

Mayor Danny Avula's priorities for a thriving Richmond

Danny believes that Richmond has an incredibly exciting future—if it is willing to address the toughest challenges head-on in a spirit of collaboration and community. He's committed to working with stakeholders across the city and the region and to building constructive partnerships across sectors and political boundaries.

Over the next four years, Danny's administration will work to build...

A thriving City Hall (that gets things done)

To transform Richmond's local government into a model public-sector organization that stewards resources effectively, meets community needs, and has the trust of residents.

Thriving neighborhoods (that meet our housing needs)

Meet the housing needs of a growing city, so that Richmonders at every income level can afford good housing in safe neighborhoods with strong public amenities.

Thriving families (where every child succeeds)

Support the education, health, and development of children and families — in and out of the classroom — so that all kids graduate Richmond Public Schools well-prepared for success and connected to opportunities for further learning and career development.

A thriving economy (that leaves no one behind)

Support small and minority-owned businesses and employers providing quality, living-wage job opportunities. Create pathways for disadvantaged residents to move from poverty to stability to wealth building, and direct investments to historically neglected neighborhoods.

Thriving and inclusive communities (where everyone's rights are protected)

Protect everyone's rights — specifically the rights of immigrants, LGBTQIA+ residents, other politically targeted groups, and the reproductive rights of women.

A thriving and sustainable built environment (planned for future generations)

Shift toward a net zero greenhouse emission local economy through improved public and multimodal transportation, strong stewardship of our natural resources, greening neglected neighborhoods, and a strong commitment to sustainability across all departments.

A city that tells its stories (that tells the truth about its past and finds a healing path forward)

Make Richmond a national model for telling the truth about its own history — including slavery, racism, and struggles for Black empowerment since the city's founding. Use the arts as a vehicle for telling these stories and for strengthening connections across the different cultures found in our city.