN-TRACY	TRAINING PER DIEM	\$150.00
92011	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	ROSS, DALESIA	MLK ENTERTAINMENT	\$150.00
92012	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	RICHMOND HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND	MLK ENTERTAINMENT 2025	\$200.00
92013	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	ASHER, MALIK	OVERTIME MEALS JULY24-JAN2025	\$90.00
92014	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	BROSAS, DONOVAN	OVERTIME MEALS JULY24-JAN2025	\$180.00
92015	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	CHAND, NIRAJAN	OVERTIME MEALS JULY24-JAN2025	\$45.00
92016	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	CHATHA, PARDEEP	OVERTIME MEALS JULY24-JAN2025	\$30.00

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92017	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	CHOUJDJA, PATRICK	OVERTIME MEALS JULY24-JAN2025	\$180.00
92018	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	COOPER, PAUL	OVERTIME MEALS JULY24-JAN2025	\$135.00
92019	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	ELLIOTT, MARIELLE	OVERTIME MEALS JULY24-JAN2025	\$45.00
92020	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	HABASH, GEORGE	OVERTIME MEALS JULY24-JAN2025	\$150.00
92021	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	HASHIMOTO, KENNETH, J.	OVERTIME MEALS JULY24-JAN2025	\$240.00
92022	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	HUBBS, SIDNEY	OVERTIME MEALS JULY24-JAN2025	\$90.00
92023	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	KARKI, RAVI	OVERTIME MEALS JULY24-JAN2025	\$120.00
92024	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	KATANSKI, ALEXANDER	OVERTIME MEALS JULY24-JAN2025	\$150.00
92025	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	LEONE, AARON	OVERTIME MEALS JULY24-JAN2025	\$135.00
92026	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	MA, SANG	OVERTIME MEALS JULY24-JAN2025	\$255.00
92027	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	MEJIA, JUAN	OVERTIME MEALS JULY24-JAN2025	\$45.00
92028	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	OLIVIERI, MICHAEL	OVERTIME MEALS JULY24-JAN2025	\$255.00
92029	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	PERALES, EDWARD, J.	OVERTIME MEALS JULY24-JAN2025	\$135.00
92030	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	PORTILLO, JOANNA	OVERTIME MEALS JULY24-JAN2025	\$15.00
92031	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	PORTILLO, PATRICK	OVERTIME MEALS JULY24-JAN2025	\$120.00
92032	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	RAMOS-BANALES, ALICIA	OVERTIME MEALS JULY24-JAN2025	\$30.00
92033	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	RANDHAWA, ARISHDEEP	OVERTIME MEALS JULY24-JAN2025	\$165.00
92034	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	REYNOLDS, RYAN	OVERTIME MEALS JULY24-JAN2025	\$240.00
92035	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	RIZZO, JAMES	OVERTIME MEALS JULY24-JAN2025	\$150.00
92036	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	ROBERTS, ANTHONY	OVERTIME MEALS JULY24-JAN2025	\$45.00
92037	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	SEPE, WILLIAM	OVERTIME MEALS JULY24-JAN2025	\$45.00
92038	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	SREEKANTHAN, PRAVEEN	OVERTIME MEALS JULY24-JAN2025	\$30.00
92039	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	TANG, GILBERT	OVERTIME MEALS JULY24-JAN2025	\$570.00
92040	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	TRAC, RYAN, L.	OVERTIME MEALS JULY24-JAN2025	\$330.00
92041	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	TRAN, VICTOR	OVERTIME MEALS JULY24-JAN2025	\$30.00
92042	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	WENTWORTH, DAVID	OVERTIME MEALS JULY24-JAN2025	\$45.00
92043	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	WINTERS, CHRISTOPHER	OVERTIME MEALS JULY24-JAN2025	\$60.00
92044	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	ZHAO, ZITIAN	OVERTIME MEALS JULY24-JAN2025	\$120.00
92045	01/10/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	CALPERS LONG TERM CARE PROGRAM	PER3 - CALPERS Longterm Care Ins	\$39.66
92046	01/10/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	HEALTH CARE DENTAL TRUST	DEN1 - Dental 1*	\$17,767.35
92047	01/10/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	IAFF LOCAL 1230	DUE4 - UNION LOCAL 1230	\$5,470.60
92048	01/10/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	KAISET FOUNDATION HEALTH PLAN	K1 - Kaiser 1*	\$252,860.17
92049	01/10/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	LEGALSHIELD	LEGL - PRE-PAID LEGAL SRVC	\$153.50
92050	01/10/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	MUNICIPAL POOLING AUTHORITY	LIFE - Supp Life Insu. Inv# 920-39440_Jan 2025	\$14,218.22
92051	01/10/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	NATIONWIDE TRUST COMPANY, FSB	FHEA - Fire Health Savings Acct	\$18,175.00
92052	01/10/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	SEIU LOCAL 1021	COPE - VOLUNTARY COPE DEDUCTION*	\$1,959.99
92053	01/10/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	U.S. BANK - INSTITUTIONAL TRUST - W REGION	PAR - PARS - ARS 457*	\$1,205.36
92054	01/23/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	BARG COFFIN LEWIS & TRAPP, LLP	LEGAL FEES- MONSANTO SETTLEMENT	\$307.50
92055	01/23/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	BERTRAND, FOX, ELLIOT, OSMAN & WENZEL LLP	PERSONNEL MATTER FEE	\$2,778.75
92056	01/23/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	CIVICPLUS, LLC	PD WEBSITE	\$2,160.22
92057	01/23/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	CONCORD UNIFORMS	UNIFORMS	\$1,076.15
92058	01/23/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	CORODATA SHREDDING INC.	SHREDDING SVCS DEC 2024	\$131.96
92059	01/23/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	CRIME SCENE CLEANERS, INC.	DECON CAR 2	\$260.00
92060	01/23/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	DIEGO TRUCK REPAIR	E51 REPAIRS	\$2,176.29
92061	01/23/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	DON'S TIRE SERVICE, INC.	TPMS SENSOR X2 CAR 36	\$540.63
92062	01/23/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	EBMUD	EBMUD 11/2-1/8/2025	\$5,738.01
92063	01/23/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	EHSD-CC SENIOR NUTRITION	CAFE COSTA SENIOR LUNCH PROGRAM CONTRIBUTION REIMB NOV	\$475.57
92064	01/23/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	FOLSOM LAKE FORD	POLICE ADMIN VEHICLE	\$297,694.99
92065	01/23/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	FUJIWARA, PATTY	OPEN CERAMICS MON EVENING DEC 2024	\$732.40
92066	01/23/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	GABRIEL, BARBARA, A.	ADULT BALLET DEC 2024	\$349.20

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92067	01/23/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	General Pacific, Inc.	DJI MAVIC PRONE	\$7,603.94
92068	01/23/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	GILMAN STREET PRESS	BUSINESS CARDS	\$332.25
92069	01/23/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	KAIser PERMANENTE	MEDICAL/PHYSICAL (CIAPPARA)	\$819.00
92070	01/23/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	KI RESEARCH INSTITUTE	AIKIDO DEC 2024	\$360.00
92071	01/23/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	L.N. CURTIS & SONS	LITHIUM BATTERIES	\$108.73
92072	01/23/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	OIL CHANGERS	OIL CHANGE CAR 13	\$795.10
92073	01/23/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	PLAZA AUTO SERVICE INC	05 FORD RANGER	\$2,147.71
92074	01/23/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	PREFERRED ALLIANCE, INC.	PRE EMPLOYMENT SCREENING	\$120.00
92075	01/23/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	R.S. HUGHES CO.	SCBA PARTS REPAIR	\$608.92
92076	01/23/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	RILE, KATHRYN	OPEN CERAMIC OCT, NOV & DEC 2024	\$1,879.20
92077	01/23/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	SAME DAY SIGNS	REC DECALS	\$208.53
92078	01/23/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	SHAHKAR, MEHRAN	STRENGTH & BALANCE DEC 2024	\$798.00
92079	01/23/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	STERICYCLE, INC.	HAZARDOUS MATERIALS	\$191.45
92080	01/23/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	SUPERION, LLC	CS COMMUNITY DEV ADV SAAS ANNUAL 4 LICENSE RENEWAL	\$8,400.00
92081	01/23/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	THE GLENN CUSTOM FRAMING	WALL OF FAME FRAMING 2024 DURHAM	\$283.82
92082	01/23/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	TRIPEPI SMITH AND ASSOCIATES, INC.	COMMUNICATION SUPPORT	\$3,750.00
92083	01/23/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	VERMONT SYSTEMS, INC.	DECEMBER 2024 HOSTING SERVICES	\$8,047.72
92084	01/23/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	POSTMASTER	POSTAGE FOR RECREATION SUMMER CAMP 2025	\$2,500.00
92085	01/23/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	DANKERT, CHRISTOPHER	ARLINGTON PICNIC DEPOSIT	\$60.00
92086	01/24/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	CALPERS LONG TERM CARE PROGRAM	PER3 - CALPERS Longterm Care Ins	\$47.58
92087	01/24/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	EL CERRITO FIRE DEPT MGMT GRP	MGT1 - FIRE DEPT MGMT GROUP	\$50.00
92088	01/24/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	EL CERRITO PUBLIC SFTY EE MGMT	MGT2 - SAFETY EMPLOYEE MGMT GROUP	\$693.00
92089	01/24/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	FIRE ASSOCIATION	DUE2 - FIRE ASSN DUES	\$510.00
92090	01/24/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	LIFE INSURANCE OF NORTH AMERICA	ACCD - Accidental Death & Dismembermt	\$61.00
92091	01/24/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	POLICE ASSN.	DUE1 - POLICE ASSN DUES	\$5,795.25
92092	01/24/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	PRO FIREFIGHTERS ASSN DUES	DUE3 - EC PRO FIREFIGHTERS DUES	\$290.00
92093	01/24/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	SEIU LOCAL 1021	COPE - VOLUNTARY COPE DEDUCTION*	\$1,970.89
92094	01/24/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	U.S. BANK - INSTITUTIONAL TRUST - W REGION	PAR - PARS - ARS 457*	\$2,724.22
92095	01/24/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	BESS TESTLAB, INC.	RELEASE OF BONDS - JAN 2025 PART 1-	\$10,176.00
92096	01/24/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	CABLECOM	RELEASE OF BONDS - JAN 2025 PART 1- JB1745643	\$792.00
92097	01/24/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	CABLECOM	RELEASE OF BONDS - JAN 2025 PART 1-	\$3,168.65
92098	01/24/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	EBMUD	EBMUD 11/6/24-1/9/2025	\$1,345.32
92099	01/24/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	EVEREST PLUMBING & DRAIN	RELEASE OF BONDS - JAN 2025 PART 1-	\$1,871.00
92100	01/24/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	FORENSIC SERVICES DIVISION	FORENSICS 11/1-11/30/2024	\$3,225.00
92101	01/24/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	KAIser PERMANENTE	PRE EMPLOYMENT PHYSICALS	\$1,207.00
92102	01/24/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	LARRIETA SANITATION CONSTRUCTION	RELEASE OF BONDS - JAN 2025 PART 1-	\$1,799.12
92103	01/24/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	PG&E	RELEASE OF BONDS - JAN 2025 PART 1-	\$7,290.00
92104	01/24/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	SEWER MASTER	RELEASE OF BONDS - JAN 2025 PART 1-	\$823.00
92105	01/24/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	SEWER WORKS, INC	RELEASE OF BONDS - JAN 2025 PART 1-	\$1,696.00
92106	01/24/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	SONIC TELECOM	RELEASE OF BONDS - JAN 2025 PART 1-	\$6,920.66
92107	01/24/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	GROUNDWORKS CALIFORNIA LLC	RELEASE OF BONDS - JAN 2025 PART 1-	\$823.00
92108	01/30/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC.	PRESSURE WASHER	\$342.37
92109	01/30/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	AT&T	COPPER LAND PHONE LINE FOR CITY 12/12/24-1/11/2025	\$13,156.21
92110	01/30/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	CANN, COLETTE	OPEN CERMAICS NOV - DEC 2024	\$451.20
92111	01/30/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	CARROLL, JAMES	BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION	\$1,850.00
92112	01/30/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	CHILDCARE CAREERS, LLC	FAIRMONT CHILDCARE TEMP	\$2,447.96
92113	01/30/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	CITY OF FAIRFIELD	RANGE FEES	\$1,674.00
92114	01/30/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	CLAYPEOPLE	TASSAJARA POTTERY STUDIO KILN REPAIR	\$980.51
92115	01/30/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	COMCAST	COMCAST BUSINESS INTERNET 12/11/24 - 01/10/25	\$1,924.18
92116	01/30/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	CORODATA SHREDDING INC.	SHREDDING SVCS	\$169.08

# Payment Register

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92117	01/30/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	CPS HR CONSULTING	RECRUITING 12/1-12/28/24	\$3,176.32
92118	01/30/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	Dixon Resources Unlimited	PARKING MANAGEMENT ACTION PLAN	\$4,070.00
92119	01/30/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	DON'S TIRE SERVICE, INC.	R&R TIRE & TPMS CAR 7	\$370.65
92120	01/30/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	EHSD-CC SENIOR NUTRITION	CAFE COSTA SENIOR LUNCH PROGRAM CONTRIBUTION REIMB DEC	\$692.00
92121	01/30/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	FORENSIC SERVICES DIVISION	FORENSICS 12/1-12/31/2024	\$9,373.02
92122	01/30/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	Green Halo Systems Inc,	HOSTING & MAINTENANCE JAN 2025	\$171.00
92123	01/30/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	HONEYWELL INTERNATIONAL, INC.	CITY SATELLITE PHONES DEC 2024	\$225.00
92124	01/30/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	KEL-AIRE	STA 52 MAINTENANCE	\$720.69
92125	01/30/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	KEYSER MARSTON ASSOCIATES, INC	AFFORDABLE HOUSING	\$787.50
92126	01/30/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	L.N. CURTIS & SONS	UNIFORMS	\$107.05
92127	01/30/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	LACK, CHRIS	OPEN CERAMICS DEC 2024	\$280.80
92128	01/30/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	LAW ENFORCEMENT INTELLIGENCE ASSOCIATION	LEIU MEMBERSHIP	\$595.00
92129	01/30/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	LEAF	SOPHOS LICENSING LEASE PAYMENT	\$1,300.43
92130	01/30/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	MANQUEROS, MARK, MARCOS	CROUCHING TIGER TENNIS NOV-DEC 2024	\$8,395.75
92131	01/30/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	MIDAS OF EL CERRITO	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$2,306.46
92132	01/30/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	NICHOLS CONSULTING ENGINEERS	2025 SURFACE SEAL REHAB PROJECT	\$34,381.40
92133	01/30/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, LLC	SUPPLIES	\$508.75
92134	01/30/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	OIL CHANGERS	OIL CHANGE CAR 9	\$116.53
92135	01/30/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	PASTIME HARDWARE	CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES	\$66.11
92136	01/30/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	RICOH USA, INC	LEASE PAYMENT DEC 2024	\$1,524.76
92137	01/30/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	RINGCENTRAL, INC.	VOIP PHONE SERVICE FOR CITY STAFFS	\$2,063.20
92138	01/30/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	SPOT AI, INC.	NEW SPECIALTY CAMERAS TO MONITOR BALLOT BOX	\$4,635.80
92139	01/30/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	SSD ALARM	COMMUNITY CENTER BURGLAR FIRE ALARM #339947	\$205.22
92140	01/30/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	SSP DATA PRODUCTS	DNS UPDATE ADVISE ON IP ADDRESS STRATEGY	\$1,012.50
92141	01/30/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	STATE OF CA DEPT OF JUSTICE	FINGER PRINTING DEC 2024	\$958.00
92142	01/30/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	THE FLYING LOCKSMITHS - SAN JOSE	REPLACE CITY HALL BRIVO PANEL	\$779.25
92143	01/30/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	Urban37, Inc.	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES/STAFFING	\$12,270.00
92144	01/30/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	VERIZON WIRELESS	WIRELESS PHONE BILL 10/24-11/23/24	\$5,200.54
92145	01/30/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	ZOHO CORPORATION	MANAGE ENGINE ENDPOINT CENTRAL SUBSCRIPTION	\$7,340.00
92146	01/30/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	COOPER, PAUL	MIELAGE REIMBURSEMENT DRIVER TRAINING	\$233.83
92147	01/30/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	GHILOTTI BROS, INC	DEL NORTE TOD COMPLETE STREET IMPROVEMENT	\$320,582.09
92148	01/30/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	ALL ABOVE PLUMBING INC	REFUND - GENERAL	\$98.35
92149	01/30/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	JANIKIAN, NICHOLAS, J	REAL PROPERTY TAX REBATE	\$3,140.00
92150	01/30/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	PETER ELECTRIC	REFUND - GENERAL	\$399.00
92151	01/30/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	RUTHENBURG, JENNIFER	Refund - Real Property Transfer Tax	\$4,900.00
92152	01/30/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	BECKER , HENRY	Employee Expense Reimbursement	\$322.89
92153	01/30/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	A PLUS TREE, LLC	PUBLIC TREE MAINTENANCE SERVICES	\$38,876.70
92154	01/30/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	RUBICON ENTERPRISES INC	MONTHLY LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DEC 24- PARKS	\$40,665.36
92155	01/30/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	SPLASHTACULAR, LLC	THIRD PROGRESS PAYMENT	\$48,270.00
92156	01/30/2025	Open	Accounts Payable	ARGOS CONSTRUCTION	EL CERRITO CITY HALL TARGETED REPAIRS	\$4,850.00

TOTAL CHECKS

287 Transactions

\$1,850,872.95

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Accounts Payable EFTs			
3089	01/06/2025	Open	Accounts Payable U.S. BANK
3119	01/09/2025	Open	Accounts Payable CalPERS (CA Public Employees' Retirement System)
3120	01/10/2025	Open	Accounts Payable EDD - PAYROLL TAX DEPOSIT
3121	01/10/2025	Open	Accounts Payable IRS
3122	01/10/2025	Open	Accounts Payable MissionSquare (name chg 03-2021 formerly ICMA)
3123	01/10/2025	Open	Accounts Payable P E R S
3124	01/24/2025	Open	Accounts Payable EDD - PAYROLL TAX DEPOSIT
3125	01/24/2025	Open	Accounts Payable IRS
3126	01/24/2025	Open	Accounts Payable MissionSquare (name chg 03-2021 formerly ICMA)
3127	01/24/2025	Open	Accounts Payable P E R S
3128	01/29/2025	Open	Accounts Payable CALIFORNIA DEPT OF TAX & FEE ADMIN (CDTFA)
3129	01/28/2025	Open	Accounts Payable KS STATEBANK
3130	01/28/2025	Open	Accounts Payable CALIFORNIA DEPT OF TAX & FEE ADMIN (CDTFA)
3131	01/30/2025	Open	Accounts Payable CALIFORNIA DEPT OF TAX & FEE ADMIN (CDTFA)
3132	01/16/2025	Open	Accounts Payable CAPITAL ONE PUBLIC FUNDING, LLC
3133	01/30/2025	Open	Accounts Payable STRYKER CORPORATION
3134	01/28/2025	Open	Accounts Payable U.S. BANK - CORPORATE PAYMENT SYS
3135	01/31/2025	Open	Accounts Payable CLOVER
3136	01/31/2025	Open	Accounts Payable AUTHORIZE.NET
3137	01/31/2025	Open	Accounts Payable AUTHORIZE.NET
3138	01/31/2025	Open	Accounts Payable AUTHORIZE.NET
3139	01/31/2025	Open	Accounts Payable AMEX/AMERICAN EXPRESS
3140	01/31/2025	Open	Accounts Payable FIRST DATA MERCHANT SERVICES INC
3141	01/31/2025	Open	Accounts Payable FIRST DATA MERCHANT SERVICES INC
3142	01/31/2025	Open	Accounts Payable FIRST DATA MERCHANT SERVICES INC
3143	01/31/2025	Open	Accounts Payable FIRST DATA MERCHANT SERVICES INC
3144	01/31/2025	Open	Accounts Payable FIRST DATA MERCHANT SERVICES INC
3145	01/31/2025	Open	Accounts Payable FIRST DATA MERCHANT SERVICES INC
3146	01/31/2025	Open	Accounts Payable FIRST DATA MERCHANT SERVICES INC
3147	01/31/2025	Open	Accounts Payable FIRST DATA MERCHANT SERVICES INC
3148	01/31/2025	Open	Accounts Payable CARDCONNECT
3149	01/31/2025	Open	Accounts Payable CARDCONNECT
3150	01/31/2025	Open	Accounts Payable MECHANICS BANK
3151	01/31/2025	Open	Accounts Payable CARDCONNECT
3152	01/21/2025	Open	Accounts Payable PG&E
3153	01/23/2025	Open	Accounts Payable PG&E
3154	01/31/2025	Open	Accounts Payable SUTTER HEALTH PLUS
<b>TOTAL EFT's:</b>		<b>37 Transactions</b>	\$1,770,727.57

City of El Cerrito  
**Payment Register**  
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<u>ACCOUNTS PAYABLE</u>				Transaction Amount
				Count
				Status
		Open	324	\$3,621,600.52
		Voided	0	\$0.00
		Total	<u>324</u>	\$3,621,600.52
<u>PAYROLL</u>				Transaction Amount
				All
				Status
		Total Checks	93	\$77,939.80
		Voided Checks	0	\$0.00
		Total EFT's	<u>476</u>	\$1,151,940.75
		Total	<u>569</u>	\$1,229,880.55
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>				\$4,851,481.07
				893



## AGENDA BILL

Agenda Item No. 7.H.

**Date:** February 18, 2025  
**To:** El Cerrito City Council  
**From:** John-Tracy Wahrlich, Lieutenant, Police Department  
**Subject:** Authorize the purchase of Police Vehicle Emergency Equipment

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### ACTION PROPOSED

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or designee to purchase emergency equipment for El Cerrito Police Department vehicles in an amount not to exceed \$80,000.

### BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

The El Cerrito Police Department (ECPD) maintains a fleet of both marked patrol and unmarked Police vehicles. The vehicles are driven daily by employees in the course of their duties. Police vehicles, both marked and unmarked, are equipped with emergency equipment which is essential to safely executing law enforcement duties. Police vehicles do not come from the factory fully equipped with emergency equipment and must be outfitted by an additional vendor.

The ECPD currently has two patrol Police Interceptors and three administrative Police Interceptors which need to be outfitted. The cost to outfit an Interceptor for patrol is approximately \$22,150. The cost to outfit an administrative Interceptor is approximately \$9,400. Additionally, the ECPD needs to convert a Police K9 vehicle to patrol use at a cost of approximately \$2,000.

Vehicle	Cost per vehicle	Total Cost
Two Patrol Police Interceptors	\$22,150	\$44,300
Three Administrative Police Interceptors	\$9,400	\$28,200
K9 Vehicle Conversion to Patrol	\$2,000	\$2,000
		<b>\$74,500</b>

City staff recommends authorization of a purchase agreement not to exceed \$80,000, to cover the costs of outfitting the vehicles and labor costs.

The City's Procurement Policy states that supplies, equipment and professional services be secured at the lowest possible cost commensurate with quality needed, to exercise financial control over purchases, and to assure quality of purchases. This policy stipulates that the expenditure of funds over the amount of \$45,000 from a single vendor in a fiscal year must be approved by the City Council. The ECPD has used LEHR, located in Pittsburg, exclusively to outfit Police vehicles for several years. LEHR is the only emergency vehicle outfitter in Contra Costa County and LEHR has consistently performed excellent work on Police vehicles with excellent customer service.

## **STRATEGIC PLAN CONSIDERATIONS**

This action supports the City's Strategic Plan Goal(s) of:

- *Community Safety*, by ensuring that police staff have reliable vehicles with appropriate equipment to respond to emergency incidents.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS**

There are no environmental considerations associated with this request.

## **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Funding for the services is included in the FY 2024-25 Police Department Budget and no further appropriation is required. Funding will be from the General Fund (\$45,000) and the COPS Grant Fund (\$35,000).

## **LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

This section is not applicable to this agenda item.

**Reviewed by:**



Karen Pinkos, City Manager

### **Attachments:**

1. Resolution
2. Cost Estimates

RESOLUTION 2025-XX

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL CERRITO AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH LEHR FOR EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT VEHICLES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$80,000.

WHEREAS, it is essential for the El Cerrito Police Department to operate Police vehicles equipped with the required emergency equipment to successfully perform their duties; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department intends to outfit several police vehicles with emergency equipment in the current fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the City's Procurement Policy mandates that all purchases from a single vendor (either individually or collectively within one fiscal year) over \$45,000 require City Council approval; and

WHEREAS, the El Cerrito Police Department has used LEHR exclusively for outfitting Police vehicles with emergency equipment and LEHR has consistently demonstrated that they are reliable and provide excellent customer service.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of El Cerrito authorizes the City Manager to execute an agreement with LEHR to purchase emergency equipment for Police Department vehicles in an amount not to exceed \$80,000 for equipment and labor services.

I CERTIFY that at a regular meeting on February 18, 2025, the City Council of the City of El Cerrito passed this Resolution by the following vote:

AYES:            COUNCILMEMBERS:  
NOES:            COUNCILMEMBERS:  
ABSTAIN:        COUNCILMEMBERS:  
ABSENT:         COUNCILMEMBERS:

IN WITNESS of this action, I sign this document and affix the corporate seal of the City of El Cerrito on\_\_\_\_\_.

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Holly M. Charléty, City Clerk

APPROVED:

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Carolyn Wysinger, Mayor



## Sales Quote

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661 Garcia Avenue Pittsburg, CA 94565  
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Quote Number: 51393  
Document Date: 1/19/2025  
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Sell El Cerrito Police Department  
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Ship Via Will Call  
Tax Ident. Type Legal Entity

Customer ID 12322  
SalesPerson Mike McGee

### Vehicle Information:

2025 FORD UTILITY

Item No.	Description	Quantity	Unit Price	Total Price
Front End Equipment				
SA315P	OEM -21L LOWER FASCIA R/B	1	199.99	199.99
SAK75D	OEM - 66A H/L FLASHER	1	37.10	37.10
MI0001	OEM - 66A CORNER MARKERS	1	561.60	561.60
I	Whelen Siren Speaker 100W	7	140.00	980.00
Roof Equipment				
MB8U	Whelen, Speaker Bracket, Fits 2025 Ford PIU, Driver Side Grille	1	23.95	23.95
ANXETRAB7603	Patrol Power Gen 1 Mini Harness	1	50.40	50.40
I	Installation Charges	2	140.00	280.00
Drivers Compartment Equipment				
IONR	Whelen ION Series Super-LED Universal Light - Red	1	108.25	108.25
I2J	Whelen ION Duo Series Linear Red/Blue Blk Housing	1	128.85	128.85
ALPHASL	Whelen Remote 200W Siren For Use w/ Remote Switches	1	191.40	191.40
MISC	SWITCHES	1	65.00	65.00
	ON/OFF ROUND - REAR LIGHTS ONLY			
	ON/OFF ROUND - FRONT LIGHTS W/HORN			
	ON/OFF ROUND - ALL LIGHTS W/SIREN			
	CSM - RADIO REMOTE MOUNT			
	RADIO HEAD AND MIC CENTER OEM CONSOLE			
HKN4191C	Motorola, Power Cable to Battery 20A, 10'	1	31.64	31.64
HKN6188B	Motorola 20' Control Head Power Cable	1	52.25	52.25
HSN4031B	Motorola 7.5w External Speaker	1	65.34	65.34
MMSU-1	Mag Mic Magnetic Mic Kit	1	35.95	35.95

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Item No.	Description	Quantity	Unit Price	Total Price
I	Installation Charges	14	140.00	1,960.00
	Back End Equipment			
CP-UV20-CARGO	Troy Products 2020 Pi Suv Tilt-Up Cargo Mount w/Gas Shocks	1	712.50	712.50
CP-GB403212-PBK	Troy Prod, 40X32X12 Single Drw Storage Vault w/PB Key Overide	1	1,659.75	1,659.75
F	Shipping Charges	1	295.00	295.00
	OEM -66B REAR TAIL LAMPS			
	OEM - 66C REAR HATCH			
	OEM - 66C REAR LIFT GATE			
INSTALL	Install Materials	1	125.00	125.00
I	Installation Charges	7	140.00	980.00

Amount Subject to Sales Tax 8248.97  
Amount Exempt from Sales Tax 295.00

**Subtotal:** 8,543.97  
Total Sales Tax: 845.54

**Total:** 9,389.51



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Front End Equipment				
MCRNTR	Whelen, Micron Series, Stud Mount - Red	1	108.25	108.25
MCRNTB	Whelen, Micron Series Stud Mount - Blue	1	108.25	108.25
OEM - 66A WIG WAG				
OEM - 66A FRONT CORNER				
OEM -21L FOG LAMPS				
EX0011	Patrol Power Harness Front Mt. Utility 2020+ (03-0211)	1	798.40	798.40
SA315P	Whelen Siren Speaker 100W	2	199.99	399.98
(1) TITLE 13 SIREN				
(1) HI LO TIME TO GO				
SAK75D	Whelen, Speaker Bracket, Fits 2025 Ford PIU, Driver Side Grille	1	37.10	37.10
SAK75P	Whelen, Speaker Bracket, Fits 2025 Ford PIU, Passenger Side Grille	1	37.10	37.10
I	Installation Charges	10	140.00	1,400.00
Side Equipment				
I	OEM - 63B MIRROR BEAM			
I	Installation Charges	1.5	140.00	210.00
Roof Equipment				
BB2DEDE-LEHR	Whelen, 54" Liberty II Duo WCX	1	2,265.00	2,265.00
STPKT105	Whelen Lightbar Strap Kit, Fits 2020+ Utility	1		
MB8U	3/4" Thru-Hole NMO Mount W/17' RG-58/U Cable, No Connector	1	23.95	23.95
I	CSM - ICV ANTENNA			
I	Installation Charges	4	140.00	560.00
Drivers Compartment Equipment				
C-VS-1400-INUT-1	Havis, 14" Console, Fits 2020-25 Ford Interceptor	1	314.25	314.25



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C-EB40-CCS-1P	Havis 4" FP Fits Cencom CCSRN, CCSRNTA, MPC03	1		
C-FP-05	Havis, 1/2" Filler Plate	1		
C-CUP2-I-A15	Havis, Dual Internal 15 Degree Angled Cup Holder	1	53.66	53.66
MMSU-1	Mag Mic Magnetic Mic Kit	2	35.955	71.91
C-ARM-104	Havis Molded Armrest To Mount To Tunnel-Mount Base	1	168.75	168.75
C-MCB	Havis Mic Clip Bracket	1	14.25	14.25
500-0001	Westin/Hint Tablet and Keyboard Mount-Double Post (TM-5502UDB-UNIB-E) CSM - POLICE RADIO CSM - LAPTOP DOCK CSM - LAPTOP POWER SUPPLY CSM - AXON ICV	1	748.83	748.83
HKN4191C	Motorola, Power Cable to Battery 20A, 10'	1	31.64	31.64
HKN6188B	Motorola 20' Control Head Power Cable	1	52.25	52.25
HSN4031B	Motorola 7.5w External Speaker	1	65.34	65.34
GK10301S1U	Setina, Dual T-Rail Gun Mount W/1 Small Lock & 1 Universal XL Lock #2 Key	1	415.20	415.20
I	Installation Charges	17.5	140.00	2,450.00
Prisoner Compartment Equipment				
PK0369ITU20TM	Setina #8VS RP 1/2 Coated POLY 1/2 EXP Metal Partition 2020-24 Utility BOM	1	783.20	783.20
QK0634ITU20	Setina, Replacement Seat W/Center Pull Belts PIU 2020-25	1	815.20	815.20
WK0514ITU20	Setina Window Barrier VS Steel Vertical, PIU 2020-25	1	263.20	263.20
DK0100ITU20	Setina TPO Door Panels, Black, 2020+ Utility	1	263.20	263.20
PK0316ITU202ND	Setina, #12VS Coated POLY REAR Partition 2020 Utility	1	519.20	519.20
I	Installation Charges	8	140.00	1,120.00
Back End Equipment				
TK0248ITU20	Setina, Rear Cargo Dsc-Bsc 2020-21 Utility	1	1,647.20	1,647.20
TPA9289	Setina Cargo Box Radio Tray	1	311.99	311.99
VTX609R	Whelen, Vertex Super-LED Omni Directional Lighthead Red	1	87.99	87.99

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El Cerrito, CA 94530  
Phone: 510-215-4448

Ship El Cerrito Police Department  
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Ship Via Will Call  
Tax Ident. Type Legal Entity

Customer ID 12322  
SalesPerson Mike McGee

**Vehicle Information:**

2025 FORD UTILITY

Item No.	Description	Quantity	Unit Price	Total Price
VTX609B	Whelen Vertex Super-LED Omni Directional Lighthead Blue OEM - 63L SIDE CARGO OEM - 66B TAIL LAMPS OEM - 66C REAR HATCH/LIFT	1	87.99	87.99
C399	Whelen Cencom Core WCX Remote Siren & Control Center	1	1,079.00	1,079.00
CCTL7	Whelen Core WCX 21 Push-Buttons & 4-Position Slide Control Head	1		
C399SP	Whelen SCANport KIT FOR C399	1		
CEM16	Whelen Core WCX 16 Output Expansion Module	1	175.20	175.20
ALPHASL	Whelen Remote 200W Siren For Use w/ Remote Switches *HI LO SIREN*	1	191.40	191.40
I	Installation Charges	13.5	140.00	1,890.00
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INSTALL	Install Materials	1	225.00	225.00
F	Shipping Charges	1	325.00	325.00

Amount Subject to Sales Tax 19793.88  
Amount Exempt from Sales Tax 325.00

**Subtotal:** 20,118.88  
Total Sales Tax: 2,028.91

**Total:** 22,147.79



## Sales Quote

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661 Garcia Avenue Pittsburg, CA 94565  
Phone: 925-370-2144 Fax: 925-370-2087

Quote Number: 48435  
Document Date: 1/22/2025  
Terms: Net 30  
Payment Method:

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### Vehicle Information:

Item No.	Description	Quantity	Unit Price	Total Price
	STRIP K9 - CONVERT TO PATROL			
L	Labor Charges - Removal Of Equipment Removal of HAVIS K9 Insert Removal of Fan / Fan Guard Removal of HOT n Pop Electronics Removal K9 Weapon Rack Prep for Installation CSM - Dual Head Radar	11	140.00	1,540.00
L	Labor Charges - OEM Seat	2	140.00	280.00

Amount Subject to Sales Tax	0	Subtotal:	1,820.00
Amount Exempt from Sales Tax	1,820.00	Total Sales Tax:	0.00
		Total:	1,820.00



## AGENDA BILL

Agenda Item No. 8.A.

**Date:** February 18, 2025  
**To:** El Cerrito City Council  
**From:** James Mizutani, Associate Engineer, Public Works Department; Yvetteh Ortiz, Public Works Director/City Engineer  
**Subject:** Establishment of the Pierce Street/San Mateo Street Utility Underground District for the I-80/Central Avenue Interchange Improvements Project

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### ACTION PROPOSED

Conduct a public hearing and, upon conclusion, adopt a resolution establishing the Pierce Street/San Mateo Street Underground Utility District for the I-80/Central Avenue Interchange Improvements Project.

### BACKGROUND

#### *I-80/Central Avenue Interchange Improvements Project*

In the early 2000s, improving the traffic operations of the I-80/Central Avenue interchange area became the focus of regional collaboration, especially between the City of El Cerrito, the City of Richmond, and the Contra Costa County Transportation Authority (CCTA). The effort was aided by a comprehensive traffic operations study conducted in 2003 through a technical assistance grant provided by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, the first of several studies. Working with the regional transportation agencies, the City of El Cerrito and City of Richmond secured funding for the I-80/Central Avenue Interchange Improvements Project through the Contra Costa County Measure J Measure in November 2004 and a federal earmark in July 2005.

Central Avenue serves as the primary connection between the El Cerrito Plaza BART Station and the I-80 and I-580 freeway corridors. It also serves as an important east-west route between regional commercial and recreation areas and residential neighborhoods in the cities of El Cerrito and Richmond. During peak periods, especially on weekends, Central Avenue experiences heavy congestion that impacts the I-80 ramps and the cross streets that intersect Central Avenue. In particular, four closely spaced intersections between Jacuzzi Street to the west of I-80 and Pierce Street to the east of I-80 provide inadequate storage capacity between intersections during traffic signal cycles, which results in through and turning traffic along Central Avenue being blocked. Additionally, the congested ramp intersections can cause traffic to back up onto the westbound I-80 off-ramp, and eventually spillover onto the freeway mainline.

The purpose of the I-80/Central Avenue Interchange Improvements Project is to improve traffic operations on Central Avenue so that congestion is reduced, queues are shortened, and left turn conflicts are minimized. The project is being implemented in two phases. Phase 1, led by the CCTA, was completed in 2018.

It redirected left turns from Central Avenue onto the westbound I-80 on-ramp to the adjacent I-580 on-ramp at Rydin Road on weekends from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. (the most congested period throughout the week); and installed traffic signals at the two I-580 ramps.

Phase 2 of the project will increase the spacing between the signalized intersections east of I-80. This will be done by building a new roadway to connect Pierce Street and San Mateo Street, converting the Pierce Street access at Central Avenue to “right-in, right-out” and removing the traffic signal at the intersection, and installing a new traffic signal and westbound left-turn lane at the San Mateo Street intersection to provide full access to and from Central Avenue. Attachment 3 contains a conceptual layout of Phase 2. The City of Richmond is leading this phase of the project and is in the process of completing design, utility, and right-of-way activities with construction pending the utility undergrounding described below. Attachment 4 contains additional information about the project including funding and schedule for all phases as described in the CCTA Measure J October to December 2024 Quarterly Progress Report.

#### *Utility Undergrounding under PG&E Rule 20A*

PG&E, under Electric Traffic Rule 20 filed with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), annually allocates Work Credits to communities, either cities or unincorporated areas of counties, to convert overhead electric and telecommunication facilities to underground facilities. Rule 20A is separate from other hardening and undergrounding policies and projects, such as PG&E’s undergrounding and systems upgrades to reduce wildfire risk. The Rule 20A Work Credits enable the community and utility to work on qualified projects with the utility responsible for the planning, design, and construction aspects of removing overhead infrastructure and placement in an underground trench. Projects qualify if they are determined to be in the general public interest for one or more of the following reasons:

1. Such undergrounding will avoid or eliminate an unusually heavy concentration of overhead electric facilities;
2. The street or road or right-of-way is extensively used by the general public and carries a heavy volume of pedestrian or vehicular traffic;
3. Wheelchair access is limited or impeded in a manner that is not compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

On July 5, 2022, the City of Richmond created the Pierce Street/San Mateo Street Underground Utility District (UUID) by resolution for the purpose of undergrounding utility lines as part of Phase 2 of the I-80/Central Avenue Interchange Improvements Project (Attachment 5). The City of Richmond subsequently requested that PG&E replace its existing overhead electric facilities with underground electric facilities along the public streets within the Pierce Street/San Mateo Street UUID using the City of Richmond’s Rule 20A Work Credits. To support the City of Richmond’s action, the City of El Cerrito must create its own underground utility district to allow PG&E to conduct undergrounding work in the part of the project area that falls within El Cerrito city limits.

The City of Richmond will also apply its Rule 20A Work Credits for the utility undergrounding within El Cerrito city limits and assist each property owner within the UUD. For a property owner, this would cover 1) the installation of no more than 100 feet of each property's underground electric service lateral connection occasioned by the undergrounding, and 2) the conversion of electric service panels to accept underground service, up to \$1,500 per service entrance, excluding permit fees. For the majority of residential and commercial properties, the 100-foot distance would cover the installation of underground conduits from the property line to the electric panel. Any remaining costs would be paid by the individual property owner.

## **ANALYSIS**

Pursuant to Chapter 14.08 of the El Cerrito Municipal Code, City staff is proposing the establishment of the Pierce Street/San Mateo Street Underground Utility District (UUID) along Central Avenue from the western limit with the City of Richmond east to Yolo Avenue, and San Mateo Street from Central Avenue south to the Richmond city limit as shown in the attached Resolution, Exhibit A – Boundary Map (Attachment 2).

Undergrounding of electrical and telecommunication lines in this area is in the general public interest because it is in furtherance of Phase 2 of the I-80/Central Avenue Interchange Improvements and the project is on streets that are or will be extensively used by the general public and carry a heavy volume of vehicular traffic, will connect regional and recreation areas, and will improve accessibility. Central Avenue is also an arterial street.

City staff mailed a notice regarding the establishment of the Pierce Street/San Mateo Street UUID to property owners in El Cerrito that could potentially be affected by the project on January 24, 2025, and invited them to provide their comments as part of this public hearing. Previously, in 2022 as part of their public hearing process, the City of Richmond notified El Cerrito property owners south of Central Avenue. El Cerrito City staff extended the notice to property owners north of Central Avenue because they could be potentially affected as well. Attachment 7 contains the list of parcels within El Cerrito to which the notice was mailed along with a map of the parcel numbers in the area. The City of Richmond had also previously notified utility companies and coordinated undergrounding requirements. As the project moves forward, City staff will coordinate with the City of Richmond to provide property owners with additional information. Furthermore, property owners will be invited to public meetings, as needed, to discuss the schedule and costs of the conversion from overhead to underground utility facilities. City staff will update the City of El Cerrito City Council regarding any potential unforeseen costs to property owners.

The establishment of the Pierce Street/San Mateo Street UUID requires that the City hold a public hearing to determine whether the public necessity, health, safety, or welfare requires undergrounding the poles, overhead wires, and associated structures within the designated area. The public hearing and establishment of the UUID need to take place as soon as possible to assist the City of Richmond with the scheduling of PG&E's work.

## **STRATEGIC PLAN CONSIDERATIONS**

Establishment of the UUD is consistent with the El Cerrito Strategic Plan Infrastructure and Amenities Goal – Invest in the maintenance, rehabilitation, and development of sustainable, climate-adapted infrastructure and community assets.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS**

The City of Richmond City Council approved the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration and associated Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan (MMRP) for the I-80/Central Avenue Interchange Improvements, Phase 2, including the utility undergrounding, in January 2023 (approving resolution is available at <https://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/12750>).

## **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

The requested action will have no direct fiscal impact on the City of El Cerrito. The City of Richmond will apply its Rule 20A work credits for utility undergrounding work within El Cerrito city limits as both cities continue extensive collaboration to implement the project.

## **LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

The City Attorney has reviewed the proposed action and Resolution and found that legal considerations have been addressed.

Notification of this public hearing was completed in accordance with the El Cerrito Municipal Code. A notice was publicly posted and published in the West County Times on February 8, 2025. As noted above, a notice was also mailed to all affected property owners on January 24, 2025. Additionally, within 10 days after the effective date of the Resolution, if adopted by the City Council, City staff will notify property owners of its adoption.

### **Reviewed by:**



Karen Pinkos, City Manager

### **Attachments:**

1. Resolution
2. Exhibit A to Resolution - Boundary Map
3. Project Conceptual Layout
4. CCTA Measure J Quarterly Project Status Report
5. City of Richmond Resolution for Underground Utility District
6. PG&E Electric Rule 20A Program
7. Property Owner Mailing List and Parcel Numbers Map

RESOLUTION 2025-XX

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL CERRITO ESTABLISHING THE PIERCE STREET/SAN MATEO STREET UTILITY UNDERGROUND DISTRICT FOR THE I-80/CENTRAL AVENUE INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

WHEREAS, for over 20 years, the City of El Cerrito and City of Richmond have been collaborating with regional transportation agencies to improve the traffic operations of the I-80/Central Avenue interchange area; and

WHEREAS, on July 5, 2022, the City of Richmond created the Pierce Street/San Mateo Street Underground Utility District (UUID) by Resolution No. 102-22 for the purpose of undergrounding utility lines as part of Phase 2 of the I-80/Central Avenue Interchange Improvements Project. A portion of the project is located within the city limits of the City of El Cerrito; and

WHEREAS, to support the City of Richmond's action, the City of El Cerrito must create its own underground utility district to allow PG&E to conduct undergrounding work in the part of the project area that falls within El Cerrito city limits; and

WHEREAS, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has authorized electric and telecommunication utilities to convert overhead utility lines and facilities to underground pursuant to Electric Rule 20; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to certain criteria, CPUC rules allow participating cities and counties to establish legislation authorizing the creation of underground utility districts within which existing overhead electric distribution and telecommunication distribution and service facilities will be converted to underground; and

WHEREAS, the City of El Cerrito, has adopted El Cerrito Municipal Code Chapter 14.08 (Ordinance 94-3, Division II) authorizing the City Council to designate areas within which all existing overhead poles, overhead wires, and overhead equipment associated with the distribution of electric power, telecommunication services and cable television should be removed and replaced with underground wires and facilities; and

WHEREAS, the City of El Cerrito has consulted with the City of Richmond and Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E), the electric utility, and PG&E has agreed that the Pierce Street/San Mateo Street Utility Underground District and more particularly described in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, including the portion of project within El Cerrito's city limits, meets the criteria established by the rules of the CPUC, to wit, and:

- a. The street or road or right-of-way is extensively used by the general public and carries a heavy volume of pedestrian or vehicular traffic;
- b. Wheelchair access is limited or impeded in a manner that is not compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act;

- c. The street or road or right-of-way adjoins or passes through a civic area or public recreation area or an area of significant scenic, cultural, and/or historic interest to the general public; and
- d. The street or road or right-of-way is considered an arterial street or major collector as defined by the California Department of Transportation's California Road System functional classification system.

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond has consulted with PG&E and determined that it has accumulated Rule 20A work credits to complete the proposed overhead to underground conversion within the Pierce Street/San Mateo Street Underground Utility District including the work with the City of El Cerrito city limits; and

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond has come to agreements with affected utilities on their respective responsibilities for undergrounding work within the Pierce Street/San Mateo Street Underground Utility District, including the portion in the City of El Cerrito city limits; and

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond City Council approved the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration and associated Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan (MMRP) for the I-80/Central Avenue Interchange Improvements, Phase 2, including the utility undergrounding, on January 24, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Section 14.08.020 of the El Cerrito Municipal Code calls for a public hearing to consider creating an underground utility district and that all affected property owners within the district be notified. Notice of such hearing was provided to all affected property owners in the manner and for the time required; and

WHEREAS, the City of El Cerrito City Council conducted a public hearing on February 18, 2025 to ascertain whether public necessity, health, safety, or welfare requires the removal of poles, overhead wires, and associated overhead structures and their replacement with underground facilities within the Pierce Street/San Mateo Street Underground Utility District.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of El Cerrito that:

Section 1: The public interest requires the removal of all existing utility poles [excepting those poles supporting streetlights, traffic signals or trolley lines], overhead wires and associated overhead structures and installation of underground wires and facilities for supplying electric power, communication, or similar associated services within the areas within the City of El Cerrito city limits as shown in Exhibit A, attached hereto, with such area being designated as the Pierce Street/San Mateo Street Underground Utility District; and

Section 2: The utility companies, cable television services and other affected services shall commence work on installation of underground facility installation in the Pierce Street/San Mateo Street Underground Utility District, including the portion of the project in the City of El Cerrito city limits, and that as each phase of the project is complete and ready for conversion from overhead to underground utility facilities, all fronting property owners shall be notified by first class letter, postage pre-paid, of the schedule for conversion of all utility service lines. Similarly, as the project moves forward, all fronting property owners shall be invited to public meetings, as needed, to discuss the estimated costs and other related terms of the conversion from overhead to underground utility facilities and the City of El Cerrito City Council will be updated regarding any potential unforeseen costs to property owners; and

Section 3: The electric utility, upon request by the City of Richmond, shall use its underground conversion allocation computed pursuant to decisions of the California Public Utilities Commission for the purpose of providing to each premises requiring it in the Pierce Street/San Mateo Street Underground Utility District, including the portion of the project within the City of El Cerrito city limits, a maximum of one hundred feet of individual electric service trenching and conductor (as well as backfill, paving and conduit, if required) and each other serving utility shall provide service trenching and conductor in accordance with its rules and tariffs on file with the California Public Utilities Commission or as required by its Franchise Agreement with either the City of Richmond or City of El Cerrito, as applicable; and

Section 4: The electric utility upon request by the City of Richmond, shall use said underground conversion allowance allocation, up to a maximum amount of \$1,500 per service entrance excluding permit fees, for the conversion of electric service panels to accept underground service in the Pierce Street/San Mateo Street Underground Utility District, including the portion of the project within the City of El Cerrito city limits, and each property owner shall be financially responsible for any and all costs not covered by the electric utility for the installation and maintenance of the conduit and termination box located on, under or within any structure on the premises served; and

Section 5: Upon notification as specified in Section 2, all property owners in the Pierce Street/San Mateo Street Underground Utility District, including the portion within the City of El Cerrito city limits, shall have underground electrical entrance facilities installed and inspected pursuant to the California Electrical Code within sixty (60) days and that should any property owner fail to install satisfactory underground electrical entrance facilities by the date specified in the notice, the electric utility shall notify the Public Works Directors of the City of Richmond and City of El Cerrito who shall, within thirty (30) days direct the electric utility in writing to discontinue electrical service to the property, without recourse, pursuant to Rule 11 until electrical entrance facilities are ready to accept underground electrical conductors and have passed the necessary inspection requirements; and

Section 6: Once all services have been converted from overhead to underground, the utility companies, cable television services and other affected services shall remove all poles (except as specified above) and associated overhead facilities in the Pierce Street/San Mateo Street Underground Utility District, including the portion within the City of El Cerrito city limits, within a reasonable period of time after completed conversion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is hereby instructed to notify all persons owning real property within the district created by this resolution of the adoption thereof within ten days after the effective date of this resolution pursuant to El Cerrito Municipal Code Section 14.08.070.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall become effective immediately upon passage and adoption.

I CERTIFY that at a regular meeting on February 18, 2025 the City Council of the City of El Cerrito passed this Resolution by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS:  
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS:  
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS:  
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS:

IN WITNESS of this action, I sign this document and affix the corporate seal of the City of El Cerrito on \_\_\_\_\_.

APPROVED:

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Holly M. Charléty, City Clerk

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Carolyn Wysinger, Mayor

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SCALE IN FEET  
1" = 100'-0"

City Limits

INTERSTATE-80

LUIS ST

YOLO AVE

CENTRAL AVE

SAN MATEO ST

BELMONT AVE

SANTA CLARA AVE

SAN DIEGO ST

5430

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PG&E BOUNDARY MAP  
I-80 / CENTRAL AVENUE  
LOCAL ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT  
RICHMOND, CA

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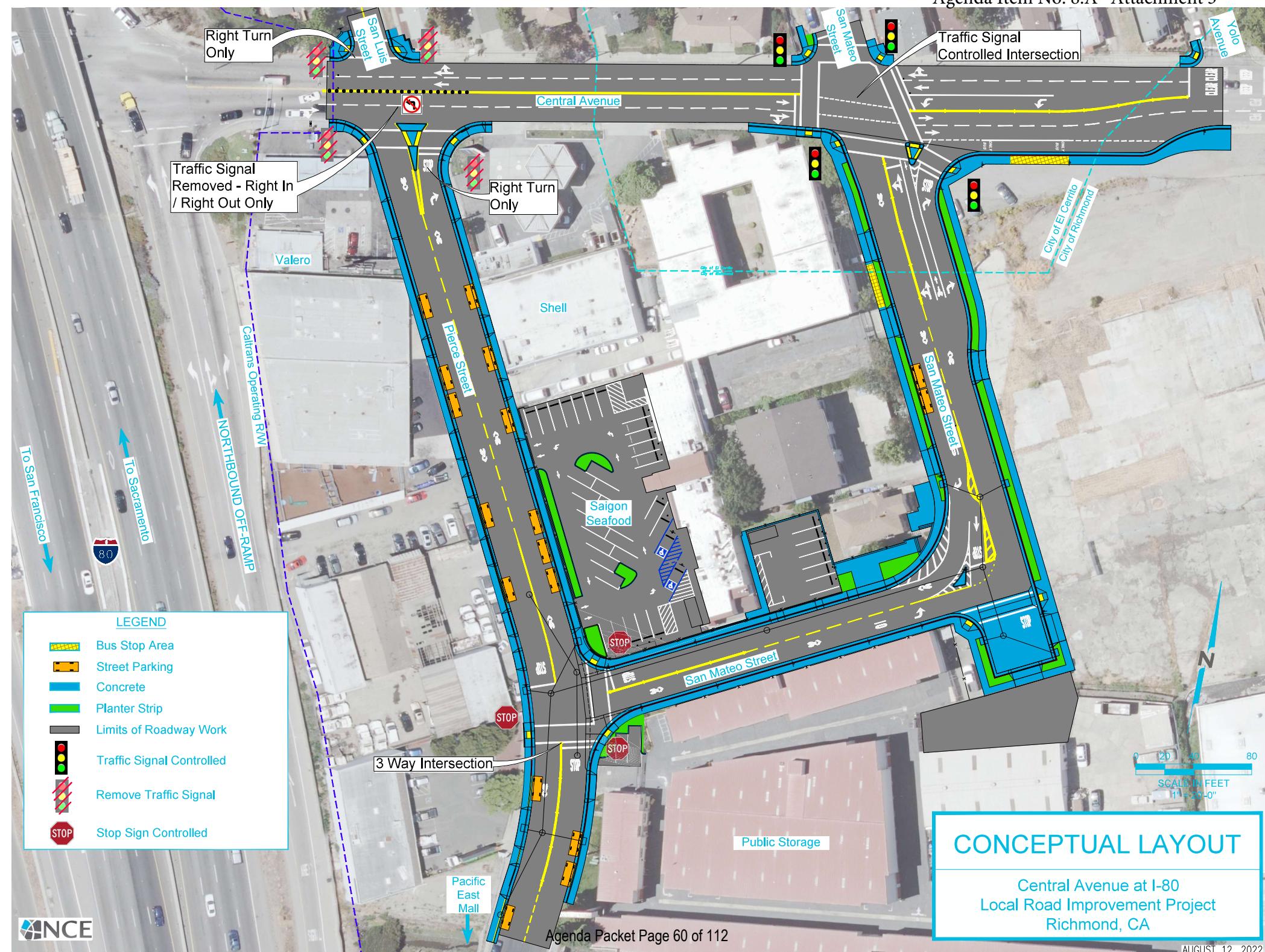
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## Quarterly Project Status Report

Oct – Dec 2024

**Project Sponsor Subregion**

### Interstate 80/Central Avenue Interchange Improvements (# 7003)

City of Richmond/Contra Costa Transportation Authority  
West County

#### Scope

Improve overall traffic operations at the Interstate 80 (I-80)/Central Avenue interchange and along Central Avenue between Rydin Road and San Pablo Avenue. The project will be completed in two phases.

The first phase will redirect left turns from Westbound (WB) Central Avenue onto WB I-80 to the adjacent Interstate 580 (I-580) eastbound on-ramp at Rydin Road during weekend peak hours; and will install traffic signals at the I-580 ramps.

The second phase will increase the spacing between the signalized intersections east of I-80 by connecting Pierce Street and San Mateo Street, converting Pierce Street access at Central Avenue to "right-in, right-out," and relocating the traffic signal at Pierce Street/Central Avenue to the San Mateo Street/Central Avenue intersection.

#### Status

- Phase 1 construction was completed in 2018.
- Phase 2 (Local Roads Realignment project) is managed by the City of Richmond. Environmental Clearance phase was completed in January 2023. Right-of-Way (ROW) and design phase started in March 2023 with completion expected in 2025.

#### Issues/Areas of Concern

- PG&E liaison retired during the last quarter. New PG&E liaison to reach out to continue Rule 20A work. PG&E assigned a new liaison for this project. They are actively working on a schedule for design and construction. There is a potential to request an extension from Caltrans due to PG&E being unable to meet the project schedule.

#### Update from Previous Quarterly Report

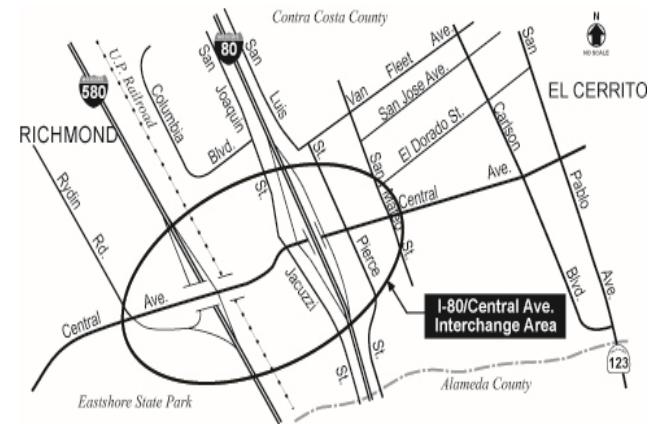
##### Phase 1:

- Project Phase 1 is complete.

##### Phase 2:

- City of Richmond and PG&E in discussion to underground in City of El Cerrito Jurisdiction with the expense of City of Richmond PG&E's work credit.
- Design team is working towards 90% design milestone.
- ROW consultant is continuing their scope of work in coordination with the design team and preparation of appraisal notices for the affected parcels.
- City of El Cerrito is prioritizing their 90% PS&E comments to submit to City of Richmond by the end of October 2024.

#### Location



#### Schedule

	Phase 1	Phase 2
Planning	Complete	Complete
Environmental Clearance	Complete	Complete
Design	Complete	2021-2025
Right-of-Way and Utilities	—	2023-2025
Construction	Complete	2025-2027
Post Construction	—	2027-2028

#### Estimated Cost by Project Phase (\$ 000s)

	Amount	
	Phase 1	Phase 2
Project Management	\$805	—
Planning	—	—
Environmental Clearance	1,253	\$500
Design	1,122	2,000
Right-of-Way and Utilities	25	5,611
Construction	4,370	5,843
Construction Management	681	—
Total	\$8,256	\$13,954

#### Funding by Source (\$ 000s)

	Amount	
	Phase 1	Phase 2
Measure J	\$7,556	\$2,970
Federal Earmark	—	—
WCCTAC	—	1,811
STIP	—	6,373
Future MTC Commitment	—	2,800
City of Richmond	700	—
Total	\$8,256	\$13,954

**RESOLUTION NO. 102-22**

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA,  
AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO CREATE AN  
UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT TO CONVERT UTILITY LINES AND  
FACILITIES TO UNDERGROUND ON PIERCE STREET AND SAN MATEO STREET  
PURSUANT TO ELECTRIC RULE 20**

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**WHEREAS**, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has authorized electric and telecommunication utilities to convert overhead utility lines and facilities to underground pursuant to Electric Rule 20 and Telecommunication Rule 32; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to certain criteria, CPUC rules allow participating cities and counties to establish legislation authorizing the creation of underground utility districts within which existing overhead electric distribution and telecommunication distribution and service facilities will be converted to underground; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Richmond (City), has adopted a Resolution for the City Council to designate areas within which all existing overhead poles, overhead wires and overhead equipment associated with the distribution of electric power, telecommunication services and cable television should be removed and replaced with underground wires and facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Director of Public Works for the City has consulted with the affected public utilities and such utilities have agreed that the proposed underground conversion district, designated the Pierce Street/San Mateo Street Underground Utility District and more particularly described in Exhibit 1 attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, meets the criteria established by the rules of the CPUC, to wit,

that such undergrounding will avoid or eliminate an unusually heavy concentration of overhead electric facilities, AND/OR

that the street or road or right-of-way is extensively used by the general public and carries a heavy volume of pedestrian or vehicular traffic, AND/OR

that the street or road or right-of-way adjoins or passes through a civic area or public recreation area or an area of unusual scenic interest to the general public, AND/OR

that the street or road or right-of-way is considered an arterial street or major collector as defined in the Governor's Office of Planning and Research General Plan Guidelines; and

**WHEREAS**, each year the City of Richmond is notified by PG&E regarding the allocation of work credits for conversion of overhead electric distribution lines and facilities to underground, known as Rule 20A allocations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Director of Public Works for City has consulted with PG&E and determined that the City has accumulated Rule 20A work credits; and

**WHEREAS**, the City and the affected utilities have agreed by letter that each utility shall complete the engineering of their respective portion of the Pierce Street/San Mateo Street Underground Utility District Conversion Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the City and the affected utilities have agreed by letter that PG&E shall be responsible for preparation of the trench profile and composite drawings and that PG&E shall be designated as "trench lead" to manage trenching, installation of substructures, and pavement restoration and such other work; and

**WHEREAS** the Director of Public Works of the City and the affected utilities have agreed on a work schedule which meets their respective capabilities and further agreed to waive any administrative fees, costs or special street restoration requirements for purposes of this project; and

**WHEREAS**, to the extent required, the City has agreed to provide easements or rights of way on private property as may be necessary for installation of utility facilities in a form satisfactory to the affected utilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Richmond has now received the report from the Director of Public Works recommending that the area identified in Exhibit 1 should be designated as an underground utility district within which all existing overhead poles, overhead wires and overhead equipment associated with the distribution of electric power, telecommunication services and cable television should be removed and replaced with underground wires and facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, upon the recommendation of the Director of Public Works, the City Council of the City of Richmond has determined that the Pierce Street/San Mateo Street Underground Utility District is categorically exempt from environmental review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has notified all affected property owners within the proposed Pierce Street/San Mateo Street Underground Utility District and inviting same to attend a public hearing to discuss formation of the proposed district; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Richmond held public hearings at which time the Council did receive and consider the recommendation of the Director of Public Works and did hear any and all objections or protests that were raised by the owners of property within the above-described district pertaining to designating this area an underground utility district.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the CITY of RICHMOND that:

Section 1. The public interest requires the removal of all existing utility poles [excepting those poles supporting streetlights, traffic signals or trolley lines], overhead wires and associated overhead structures and installation of underground wires and facilities for supplying electric power, communication, or similar associated services within the areas as shown in Exhibit 1, attached hereto, with such area being designated as the Pierce Street/San Mateo Street Underground Utility District; and

Section 2. That the utility companies, cable television services and other affected services shall commence work on installation of underground facility installation in the Pierce Street/San Mateo Street Underground Utility District and that as each phase of the project is complete and ready for conversion from overhead to underground utility facilities, all fronting property owners shall be notified by first class letter, postage pre-paid, of the schedule for conversion of all utility service lines; and

Section 3. The electric utility shall USE the underground conversion allocation computed pursuant to decisions of the California Public Utilities Commission for the purpose of providing to each premises requiring it in Pierce Street/San Mateo Street Underground Utility District a maximum of one hundred feet of individual electric service trenching and conductor (as well as backfill, paving and conduit, if required) and each other serving utility shall provide service trenching and conductor in accordance with its rules and tariffs on file with the California Public Utilities Commission or as required by its Franchise Agreement with the City of Richmond; and

Section 4. The electric utility shall USE said underground conversion allowance allocation, up to a maximum amount of \$1500 per service entrance excluding permit fees, for the conversion of electric service panels to accept underground service in the Central Avenue/Pierce Street/San Mateo Street Underground Utility District, and EACH PROPERTY OWNER shall be financially responsible for any and all costs not covered by the electric utility for the installation and maintenance of the conduit and termination box located on, under or within any structure on the premises served; and

Section 5. That upon notification as specified in Section 2, all property owners in the Pierce Street/San Mateo Street Underground Utility District shall have underground electrical entrance facilities installed and inspected pursuant to the City of Richmond Electrical Code within sixty (60) days and that should any property owner fail to install satisfactory underground electrical

entrance facilities by the date specified in the notice, the electric utility shall notify the Director of Public Works who shall, within thirty (30) days direct the electric utility in writing to discontinue electrical service to the property, without recourse, pursuant to Rule 11 until electrical entrance facilities are ready to accept underground electrical conductors and have passed the necessary inspection requirements; and

Section 6. That once all services have been converted from overhead to underground, the utility companies, cable television services and other affected services shall remove all poles (except as specified above) and associated overhead facilities in Pierce Street/San Mateo Street Underground Utility District.

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I certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting thereof held July 5, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Bates, Jimenez, Johnson III, McLaughlin, Willis, Vice Mayor Martinez, and Mayor Butt.

NOES: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

ABSENT: None.

PAMELA CHRISTIAN  
CLERK OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND  
(SEAL)

Approved:

THOMAS K. BUTT  
Mayor

Approved as to form:

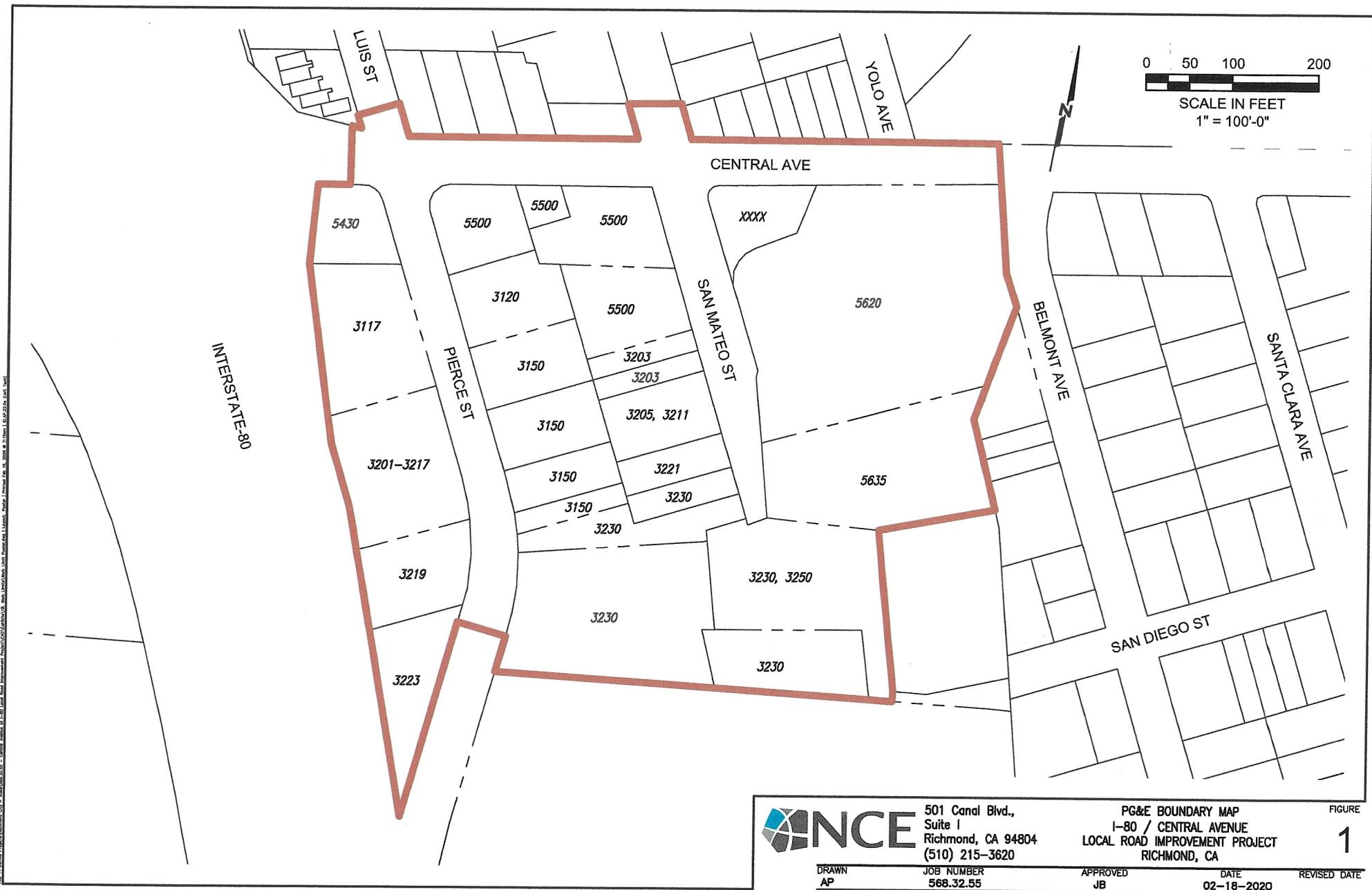
DAVE ALESHIRE  
Interim City Attorney

State of California                            }  
County of Contra Costa                        : ss.  
City of Richmond                              }

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of **Resolution No. 102-22**, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on July 5, 2022.

  
Pamela Christian, Clerk of the City of Richmond

## EXHIBIT 1





**ELECTRIC RULE NO. 20**  
REPLACEMENT OF OVERHEAD WITH UNDERGROUND ELECTRIC FACILITIES

Sheet 1

- A. Under Rule 20A, PG&E will at its expense replace its existing overhead electric facilities with underground electric facilities along public streets and roads, and on public lands and private property across which rights-of-ways satisfactory to PG&E have been obtained by PG&E, provided that: (T)
1. The governing body of the city or county in which such electric facilities are and will be located has:
    - a. Determined, after consultation with PG&E and after holding public hearings on the subject, that such undergrounding is in the general public interest for one or more of the following reasons:
      - 1) Such undergrounding will avoid or eliminate an unusually heavy concentration of overhead electric facilities;
      - 2) The street or road or right-of-way is extensively used by the general public and carries a heavy volume of pedestrian or vehicular traffic;
      - 3) Wheelchair access is limited or impeded in a manner that is not compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act;
      - 4) The street or road or right-of-way adjoins or passes through a civic area or public recreation area or an area of significant scenic, cultural, and/or historic interest to the general public; or
      - 5) The street or road or right-of-way is considered an arterial street or major collector as defined by the California Department of Transportation's California Road System functional classification system.
    - b. Adopted an ordinance creating an underground district in the area in which both the existing and new facilities are and will be located requiring, among other things, (1) that all existing overhead communication and electric distribution facilities in such district shall be removed, (2) that each property served from such electric overhead facilities shall have installed in accordance with PG&E's rules for underground service, all electrical facility changes on the premises necessary to receive service from the underground facilities of PG&E as soon as it is available, and (3) authorizing PG&E to discontinue its overhead service.
    - c. Acknowledged that wheelchair access is in the public interest and will be considered as a basis for defining the boundaries of projects that otherwise qualify for Rule 20A under the existing criteria set forth in Section A.1.a., above. (T)

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Sheet 2

## A. (Cont'd.)

2. PG&E's total annual amount of work credits for undergrounding, as authorized by the California Public Utilities Commission, shall be allocated to cities or the unincorporated area of any county as described in Sections A.2.a., and A.2.b., below. Pursuant to D.21-06-013, PG&E shall not allocate new Rule 20A work credits after December 31, 2022. Any city or the unincorporated area of any county may continue to use existing work credits allocated on or before December 31, 2022 for projects that qualify under Section A of this Rule after December 31, 2022. Pursuant to D.23-06-008, any Rule 20A work credits that have not been deducted from a community's work credit balance by December 31, 2033, shall be deemed expired. (T)  
 a. Fifty percent of the total authorized amount shall be allocated in the same ratio that the number of overhead meters in any city or unincorporated area of any county bears to the total system overhead meters; and (T)  
 b. Fifty percent of the total authorized amount shall be allocated in the same ratio that the total number of meters in any city or unincorporated area of any county bears to the total system meters.  
 c. Upon request by a city or county, the amounts allocated may be exceeded for each city or county by an amount up to a maximum of five years' allocation at then-current levels where PG&E establishes additional participation on a project is warranted and resources are available. Such allocated amounts may be carried over for a reasonable period of time in communities with active undergrounding programs. In order to qualify as a community with an active undergrounding program the governing body must have adopted an ordinance or ordinances creating an underground district and/or districts as set forth in Section A.1.b. of this Rule. Where there is a carry-over or additional requested participation, as discussed above, PG&E has the right to set, as determined by its capability, reasonable limits on the rate of performance of the work to be financed by the funds carried over. Pursuant to D.23-06-008, communities shall have the option to contribute financially to any Rule 20A project that has insufficient work credits for completion. When amounts are not expended or carried over for the community to which they are initially allocated, they shall be assigned when additional participation on a project is warranted or be reallocated to communities with active undergrounding programs. Pursuant to D.21-06-013, PG&E does not have the discretion to allow communities to borrow work credits from future allocations beyond any 2022 allocation. (L)

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A. (Cont'd.)

2. (Cont'd.)

- d. Per Section A.2.c., PG&E shall prioritize reallocation of work credits from inactive communities to Active Rule 20A Projects with insufficient work credits such that the reallocation of such work credits is made first to either: (1) Active Rule 20A Projects located in a city, unincorporated county, or tribal jurisdiction that has not completed a Rule 20A project since 2004; or (2) Active Rule 20A Projects where at least 50 percent of the main line trench distance will be located within Environmental and Social Justice Community census tract(s). (N)

An Environmental and Social Justice Community census tract shall be defined as a census tract that meets one of the following criteria: (i) scores in the top 25 percent of CalEnviroScreen 4.0, along with those that score within the highest 5 percent of CalEnviroScreen 4.0's Pollution Burden but do not receive an overall CalEnviroScreen score; (ii) located in any federally-recognized tribal lands; or (iii) where aggregated household incomes are less than 80 percent of area or state median income.

- e. Pursuant to D.23-06-008, an Active Rule 20A Project shall be defined as a project with a signed resolution that PG&E has designated as either "active" or on "hold." A Rule 20A project that PG&E has designated as on "hold" is a project that was initiated but has stopped for an indeterminate amount of time due to the community possessing insufficient work credits to fund the entire project.

- f. Pursuant to D.23-06-008, any Rule 20A work credit that has not been allocated to a community with an Active Rule 20A Project shall be deemed expired on June 8, 2025. (N)

- g. Pursuant to D.21-06-013, unauthorized work credit trading is not permitted, except for intra-county donations of work credits from a county government to cities and towns within the county or from a city or town to its county government, and pooling of work credits amongst two or more adjoining municipalities for a project with community benefit for the adjoining municipalities. PG&E shall not facilitate unauthorized trades of work credits between communities executed after June 3, 2021, the effective date of D.21-05-013. (L)

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A. (Cont'd.)

3. The undergrounding extends for a minimum distance of one block or 600 feet, whichever is the lesser.

Upon request of the governing body, PG&E will pay from the existing allocation of that entity for:

The installation of no more than 100 feet of each customer's underground electric service lateral occasioned by the undergrounding, and

The conversion of electric service panels to accept underground service, up to \$1,500 per service entrance, excluding permit fees.

The governing body may establish a smaller footage allowance, or may limit the amount of money to be expended on a single customer's electric service, or the total amount to be expended on all electric service installations in a particular project.

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- B. In circumstances other than those covered by Section A, above, PG&E will replace its existing overhead electric facilities with underground electric facilities along public streets and roads or other locations mutually agreed upon when requested by an applicant or applicants when all of the following conditions are met:
1. a. All property owners served from the overhead facilities to be removed first agree in writing to have the wiring changes made on their premises so that service may be furnished from the underground distribution system in accordance with PG&E's rules and that PG&E may discontinue its overhead service upon completion of the underground facilities; or (T)/(L)  
b. Suitable legislation is in effect requiring such necessary wiring changes to be made and authorizing PG&E to discontinue its overhead service. (L)
  2. The applicant has:
    - a. Furnished and installed the pads and vaults for transformers and associated equipment, conduits, ducts, boxes, pole bases and performed other work related to structures and substructures including breaking of pavement, trenching, backfilling, and repaving required in connection with the installation of the Underground Electric System, all in accordance with PG&E's specifications, or, in lieu thereof, paid PG&E to do so; (L)  
(T)/(L)  
(L)
    - b. Transferred ownership of such facilities, in good condition, to PG&E; and (L)
    - c. Paid a nonrefundable sum equal to the excess, if any, of the estimated costs, of completing the Underground Electric System and building a new equivalent overhead system. (L)  
(T)/(L)  
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  3. The area to be undergrounded includes both sides of a street for at least one block or 600 feet, whichever is the lesser, and all existing overhead communication and electric distribution facilities within the area will be removed. (L)

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B. (Cont'd)

4. PG&E may, when requested by the city or county and mutually agreed upon by such government entity and PG&E, initially fund any required engineering/design costs for conversion projects under this section. In the even such a project proceeds, the requesting city or county shall reimburse PG&E for such engineering/design costs before PG&E shall be required to commence further work on the project. In the event the project is not approved to proceed within two and one-half years of PG&E's delivery of such engineering/design study, the requesting city or county shall reimburse PG&E for its costs of such engineering/design study within ninety (90) calendar days of a demand by PG&E. In the event payment is not received, PG&E shall expense such costs as an operational cost and shall reduce the city or county's allocations by that same amount under Section A of this Rule. (L)  
(T)/(L)  
(T)/(L)
5. The costs of removal of the overhead poles, lines, and facilities are the responsibility of PG&E and will be paid by PG&E. Such payments shall not operate to reduce Rule 20A allocations. (L)  
(L)  
(T)/(L)
- C. In circumstances other than those covered by Sections A or B above, when mutually agreed upon by PG&E and an applicant, overhead electric facilities may be replaced with underground electric facilities, provided the applicant requesting the change pays, in advance, a nonrefundable sum equal to the estimated cost of the underground facilities less the estimated net salvage value and depreciation of the replaced overhead facilities. Underground services will be installed and maintained as provided in PG&E's rules applicable thereto. (T)/(L)  
(L)
- D. The term "Underground Electric System" means an electric system with all wires installed underground, except those wires in surface mounted equipment enclosures. (T)/(L)  
(L)

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**CITY OF EL CERRITO PROPERTY OWNER MAILING LIST**

**Pierce Street/San Mateo Street Utility Underground District**

ASSESSORS_PARCEL_NUMBER	SITE_ADDRESS	OWNER_NAME_1
510-053-015-2	CENTRAL AVE	ANABI REAL ESTATE DEV LLC
510-053-019-4	5550 CENTRAL AVE	RAMONA 140 LP
510-053-025-1	CENTRAL AVE	AFFORDABLE, HSNG CONSULT
510-043-009-8	3032 SAN MATEO ST	CHAN, HERMAN HEUNG MAN
510-043-008-0	5611 CENTRAL AVE	RACHEDI, ILHEM ALI
510-043-007-2	5615 CENTRAL AVE	KHO, ZHEN HAI
510-043-006-4	5619 CENTRAL AVE	DELACRUZ, DIANA
510-043-005-6	5623 CENTRAL AVE	PINGUELO, JOSE C
510-043-004-9	5627 CENTRAL AVE	PINGUELO, JOSE C
510-043-003-1	3033 YOLO AVE	WONG, CHUN MAN
510-044-019-6	5531 CENTRAL AVE	BATH, RAJINDERPAL S
510-044-020-4	5521 CENTRAL AVE	HAN, YING



**Map of Parcel Numbers**  
**Pierce St/San Mateo Street Utility Underground District (UU'D) Area**

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## AGENDA BILL

Agenda Item No. 9.A.

**Date:** February 18, 2025  
**To:** El Cerrito City Council  
**From:** Alexandra Orologas, Assistant City Manager, City Management; Dane Hutchings, Founder & CEO, CA Public Policy Group  
**Subject:** Legislative Platform Study Session

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### ACTION PROPOSED

Conduct a study session to review and provide input on the content of the City of El Cerrito's first Legislative Platform.

### BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

On July 16, 2024, the City Council authorized the City Manager to enter into a consulting services agreement with Renne Public Policy Group (RPPG) for grant writing and legislative advocacy services. While the City had been working with RPPG for grant writing services beginning in FY 2022-23, legislative advocacy services were added on a trial basis beginning in October 2023 and continued through the duration of the contract without additional funding allocated. The legislative advocacy services were formally incorporated into the contract in July 2024. These legislative services keep the City Council and staff informed about proposed legislation, initiatives, or funding opportunities that align with City's key priorities, programs, and/or operations. It should be noted that as of October 1, 2024, RPPG transitioned to California Public Policy Group (CPPG), with no change to the services provided to the City.

CPPG tracks, reviews, and analyzes introduced and amended legislation, and advocates on legislation and any state budget issues impacting El Cerrito. Having a legislative advocate with a physical presence in Sacramento is important for tracking legislation or funding opportunities that might impact the City, and helps in building relationships with elected officials and their offices so that the City's voice is heard. A key part of CPPG's legislative advocacy scope of work is collaborating with City staff to develop a draft Legislative Platform for the City Council's input and consideration. Adopting a Legislative Platform is a standard practice for cities that engage with the state Legislature to advocate for their priorities. The February 18, 2025 Study Session will be focused on gathering Council input on the draft Legislative Platform, which is expected to be proposed for adoption at the March 4, 2025 City Council meeting.

The draft Legislative Platform (Exhibit A) is designed to provide a proactive policy framework and process for the City to quickly respond to current issues that could directly or indirectly impact the City's key priorities, programs, and/or operations. The Platform language is crafted to clearly communicate the City's position on important policy issues to state legislators, policymakers, regional/state agencies, and the public.

In developing this draft Legislative Platform, CPPG met with each City Department to identify and assess proposed state legislative and funding priorities, which are aligned with the vision, mission and values statements in the City Council-adopted [El Cerrito Strategic Plan 2024-2029](#). Once finalized and approved by the City Council, this Platform will be a living document brought to the City Council yearly to reflect any changes in State legislative activity and/or the City's goals. Issues not addressed in the Platform may require future Council direction as needed.

## **STRATEGIC PLAN CONSIDERATIONS**

This action supports the [City's Strategic Plan Goal\(s\)](#) of:

- *High Performing Organization; and*
- *Community Safety; and*
- *Livability and Belonging; and*
- *Infrastructure and Amenities; and*
- *Environmental Sustainability.*

## **ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS**

This section is not applicable to this agenda item.

## **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

This section is not applicable to this agenda item.

## **LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

This section is not applicable to this agenda item.

**Reviewed by:**



Karen Pinkos, City Manager

## **Attachments:**

1. Draft 2025 State Legislative Platform



## CITY OF EL CERRITO

### ***PROPOSED 2025 STATE LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM***

#### **PURPOSE**

The City of El Cerrito's 2025 State Legislative Platform confirms the City Council's framework and views on current issues that have the potential to directly or indirectly impact the City. The legislative platform is a guiding document for the City to utilize to promote and preserve the City's interests at the state level. It serves as the foundation of a focused advocacy strategy and reference guide for legislative positions and objectives that provide direction for the City Council and staff throughout the following year. The intent of the legislative platform is to codify a process that allows the City to maintain quick and sustained engagement on legislative issues important to the City. The platform is designed to clearly and precisely convey to state legislators, policymakers, and the public where the City stands on important policy issues.

The City will continue to work on the legislative platform in collaboration with constituents, legislative consultants, and elected representatives to ensure that the platform is a living document that is adjusted as the City's priorities and goals evolve over time. City staff will coordinate with state advocacy services and regional partners as appropriate to monitor and assess legislative, administrative, and regulatory proposals and will take action in alignment with the adopted legislative platform to advance and protect the City's interests, as necessary.

In advance of each new legislative session, or each year should the City Council request it, the Council will consider modifying its platform by taking into consideration emerging and ongoing legislative trends, issues emerging locally that may require state policy reform, the Council's strategic priorities, or other factors deemed appropriate by the City to ensure its policy statements reflect the direction of the City Council.

#### **GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

This platform is guided by the [El Cerrito Strategic Plan 2024-2029](#), including the Vision, Mission and Values statements adopted by the City Council, as well as the Goals, Goal Statements, and specific Strategies identified in the Plan.

#### **LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY POSITION ADOPTION**

In consultation with City staff, the City Manager, or their designee, shall be permitted to exercise discretion to adopt a formal legislative position without taking items to the full City Council so long as the proposed position is clearly in accordance with the City Council's adopted legislative platform.

In the case where a pending state legislative proposal falls outside of the scope of the approved legislative platform or there is any ambiguity, that item will be placed on a future City Council agenda for review and consideration by the full City Council.

The City's legislative positions, as further defined below, may be supported with additional advocacy efforts, including but not limited to:

- Position letters, including updating such letters as legislation is amended and/or advances through the process.
- Preparing staff and Councilmember testimony to legislative committees and other legislative and regulatory bodies.
- Meetings with Members and/or staff of the Legislature or with staff of regulatory agencies.

Possible positions that can be adopted on legislation include:

**Support:** A support position indicates to the Legislature, regulatory agencies, and other stakeholders that the City is in favor of the legislation in question.

**Oppose:** An oppose position indicates to the Legislature, regulatory agencies, and other stakeholders that the City is against the legislation in question.

**Oppose Unless Amended:** An oppose unless amended position indicates to the legislature, regulatory agencies, and other stakeholders that the City is against the legislation in question, unless the requested changes are adopted.

**Neutral:** A neutral position indicates to the Legislature, regulatory agencies, and other stakeholders that the City has formally removed their prior adopted position due to changes being made to the legislation or proposal (e.g., a bill that the City had an “oppose unless amended” position on was amended to address the City’s concerns, therefore the City is formally withdrawing its opposition and moving to a “Neutral” position). A neutral position therefore indicates that the City is impartial on the legislation in question.

**Sponsor:** A sponsor position indicates to the Legislature, regulatory agencies, and other stakeholders that the City is not only in strong support of the legislation in question but is publicly leading the advocacy effort. This position is only used when a Member of the Legislature has agreed to author a specific legislative proposal on behalf of the City.

**Watch:** A watch is an **internal** position which indicates that the City is closely monitoring and evaluating the legislation in question. Should factors change, the City reserves the right to adopt a formal external position.

## **LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM STATEMENTS**

Legislative policy statements that will allow City staff to address legislative and regulatory issues in a timely manner.

### **Housing and Land Use**

1. Support legislation and increased funding that rewards Prohousing designated jurisdictions and good housing actors.
2. Support legislation that takes a comprehensive approach to housing production, recognizing all factors that contribute to the State's housing crisis, and works to close the economic gap, ensuring projects are feasible without imposing excessive financial burdens on cities.
3. Support legislation that provides tools and resources that enable jurisdictions to address housing needs specific to their community.
4. Support legislative and/or funding proposals to humanely support unhoused populations.
5. Support legislation that promotes effective enforcement of short-term rental properties.
6. Support funding mechanisms for housing production.
7. Support legislation that permits flexibility for cities over the entitlement process.
8. Oppose legislation that penalizes cities that have been acting in good faith to support housing.
9. Oppose legislation that will increase the cost of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment process.
10. Support legislation that updates the Regional Housing Needs Assessment process to recognize Prohousing jurisdiction's efforts in entitling new projects, without penalizing them for market factors that may limit those projects from progressing to the building permit phase.
11. Oppose legislation that requires unnecessary updates to local general plans.

### **Wildfire Prevention, Recovery, Mitigation, and Resiliency**

1. Support legislation that promotes and provides funding for the installation of fire hazard mitigation infrastructure.
2. Support legislation that promotes and incentivizes home hardening and fuels mitigation.
3. Support legislation and funding mechanisms that allow for increased fuels mitigation.

4. Support legislation that promotes affordable home insurance rates for at-risk residents.
5. Support legislation and funding mechanisms that promote the clearing of trees around evacuation routes.
6. Oppose legislation that seeks to reduce the City's adopted Fire Hazard Abatement Program or vegetation management standards set by the City.
7. Oppose legislation aimed at eliminating state fire hazard severity zones, without the ability for a local authority to grant exemptions based on specific characteristics.

### **Public Safety and Emergency Response**

1. Support legislation that promotes responsible, proven crime-fighting technology, including enhanced protective equipment, body cameras, and automated vehicle license plate readers, and that promotes the funding for the expanded use of such technology.
2. Support legislation that prevents and reduces drug related crimes while providing proactive funding tools needed to combat the opioid and fentanyl crisis—including the creation of substance abuse education and treatment programs.
3. Support legislation that facilitates homelessness and mental health partnerships across jurisdictions.
4. Support legislation and/or funding mechanisms that promote the creation and use of emergency operations and community resilience centers.
5. Support legislation that promotes funding for training and wellness of Police Officers and Firefighters.
6. Support legislation that promotes the responsible and effective use of drones.
7. Support legislation that allows the aggregation of theft across multiple jurisdictions.
8. Support funding to help cities comply with encryption mandates.
9. Oppose legislation that restricts the police department's ability to maintain encrypted communication when necessary to its fundamental operations.
10. Support legislation that promotes more efficient and effective ambulance response times.
11. Support legislative and/or funding proposals for additional health and trauma intervention programs for Police Officers and Firefighters.
12. Support legislation and/or funding mechanisms that will aid the City in needed police station and fire station upgrades and/or replacement of the City's main public safety (Police & Fire Department) building.

13. Oppose one-size-fits-all bans on specialized equipment that is essential for law enforcement officers to effectively perform their duties while maintaining public trust including the use of facial recognition technology and other specialized equipment.
14. Monitor and evaluate legislation that impacts best practices regarding law enforcement procedures.
15. Monitor and evaluate legislation that impedes the use of canines in public safety operations.
16. Support legislation and funding initiatives that enable the Police and Fire Departments to sustain a robust and long-term records management system.

#### **Transportation and Public Works**

1. Support legislation that promotes or facilitates interregional transportation projects and cooperation.
2. Support legislation and/or funding mechanisms that promote, sustain, and expand service levels of BART, AC Transit, and other regional transit providers.
3. Support legislation or funding mechanisms that promote complete streets programs and street improvements at the state and local levels.
4. Oppose legislation and/or funding that substantially increase vehicle capacity on roads without equal investment in supporting transit and alternatives that lessen vehicle demand.
5. Support legislation and/or funding mechanisms that promote the improvement, rebuilding, and expansion of storm drain infrastructure.
6. Support legislation that promotes the proper and cost-effective disposal of solid waste, including producer-responsibility programs and other methods of source control.
7. Support legislation that promotes recycling programs and initiatives.
8. Support legislation that allows local governments to raise funds for city stormwater projects in the same way as other utilities.
9. Support legislation that lowers the voting threshold for raising funding for public infrastructure or services.
10. Support legislation that promotes material reuse such as requiring propane cylinders to be refillable.
11. Support legislation and funding that supports pragmatic management and implementation of clean water programs and stormwater infrastructure.

12. Support legislation that promotes the creation, management, funding, and maintenance of urban forests, including street trees, parks, and open spaces.
13. Support legislation that promotes the funding and implementation of urban greening projects.
14. Support legislation that facilitates and funds increasing the number of electric vehicle charging stations, including funding for electric power service planning and infrastructure to support electric vehicle charging.
15. Support legislation that increases the reliability and stability of electrical grids, including undergrounding overhead powerlines; increasing distributed energy resource development; and increasing energy efficiency deployment to reduce peak power demand.
16. Support legislation and regulatory policies that support Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) autonomy in policymaking and decision-making, and oppose legislation and regulatory policies that unfairly disadvantage CCAs or CCA customers, or reduce or undermine local decision-making autonomy by the CCA or its governing board.
17. Support continuing development of local renewable energy resources and supply, including the protection of local autonomy to administer energy efficiency and install and utilize integrated distributed energy resources.
18. Support effective leveraging of energy efficiency programs tailored to address local needs and concerns.
19. Support legislation and funding mechanisms that promote the rehabilitation and management of parks and open spaces.
20. Monitor and evaluate legislation on changes to prevailing wage.
21. Monitor and evaluate legislation on procurement for organic waste.
22. Support legislation increasing the flexibility of compliance with clean fleet regulations and mandates.
23. Support legislation that increases compliance options for electric vehicle procurement requirements, timelines, and exemptions.
24. Support legislation and funding mechanisms that facilitate the implementation of the City's Climate Action & Adaption Plan to achieve Carbon Neutrality, equivalent to a 100% reduction in emissions, by 2045.

### **Parks, Recreation and Other Policy Items**

1. Support legislation that provides funding for the development, maintenance, rehabilitation, and environmental sustainability of parks, recreation facilities, and open spaces consistent with the El Cerrito Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan and other related City planning efforts.
2. Support and advocate funding for the development of accessible and inclusive parks and recreational spaces for all community members, including compliance with ADA standards.
3. Support legislation that supports and enables city services for children, including childcare, summer camps and other youth-focused programs.
4. Oppose legislation that applies the same regulatory structures and standards for childcare programs to summer camps.
5. Support legislation that promotes the creation and management of parks, recreation and open spaces.
6. Support legislation that supports senior services to enhance the quality of life for older adults.
7. Support legislation that promotes walkable and/or bikeable communities.
8. Support legislation that provides funding mechanisms for public library facilities and programs.

### **Governance, Transparency and Administration**

1. Support legislation that balances increased public participation, trust, confidence, and access to public meetings while realizing the fiscal and operational constraints of local government.
2. Support legislation that provides the ability to conduct public meetings using a hybrid approach of remote and in-person options. Such options should allow for equitable access and participation of members of brown act legislative bodies and the public while considering resource availability and the privacy, health, and safety of all stakeholders.
3. Support legislation that promotes the public's right to access records while considering both the fiscal and operational constraints of the organization.
4. Support legislation that increases local government transparency while recognizing the cost constraints that unfunded mandates place on local government agencies.
5. Support legislation that lessens the fiscal burden of public notice requirements through allowing alternative methods of notice and publication.

6. Support legislation that promotes the ethical and responsible use of emerging technologies, including artificial intelligence.
7. Monitor and evaluate legislation that restricts public employees' pension investments based on criteria other than the return of the portfolio.
8. Oppose legislation that would negatively impact the City's finances, responsibilities, legal authority, operations, programs, services, or infrastructure.
9. Monitor and evaluate legislation that impacts the City's ability to enter into contract specialized service agreements and/or retain temporary employees as needed.



**SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA MATERIALS  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
February 18, 2025  
(rev. 2/20/2025)**

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING (6:00 PM)**

**Public Comments (Not on the Agenda and Consent Calendar)**

**Additional public comments**

**Agenda Item No. 8.A. – Establishment of the Pierce Street/San Mateo Street Utility Underground District for the I-80/Central Avenue Interchange Improvements Project**

1. Presentation

**Agenda Item No. 9.A. – Legislative Platform Study Session**

1. Presentation

**From:** [Ira Sharenow](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Cc:** [William Ktsanes](#); [Lisa Motoyama](#); [Rebecca Saltzman](#); [Carolyn Wysinger](#); [Gabe Quinto](#)  
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It now appears as though the El Cerrito Plaza TOD project and the associated library project have experienced significant roadblocks due to greatly increased construction costs. The BART board just had an extensive discussion on the issue.

I request that management update the public in an open forum. We need to know about the delays for a projected bond measure vote as well as all of the other potential delays.

How much have costs gone up?

March 19 will mark the five year anniversary of the permanent closing of the El Cerrito senior center. What are the plans for a new senior center?

Ira Sharenow  
El Cerrito, CA

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Hello Mayor Wysinger, Council Members and Staff,

I AM Submitting the following Comments into the Record:

1. for a future Agenda, the Council Should Consider Inviting Danny Wan to Present on the Ports In California
2. Also to Reconsider Allowing the Public to Participate Remotely

Sincerely  
Cordell

**From:** [John stashik](#)  
**To:** [Gabe Quinto](#); [Lisa Motoyama](#); [Rebecca Saltzman](#); [William Ktsanes](#); [Carolyn Wysinger](#); [City Clerk](#)  
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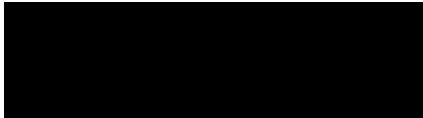
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Nothing irritates me more in our city than attacks on Karen Pinkos. I am absolutely furious with this batch of lies. The so-called ECCRG itself is phony and the constant hate EC crap directed at the CM, staff, and Council, is old and tiring.

A few cowards using chat bots, spreading lies, yet too afraid to sign their own names. Disgusting handful of people that need to be called out. Herewith, their most recent hate blather, and now submitted for the public record as totally unacceptable.

John C. Stashik



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**From:** "El Cerrito Committee for Responsible Government (ECCRG)"

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El Cerrito Committee for Responsible Government (ECCRG)

# El Cerrito City Manager's Performance: A Call for Accountability

 By **eccrg** on February 17, 2025

The El Cerrito City Council and city boosters often tout the hard work of the city manager. But she isn't paid to spin endlessly on a hamster wheel. Her role demands results—and El Cerrito deserves better outcomes. Unfortunately, these troubling patterns have persisted under her leadership.



## Reduced Services

1. **Senior Center:** Permanently closed, leaving seniors without a vital community hub.
2. **Passport Services:** Permanently closed, reducing convenient services for residents.
3. **Children's Water Slide:** Removed, diminishing recreational options for families.
4. **Recycling Center:** Faced significant setbacks, impacting a key sustainability resource.
5. **Ohlone Greenway:** Riddled with potholes, prone to flooding, and frequented by speeders—with no clear plans for improvement.
6. **Pavement Condition:** Significant decline in the city's Pavement Condition Index (PCI).
7. **Pandemic-Era Service Cuts:** El Cerrito reduced services and operating hours during COVID and never fully restored them.

## Transparency Issues

1. **Survey Data Concealed:** The public and even the council were denied access to critical survey data.
2. **Limited Library Discussions:** Plans for a new library were kept largely out of the public eye.
3. **Transit-Oriented Development (TOD):** Minimal public engagement regarding significant development plans.
4. **Richmond Street Project:** Discussions were notably scarce. Surveys involving city streets were not conducted in a way to clearly understand parking
5. **San Pablo Avenue Church:** The purchase of \$1.6 million is unexplained. Limited information on the city's use of this property.
6. **Non-Responsive Senior Managers:** Key city staff routinely ignore resident emails. Little ethnic diversity among city leadership.
7. **Library Project Concessions:** Critical details were poorly disclosed, like reducing parking from 63 to zero spaces and shrinking the \$21 million unexplained costs.

## Financial Mismanagement

1. **Ongoing Fiscal Concerns:** The city repeatedly received "going concern" warnings.
2. **State Audit:** El Cerrito underwent a state financial audit due to

fiscal mismanagement.

3. **Credit Downgrade:** Credit ratings plummeted from A- to BBB- and only slightly improved.
4. **Rising Pension Liabilities:** CalPERS UAL payments are nearing \$8 million annually.
5. **Missed Opportunities:** The city failed to issue pension obligation bonds during a period of record-low interest rates.
6. **Library Bond Inaction:** The city neglected to issue library bonds when rates were advantageous.
7. **Library Grant Neglect:** Officials didn't even apply for \$10 million in available state library grants.
8. **Infrastructure Crisis:** The city needs \$250 million in capital improvements but has no strategic plan for prioritizing projects. The state auditor warned this process will take "a very long time" at the current pace.

#### 9. **High Crime Rate and Police Staffing Issues**

El Cerrito has experienced a concerning rise in crime rates over the past several years. Data shows that El Cerrito has approximately 1.2 officers per 1,000 residents.

## A Legacy of Overspending

The previous city manager drained El Cerrito's reserves. The current city manager continued the pattern by significantly overspending in 2019 and again in 2024. Rather than reassess its approach, the city appears to rely on outdated templates and ignores the need for operational

reform. Neither the City Council, the Financial Advisory Board (FAB), nor public forums have engaged in substantive discussions about a sustainable path forward.

## COVID Windfalls Squandered

City officials claim they worked hard during the pandemic to implement improvements—but haven't detailed what those improvements were. Meanwhile, the city benefited from unprecedented windfalls:

1. **ARPA Funds:** \$6.1 million meant to aid pandemic-impacted individuals and businesses was redirected.
2. **Real Property Transfer Tax:** Revenues from this new tax far exceeded projections but the city can't live within their means.
3. **Property Tax Surge:** Low interest rates spurred housing sales, driving up property tax receipts.
4. **Sales Tax Reform:** Legal changes to Charter city led to increased sales tax revenue.

Despite these revenue boosts, El Cerrito resumed its overspending habits as soon as pandemic-related concerns subsided.

## City Manager's Plan for Reserve Spending

The city manager has proposed using 27% of the city's unrestricted reserves to cover ongoing deficit spending. This move raises concerns about the city's long-term financial stability and its ability to respond to emergencies.

## El Cerrito Deserves Better

Hard work alone isn't enough. El Cerrito needs a city manager who delivers tangible results, prioritizes fiscal responsibility, restores vital services, and communicates honestly with residents. Until then, our city will continue spinning on the hamster wheel of dysfunction, moving but never progressing. Residents deserve leadership that steers toward a sustainable, transparent, and prosperous future.

## Hashtags and Contact Information

#ElCerrito #CityCouncil #TransparencyMatters #FiscalResponsibility  
#CommunityServices #PublicAccountability

### Contact the El Cerrito City Council (2025)

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Hello City Council and staff,

3 things to share with you.

1. My sincere thanks and congrats to Mario Gonzalez on his retirement. Over the years in the production of numerous community events I was involved with he was always super helpful and gracious. The city was fortunate to have Mario for all these years.

2. My feeling is another official bike lane on Richmond St is definitely not a crucially needed change. The Ohlone pathway is fine...although more serious enforcing of the Non-motorized vehicle rule should be carried out. Richmond St. just needs to be paved now that the EBMUD work is done. It's quite bumpy for cars and bikes. If you're worried about speeding on Richmond St, maybe a couple of speed bumps would be acceptable, but Richmond St does not need an official bike lane that would negatively impact the people living there. I'm sure the money could be better spent.

3. I understand there was a subcommittee formed a while ago of Lisa Motoyama and Paul Fadelli to examine the process of Committees/Boards/Commissions getting feedback when they submit or offer input or make recommendations to Council for a particular topic. It seems now, there is no format or protocol in place for the Council to at least ACKNOWLEDGE they have received and read the Committee's input. If this is true, it is very discouraging. If it's true that Council is not required to respond, then this needs to be changed. What's happened with that subcommittee now ?

City Staff is constantly striving to get residents to join these Committees, but why should residents spend time and energy on developing ideas, projects, improvements, suggestions, if they never get any response or at least an acknowledgement of receipt.

FYI- since I'm not sure if the procedure is for Holly to send this to Councilmembers, I will send it to them directly tomorrow.

best regards,  
Lisa Martinengo  
El Cerrito

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Agenda Item No. 8.A.

# Pierce Street and San Mateo Street Underground Utility District

City of El Cerrito City Council Meeting  
February 18, 2025

# I-80/Central Ave Interchange Improvements Project

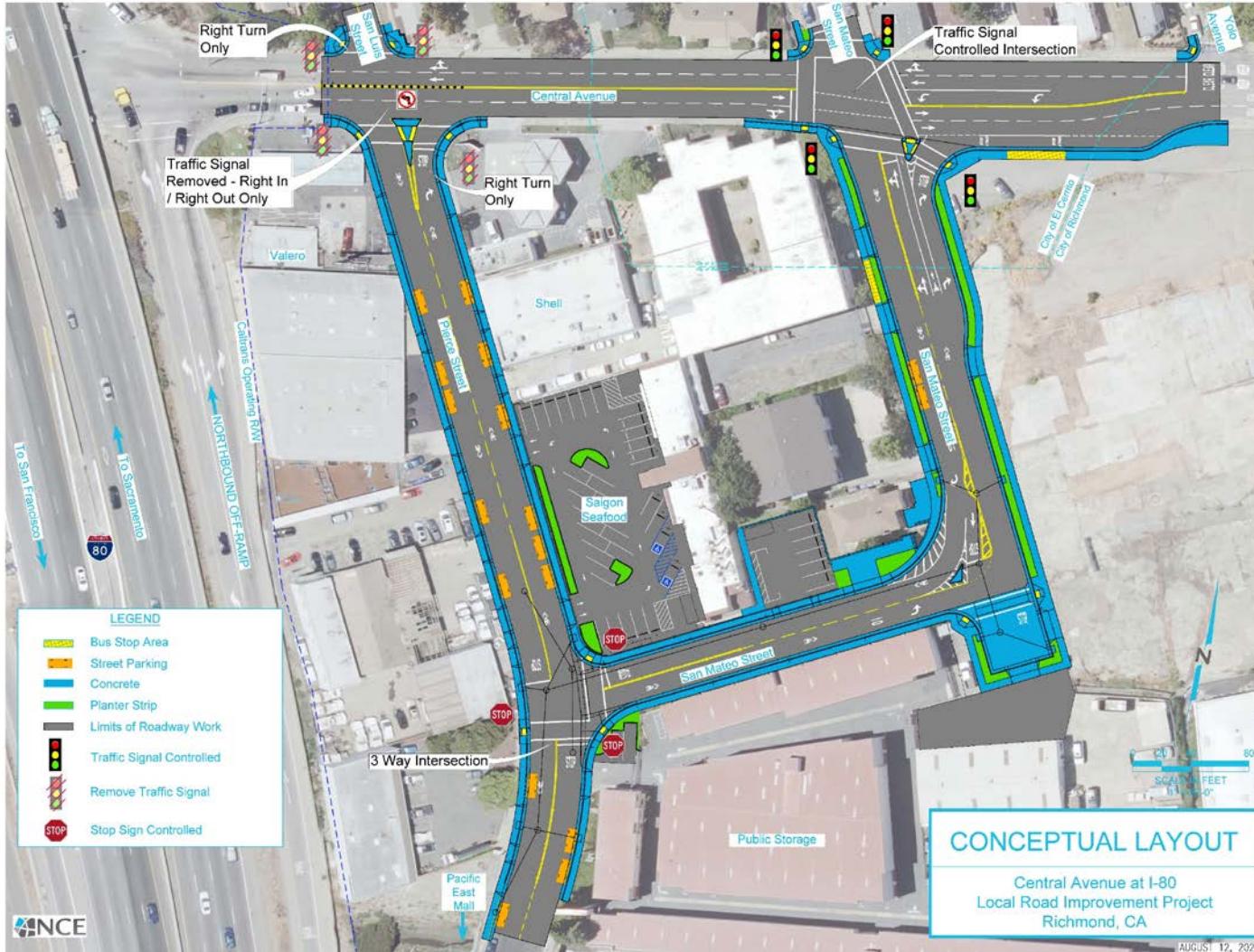
- Multi-agency project to address congestion on Central Ave
- Phase 1: Redirected left turns onto I-80 to I-580 with message boards and new traffic signals during weekend peak – Led by CCTA, Completed 2018
- Phase 2: Local Roads Realignment – Led by City of Richmond, Underway



Source: CCTA

# I-80/Central Ave Interchange, Phase 2

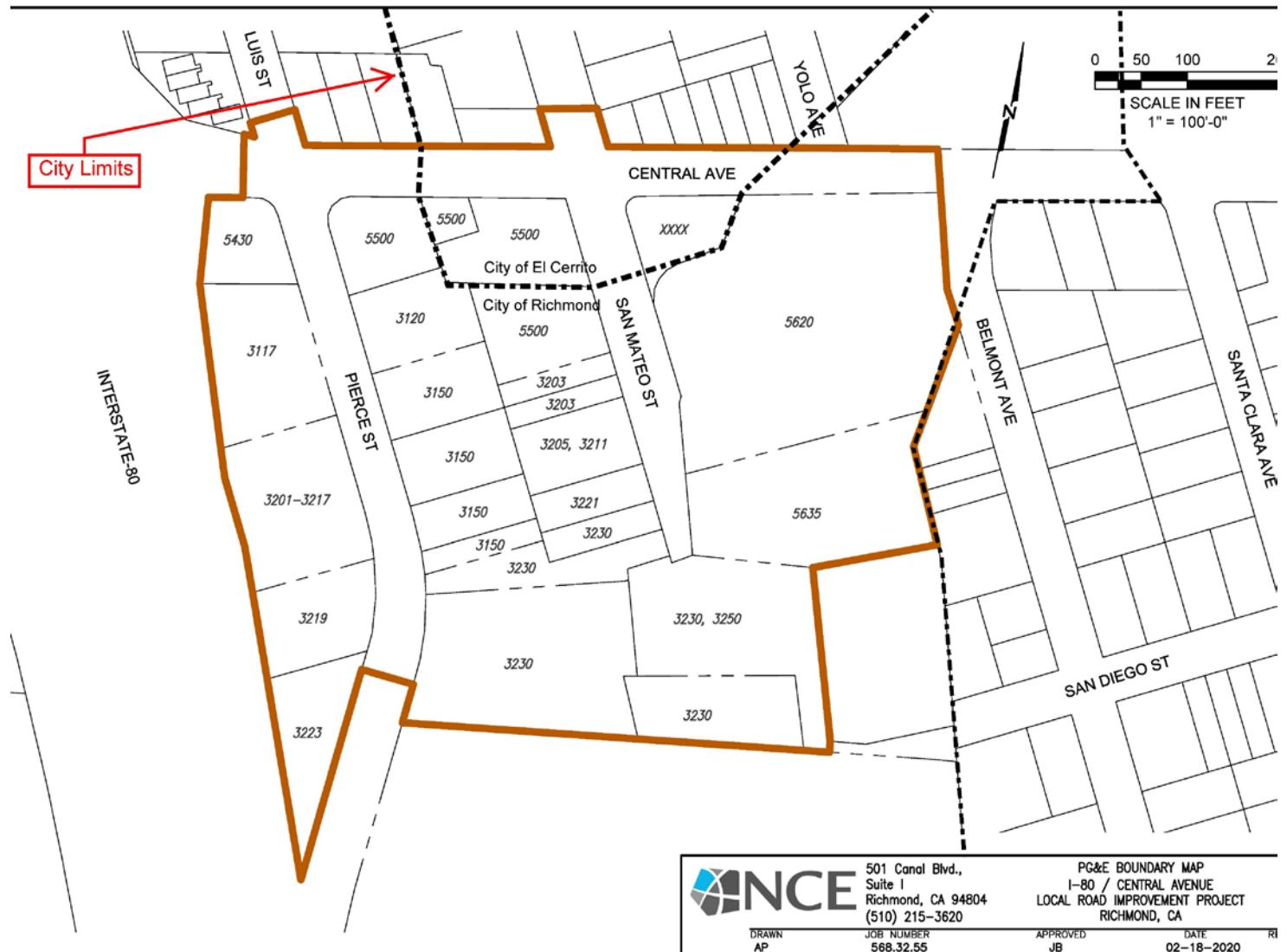
- Local Roads Realignment
- Improve Traffic Operations
  - New roadway connection between Pierce and San Mateo Streets
  - Increase spacing at intersections by relocating traffic signal locations & implementing turn restrictions
  - New storage for westbound left turns
  - Other – Utility Undergrounding



Source: NCE

# Utility Undergrounding under PG&E Rule 20A

- California Public Utilities Commission regulation
- PG&E annually allocates Work Credits to cities and counties
- Projects that serve the public interest
  - High concentration of overhead lines
  - Extensively used by the public, high traffic volumes
  - Streets passing through civic or recreational areas
  - American with Disabilities Act (ADA) access
- Funded by rates charged to all PG&E customers
- Requires creation of Underground Utility District (UUID)
- Separate from PG&E Wildfire Related Programs



# Pierce Street / San Mateo Street Underground Utility District (UUD)

- City of Richmond City Council Resolution July 5, 2022
- Funded by City of Richmond Rule 20A Work Credits
- Public Notices & Outreach
  - City of Richmond to Property Owners, Utilities & West County Times (June & July 2022)
  - City of El Cerrito to El Cerrito Property Owners & West County Times (January & February 2025)
- Future Meetings

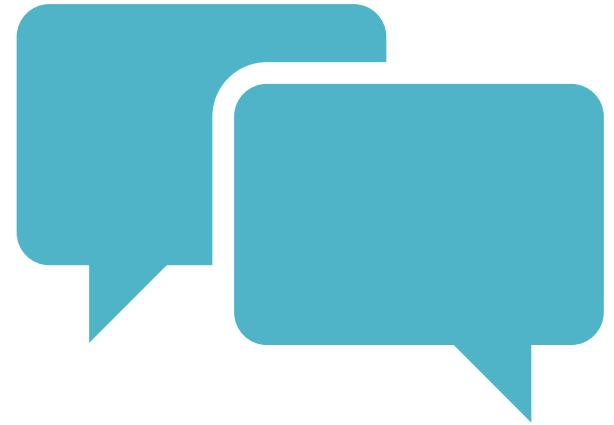
# Proposed City Council Action: Establish the Pierce Street/San Mateo Street UUD within El Cerrito for the I-80/ Central Ave Interchange Improvements Project

- Public hearing to determine whether the public necessity, health, safety, or welfare requires undergrounding
- Will assist the City of Richmond and PG&E to continue the undergrounding process and schedule the work
- City of Richmond Initial Study/ Mitigated Negative Declaration (January 2023)
- Consistent with City of El Cerrito Strategic Plan – Infrastructures & Amenities Goal



Source: City of Richmond

# Questions & Comments





# **City of El Cerrito Legislative Platform Study Session**

**February 18, 2025**

*Dane Hutchings, Founder + CEO California Public Policy Group*

# Session Overview

- 2025 Legislative State-of-Play
- Legislative Platform Background and Purpose
- Drafting Process
- Advocacy Engagement Process

## Highlights of Platform Statements

- Housing and Land Use
- Transportation and Public Works
- Governance and Transparency
- Wildfire Prevention and Mitigation
- Public Safety
- Parks and Recreation

# 2025 Legislative State-of-Play

**23 New Assembly Members (out of 80 total)**

**Assemblymember Buffy Wicks (D-Oakland)**

- Appropriations (Chair)
- Housing and Community Development
- Natural Resources
- Privacy and Consumer Protection



**12 New State Senators (out of 40 total)**

**Senator Jesse Arreguin (D-Berkeley)**

- Public Safety (Chair)
- Human Services (Chair)
- Housing
- Business, Professions & Economic Development
- Energy, Utilities & Commissions
- Local Government
- Transportation

# 2025 Legislative State-of-Play

**Small State Surplus—However, Southern California Wildfires Create Uncertainty**

**More Than 1,000 Measures Introduced So Far Touching On Many Areas of Interest**

- Governmental Transparency
- Housing, Land Use and Planning
- Wildfire Prevention and Mitigation
- Energy, Utilities, Water and Solid Waste
- Public Safety and EMS

**Projected ~2,000 Individual Pieces Of Legislation To Be Introduced By February 21, 2025**

**California Ability to Work *With* Washington, D.C.**

# Legislative Platform Background and Purpose

## Creates a Helpful Guide for Communicating with Various Stakeholders

- Communicates City's policies, priorities, and positions to the public, and to state and regional governments.

## Allows the City to Have a Gameplan

- Allows staff and legislative advocate to quickly triage and assess legislative matters upon introduction and as they advance through the process.
  - *In 2023-24 legislative session there were 5,564 legislative and budgetary measures introduced.*
  - *2,628 having some level of impact on public agencies at time of introduction.*

# Legislative Platform Background and Purpose

**Provides Guidance/Direction to City Staff and State Legislative Consultants on How to Engage on Specific Pieces of Legislation—including Coalition Building**

- This is especially important during key legislative and budget deadlines.
- Helps secure critical amendments early in the process.
- Allows immediate engagement on legislation throughout the legislative process.
- Enables the City to take the following advocacy positions:
  - Sponsor
  - Support
  - Oppose
  - Oppose unless amended
  - Neutral
  - Watch (Internal)

# Drafting Process

**CPPG, Along With Staff From The City Manager’s Office, Held A Series Of “Deep Dive Meetings” In The Fall Of 2024 With Key Staff From Each City Department (60-90 Min Each)**

## **Meetings Focused Primarily On The Following:**

- Policies that have an impact on departmental operations.
- Assessing major issues/projects/initiatives within the City that need to be considered or shared.
- Major policy areas of importance that CPPG should be monitoring more closely.
- Critical funding priorities for the City that CPPG should know more about.
- How best CPPG can serve as the City’s legislative advocacy firm.

**CPPG Worked With City Manager’s Office To Solicit Feedback To Craft A Platform Based On Staff Operational Need And Ensure That It Aligns With The City’s 2024-2029 Strategic Plan**

# Advocacy Engagement Process

If position is clearly consistent with the adopted platform, the City Manager is authorized to request the Mayor or in absence of the Mayor the Mayor Pro Tem to sign advocacy letters without taking the item to council.

Revised advocacy letters and advocacy activities may continue to be submitted on behalf of the City throughout the legislative process.

**Examples Include:**

- Resubmitting advocacy letters and modifying advocacy letters based on amendments
- Testifying in policy committees
- Attending meetings with state legislative, regulatory and administrative agencies
- Negotiating amendments/ comments/ policy on legislative, regulatory or administrative actions.
- Seeking funding for key programs and city initiatives
- Meeting with stakeholders involved in the state legislative, regulatory and administrative proposal.

# Advocacy Engagement Process

## Extenuating Circumstances

It is important to recognize that the State and federal legislative practices do not adhere to the same timing as local agencies who must comply with the Ralph M. Brown Act.

If time is of the essence, and a significant item requires action before approval can be obtained action can be taken by the Mayor or City Manager without approval, if the legislative proposal:

Does not directly conflict with the adopted legislative platform **AND**

- Would directly impact the City's finance, responsibilities, legal authority or operations of the City.
- Intended to protect and/ or increases local revenues

# Highlights of Platform Statements

## Housing and Land Use

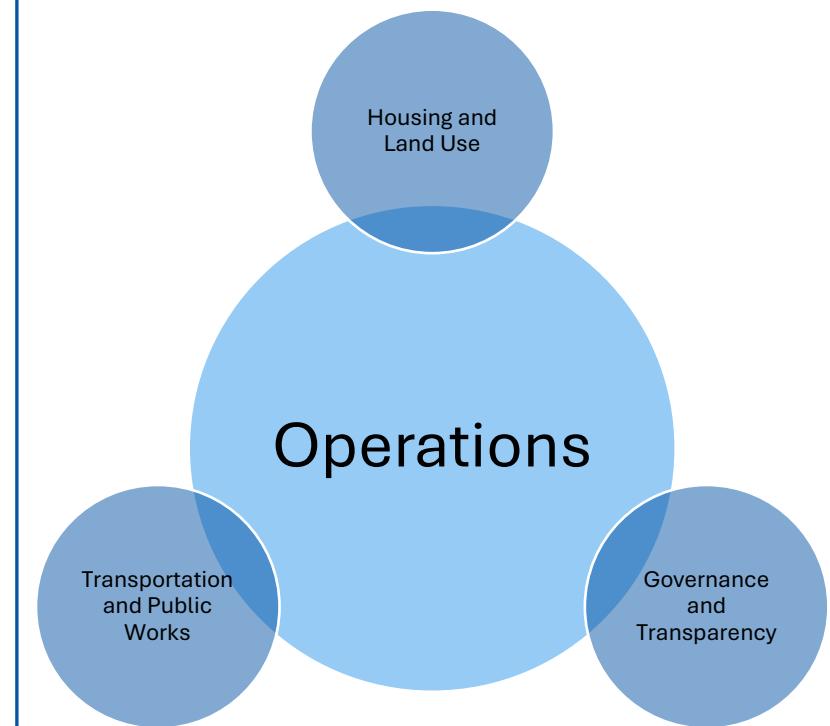
- Supporting legislation that takes a comprehensive approach to housing production, recognizing all the factors that contribute to the State's housing crisis.
- Opposing legislation that penalizes good faith housing actors.

## Transportation and Public Works

- Supporting regional transportation projects, such as BART and AC Transit.
- Supporting funding for complete streets programs and infrastructure improvements at the state and local levels.
- Support legislation and funding that promotes sustainable transportation, stormwater management, recycling, energy efficiency, urban greening, and clean energy initiatives while opposing policies that increase vehicle capacity without also addressing transit alternatives and promoting sustainability.

## Governance, Transparency and Administration

- Supporting legislation that balances increased public participation, trust, confidence in local government.
- Opposing unfunded mandates and other negative impacts to the City's finances.



# Highlights of Platform Statements

## Wildfire Prevention, Recovery, Mitigation, and Resiliency

- Supporting legislation and funding to make the City able to implement wildfire prevention efforts, such as home hardening, fuels mitigation, and tree clearing.
- Opposing legislation aimed at eliminating state fire hazard severity zones.

## Public Safety

- Supporting legislation that promotes the responsible and ethical use of crime-fighting technology.
- Supporting funding for the City to make public safety building upgrades.

## Parks and Recreation

- Supporting legislation and funding for the development and maintenance of parks, recreation facilities, summer camps, and senior and childcare services.
- Supporting legislation that promotes walkable and/or bikeable communities.





# Questions/Discussion

# Thank You!