

Resolution Supporting Participatory Budgeting

WHEREAS, Participatory Budgeting (PB) is a democratic process that allows community members to directly decide how to allocate part of a public budget, thereby promoting civic engagement and fostering a stronger sense of community; and

WHEREAS, The City of Richmond's City Council has shown support for the implementation of Participatory Budgeting, recognizing its potential to enhance transparency, accountability, and community involvement in municipal decision-making; and

WHEREAS, The budget for Fiscal Year 2026 will allocate 1% of the Capital Improvement Budget to Participatory Budgeting, which amounts to approximately \$3 million, with a planned gradual increase to 3%; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the **Richmond City Democratic Committee** fully supports the implementation of Participatory Budgeting in the City of Richmond; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the **Richmond City Democratic Committee** calls on all candidates for city government, including current incumbents, to publicly endorse and commit to the full implementation and support of Participatory Budgeting, including the proposed increase in budget allocation.

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