



# **Not for Us, Without Us**

## **Community Engagement Report – North Richmond**

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This report provides an overview of the *Not for Us, Without Us!* community engagement process and highlights key outcomes and priorities identified by North Richmond residents.

## Overview

The *Not for Us, Without Us!* project was a community engagement process designed to ensure that North Richmond residents directly shaped decisions about investments and projects affecting their neighborhood. It responded to the long history of environmental injustice in North Richmond, a historically underserved frontline community shaped by proximity to industrial pollution, including the Chevron refinery, a proximate landfill, as well as ongoing exposure to illegal dumping and limited environmental protections. Residents have also faced persistent barriers to essential resources, including limited access to affordable healthcare, reliable transportation, and affordable fresh food, alongside broader inequities in housing, employment, and neighborhood infrastructure. Despite these conditions, decisions about how public and regional funds are allocated have often been made by institutions and decision-makers who do not directly experience these impacts and who are frequently outside the community.

The process unfolded over a series of community meetings that took place over several weeks. These gatherings were designed as more than information sessions. They created space for residents to share lived experience, learn about existing regional and local plans, and collectively identify priorities for a Just Transition. At stake were upcoming investments in clean air, transportation, jobs, and community health, with significant funding expected to enter Richmond in the coming years. The project focused on ensuring that North Richmond residents were not only aware of these opportunities, but had an active voice in stating their priorities for their community.

Rather than starting from scratch, the process brought existing planning efforts into community conversation, including the Richmond Parkway Plan, Pathway to Clean Air, Healthy Contra Costa Quality of Life Plan, and city and county climate action plans. Facilitators supported residents in working through this information in accessible terms, translating technical planning language into discussions centered on everyday impacts such as air quality, housing stability, food access, transportation safety, and economic opportunity.

The process was also designed to reduce barriers to participation. Meetings were generally held in the evenings or on weekends to accommodate different schedules, with Spanish interpretation available to support language access. North Richmond residents were offered \$50 stipends per meeting, with an additional \$50 provided to those who participated in both the first and second meetings as well as the final vote and celebration. These supports helped ensure that more residents could participate meaningfully and consistently throughout the process.

Across a six-meeting series, participants learned about environmental justice, fenceline communities, climate change, and just transition. They engaged in small-group conversations, image theater, Q&A sessions, and collaborative review of proposed projects. These discussions allowed residents to evaluate ideas based on lived experience and community priorities rather than technical framing alone. To support this process, projects were organized into six focus areas: economic development and green jobs, air pollution and health, housing, climate resilience, transportation and infrastructure, and active transportation. This structure helped

participants compare proposals and identify which investments would most directly address community needs.

Over time, the meetings built toward a shared understanding of what a community-driven set of priorities could look like. Residents consistently emphasized concerns around environmental health, food access, housing affordability, job opportunities, and neighborhood safety, grounding the process in daily realities rather than abstract policy goals. Residents added eight additional projects, which brought the total to 58. The final stage of the process brought these conversations together into a structured opportunity for residents to vote and prioritize projects they wanted to see move forward.

Residents had the opportunity to cast 21 votes. Three for each of the six project areas and three priority (must-have) votes. See the full vote in the Appendix. The projects below received the top 3 priority votes:

### **The Top 3 Projects with Overall**

- Repaint North Richmond homes affected by refinery soot, **14**
- 200 Community-level Qualcomm Sensors for Air Quality, **12**
- North Richmond Farm, Phase 3, **11**

Across the full engagement process, the emphasis remained on shifting decision-making power toward residents from the beginning, rather than treating community input as an afterthought.

The entities that came together to facilitate this effort include The Watershed Project, Community Housing Development Corporation, Supervisor John Gioia's Office, Contra Costa County Sustainability Department, and Richmond LAND.

This series was a comprehensive effort that included opportunities for residents to participate online or in person, meeting and document language translation, and stipends for North Richmond residents.

This effort resulted in a 6-meeting series (engaging 93 residents throughout) and 53 participants on the Final Vote and Celebration

### **Why / Needs Assessment**

Across North Richmond, environmental and social burdens rank among the highest in California. According to CalEnviroScreen 5.0, North Richmond falls in the 90.5th percentile overall, meaning it faces greater cumulative pollution and vulnerability than roughly 90% of census tracts statewide. Specific indicators are even more severe, with hazardous waste generators and facilities ranking in the 100th percentile, cleanup sites in the 99th percentile, and solid waste facilities in the 98.79th percentile. Additional pressures include small air toxic sites

(94.05th percentile), groundwater threats (92.83rd percentile), toxic releases (83.04th percentile), and impaired waterways (82.3rd percentile).

Health outcomes reflect these conditions. Asthma rates fall in the 98.61st percentile, with elevated rates of low-birth-weight infants (71.75th percentile), diabetes prevalence (67.11th percentile), and cardiovascular disease (51.64th percentile). These patterns are not incidental. They are shaped by long-term environmental exposure and systemic inequities rather than individual behavior alone.

These environmental harms exist alongside deep economic and social inequities. North Richmond is a majority people-of-color community with median household incomes below state averages and high rates of housing burden, educational inequity, and linguistic isolation. As regional housing pressures increase, long-time residents face growing risks of displacement, further destabilizing community networks that have already been weakened by decades of underinvestment.

Despite the scale and persistence of these conditions, decisions about where and how resources are allocated have often been made by institutions and decision-makers who do not directly experience these impacts and who are frequently outside the community. This disconnect has led to investments and planning processes that do not consistently reflect community priorities or address the most urgent local needs.

The “Not for Us, Without Us!” process emerged in response to this gap. Rather than presenting predetermined solutions, it created space for residents to define priorities based on lived experience and collective knowledge. The approach shifted planning from a top-down model to one rooted in shared learning, where community members could engage with information, ask questions, and make decisions together.

In this context, the work of Urban Tilth’s Just Transition program is focused on advancing a different approach to planning and investment in North Richmond, one that treats community knowledge as essential to decision-making and supports frontline residents in shaping the policies and resources that directly affect their lives.

### **How the Process Took Shape**

The project began with a simple but important realization: multiple plans and proposals already shape North Richmond, but most residents have not had meaningful access to them or opportunities to influence how they are implemented. Many of these plans are years old and have never been revisited in a community-centered way.

Rather than starting from scratch, the process was designed to reopen and reframe existing efforts, including the Richmond Parkway Plan, Pathway to Clean Air, and several county and city climate action plans. The guiding question shifted from creating new proposals to evaluating

what already exists: which of these investments reflect current community needs and priorities in North Richmond?

To support this, organizers worked with partners, including researchers and community-based organizations, to translate technical planning materials into an accessible community review process. Instead of policy language or technical metrics, project evaluation was grounded in everyday impact. Residents were asked to consider questions such as whether a project would improve air quality, expand job opportunities, strengthen housing stability, and meaningfully improve daily life, both in immediate and long-term terms.

Projects were then organized into six broad focus areas, including housing, food access, transportation, environmental health, climate resilience, and economic development. This structure was designed to make complex planning information easier to navigate and to support residents in comparing proposals across shared community priorities rather than technical categories.

### **Two-Meeting Engagement Process**

The engagement process included six community meetings in total, organized as three repeated rounds of the same two-meeting series, designed to make participation more accessible by offering multiple opportunities to attend if one set of dates did not work. Meetings were held in person and online. The process concluded with a single community vote and celebration.

The first community meeting in each round focused on making information accessible while grounding participants in the broader purpose of the *Not for Us, Without Us* project. Facilitators introduced the collaborating organizations, explained the “why” behind the meetings, and provided clear definitions of key terms such as environmental justice and just transition, along with an overview of relevant funding sources. Recognizing that many planning documents can be difficult to navigate, information was broken down into clear, approachable language with space for questions and dialogue.

This first meeting also created an opportunity for residents to share their lived experiences, reflect on what they value about North Richmond, and identify areas they would like to see improved. Through small group discussions, image theater, and Q&A sessions, participants were able to engage actively, learn from one another, and begin thinking about how different projects and investments could impact their daily lives.

The second meeting built on that foundation, creating space for deeper engagement with the proposed projects. Residents spent more time moving through each idea, discussing them with one another, and considering their potential impacts on daily life.

Conversations remained grounded in lived experience. While the first meeting highlighted residents' love for their community and its rich history, the second meeting brought forward the challenges they face. Participants spoke about the lack of lighting, the smell from the landfill, the need to leave the neighborhood to access groceries, the rising cost of housing, and safety concerns related to truck traffic. These discussions were not abstract. They reflected the realities of living in North Richmond and helped shape how residents evaluated the projects moving forward.

### **The Final Event: Community Vote and Celebration**

The final event brought everything together. Around 53 people attended, and about 41 participated in the vote.

The space was set up so people could move through the projects at their own pace, read about them, and talk with others before making their decisions. It felt less like a formal meeting and more like a community gathering.

There was food, music, and performances throughout the day. A DJ kept the energy going, and performers from the East Bay Center for the Performing Arts shared traditional Mexican music and dance. A local resident also performed gospel songs. These moments mattered. They made the space feel familiar and welcoming, not transactional.

One of the most noticeable things about the event was who showed up. It was largely North Richmond residents, especially from Latino and Black communities. It felt like the community showing up for itself.

### **What the Community Prioritized**

*Several projects clearly stood out.*

The North Richmond Eco Village received strong support. This project focuses on creating affordable housing through a community land trust model, allowing residents to have a real stake in the land and their homes. People were drawn to the idea of long-term stability and ownership.

The proposed North Richmond grocery store was another major priority. Right now, there is no full-service grocery store in the neighborhood. Residents often have to travel outside the area for basic food. The idea of having fresh produce nearby, along with opportunities for local jobs and cooperative work, resonated strongly.

A third top project focused on repairing and repainting homes that have been impacted by pollution. Many residents talked about soot and visible damage to their homes. This project was not just about aesthetics. It was about health, dignity, and feeling proud of where you live.

There was also strong interest in making air quality data more accessible. While monitoring systems already exist, many residents do not know how to access or interpret the information. This raised a broader issue around transparency and access to information.

While these projects reflect some of the community's top priorities, they do not necessarily align with which projects will move forward first. Implementation will depend on factors such as funding availability, timelines, and capacity. The priority ranking reflects what residents want most, not the order in which projects will be funded or completed.

## **What We Heard**

Several themes came up again and again throughout the process. Food access is a major need. The strong support for a grocery store and food-related projects made that clear.

There is also a desire for more local economic opportunities. Some residents talked about starting small businesses, selling food, repairing clothes, or creating informal markets. These ideas point to a vision of an economy that stays within the community and supports families directly.

Infrastructure challenges are another daily reality. Parking is limited, households are often shared by multiple generations, and truck traffic creates safety concerns, especially for children. These issues are connected and reflect how the neighborhood has been shaped over time.

## **How the Process Felt to Participants**

Many participants described the experience as dignified and empowering. Just as important, they described it as feeling safe.

That sense of safety was about being able to speak openly and feel heard. For many, that is not a given in public meetings or planning processes. People also spoke about how this process felt different. In the past, they have shared input without seeing results. This time, residents were not just offering feedback, they were positioned as decision-makers, directly shaping priorities and outcomes. The process also created clearer connections between residents and the institutions responsible for implementation, helping bridge the gap between community voice and formal decision-making. Participants could see a direct line between their involvement and what would happen next.

One elder shared memories of North Richmond in earlier decades, describing a place where people knew each other and could meet most of their needs within the community. That reflection stayed with many participants. It felt less like nostalgia and more like a reminder that a strong, connected community is still possible.

### **Acknowledging Partners and Performers**

This project was made possible through the collective effort of partners, performers, and community contributors who helped bring the “Not for Us, Without Us!” process to life in alignment with Just Transition principles and a commitment to centering community voices and advocacy. Early-stage planning was also supported by a UC Berkeley class, whose work helped review and organize project materials in advance of the resident meeting series. Key partners included The Watershed Project, Community Housing Development Corporation, Supervisor John Gioia’s Office, Contra Costa County Sustainability Department, and Richmond LAND. We also extend our gratitude to the Corrine Sain Senior & Family Community Center and Verde Elementary for generously hosting and making space for these meetings. Interpretation by Paloma Aspe supported accessibility across language needs, while performances by Ronald Glenn and Son de la Tierra, along with DJ Gary, helped shape the event as a cultural and communal space. Food from Arnette Cheri, Antojitos Guatemaltecos, and Raleys & Partner Driver supported a welcoming environment for participation, and local printing support from Krishna and Prime Copy helped make materials accessible throughout the process.

### **What Happens Next**

Now that the voting is complete, the focus shifts to moving projects forward.

Organizers are reviewing the results and looking at how top projects align with available funding opportunities. This includes grants focused on air quality, community development, and environmental health. Each project has a lead organization or agency connected to it. The next step is reaching out to those groups and working with them to pursue funding and implementation.

At the same time, there is a strong commitment to keeping the community informed. Plans are underway to create a way for residents to track progress and receive updates on where projects stand.

There is also interest in continuing to support community involvement. This includes helping residents build skills in advocacy and creating more opportunities for them to speak up in decision-making spaces. Many participants made it clear that they want to stay involved. They want updates. They want to show up. They want to be part of what happens next.



Rather than allowing that energy and momentum to fade after the final voting event, organizers are working to continue and deepen that involvement through the creation of a Resident Leaders group.

This new cohort will play an active role in shaping what comes next. Resident Leaders will receive capacity-building support, including training designed to strengthen their skills as advocates and community decision-makers. This includes learning how to engage effectively with city and county processes, how to track project development, and how to speak up in spaces where key decisions are made. The aim is not only to keep residents informed, but to ensure they are positioned to influence outcomes.

As part of the broader North Richmond Resiliency Coalition, Resident Leaders will help guide the implementation of the projects identified through the “Not for Us, Without Us!” process. They will work to ensure that these projects continue moving forward, even as they enter more complex phases like funding, planning, and construction. Just as importantly, they will help hold partner organizations, public agencies, and other stakeholders accountable. This accountability is not only about whether projects get completed, but whether they remain aligned with the community’s vision and priorities.

The first step in launching this effort will be to formally convene the cohort and begin a series of trainings. From there, additional opportunities for involvement will continue to develop. Resident Leaders may participate in public meetings, contribute to ongoing planning conversations, support outreach efforts, and help mobilize other community members when collective action is needed. The structure is still evolving, but the intention is clear: this is about building long-term community leadership, not just short-term participation.

This next phase reflects a core principle that guided the project from the start. Too often, decisions about communities like North Richmond are made without meaningful input from the people who live there. “Not for Us, Without Us!” challenged that pattern by creating a process where residents could learn, deliberate, and decide together. The Resident Leaders cohort builds on that foundation by ensuring that community voice does not end with a vote, but continues as an ongoing force in shaping what happens next.

In many ways, this is where the real work begins. Projects will take time to fund and implement, and systems change does not happen overnight. But with a group of informed and engaged residents helping to guide the process, North Richmond is better positioned to move forward in a way that reflects the needs, knowledge, and priorities of the community itself.

## **Closing**

“Not for Us, Without Us!” was not just a single event. It was a step toward a different way of working. It showed that when people are given the time, information, and respect to participate, they do. And not only that, they care deeply about the outcome. The message that came through clearly is this: people want to shape the future of their community. They just need real opportunities to do so.

And when those opportunities exist, they show up.

## Appendix

### Priority Vote

The priority vote allowed each participant to cast three votes total across all projects, regardless of category or focus area, to indicate their top overall priorities. [Project Descriptions](#)

Project	Project Lead	Type of Project	Votes
<p><b>Repaint North Richmond Homes affected by Refinery Soot</b>  <i>This project supports repainting and restoring homes in North Richmond impacted by refinery-related contamination to improve living conditions, environmental justice, and neighborhood pride.</i></p>	North Richmond Resident	Climate Resiliency, Air Pollution	14
<p><b>200 Community Level Qualcomm Sensors for Air Quality</b>  <i>This proposal combines broadband infrastructure and air quality monitoring in North Richmond to expand digital access, create local jobs with training and benefits, prioritize local hiring, and generate long-term community funding for digital literacy, climate resilience, and public health programs.</i></p>	North Richmond Resident, Circle GX	Climate Resiliency, Air Pollution	12
<p><b>North Richmond Farm, Phase 3</b>  <i>Urban Tilth will complete key phases of the North Richmond Farm to create a community resiliency center, workforce training hub, and emergency response space supporting local health and climate preparedness.</i></p>	Urban Tilth	Climate Resiliency, Air Pollution	11
<p><b>North Richmond Grocery Coop</b>  <i>CHDC is developing a 3,100-square-foot grocery store in North Richmond to increase access to affordable, healthy food and everyday essentials near Fred Jackson Way.</i></p>	CHDC, Cooperation Richmond, Urban Tilth	Economic Development	11
<p><b>Nourish the Village</b>  <i>Led by Urban Tilth, the Nourish the Village Initiative is a community-led program improving food access, health, cultural connection, and agricultural job pathways</i></p>	Local Resident	Food/Health	10

<i>for North Richmond and surrounding families.</i>			
<p><b>550 Jobs: Network Operations, Customer Service, Construction, Professional Services, and Suppliers</b>  <i>This project combines broadband infrastructure and air quality monitoring in North Richmond, creating local jobs with training, benefits, and long-term career pathways while prioritizing local hiring and community benefit.</i></p>	Resident, Circle GX	Economic Development	10
<p><b>North Richmond Eco Village</b>  <i>Led by Richmond LAND, this project will create an affordable eco-village in North Richmond with energy-efficient, permanently affordable housing designed to support low-income residents and prevent displacement.</i></p>	RichmondLAND	Housing	10
<p><b>Wildcat Creek Trail Improvements, Mini Parks</b>  <i>The Watershed Project and partners will improve the Wildcat Creek Trail with mini-parks, lighting, and safer access to connect Verde School and nearby open space.</i></p>	The Watershed Project	Climate Resiliency, Air Pollution	7
<p><b>Richmond Parkway Overpass at Wildcat Creek</b>  <i>Led by Contra Costa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District and The Watershed Project, this project plans a multi-use overpass to improve safe trail and shoreline access in North Richmond.</i></p>	Mithun's Resilient By Design	Public Transportation	6
<p><b>Confirm &amp; Enforce Truck Routes</b>  <i>Led by Contra Costa County Planning and Public Works and the California Highway Patrol, this project confirms North Richmond truck routes and adds automated enforcement to keep heavy vehicles out of residential areas.</i></p>	Richmond Parkway Transportation Plan	Public Transportation	5
<p><b>Eliminate Odors from Landfill &amp; Household Hazardous Waste Facility</b>  <i>This project aims to improve air quality in North Richmond by identifying and reducing landfill-related odors through</i></p>	North Richmond Residents	Climate Resiliency, Air Pollution	3

<i>monitoring, mitigation measures, and community reporting and education.</i>			
<b>Verde K-8 Greening, Warehouse Buffer</b> <i>Urban Tilth will remove asphalt and plant trees at Verde K-8 to create green buffers that reduce air pollution from a nearby distribution center.</i>	Urban Tilth	Climate Resiliency, Air Pollution	2
<b>North Richmond Watershed Connections Maintenance &amp; Operations</b> <i>This project implements urban greening across North Richmond streets, parks, creeks, and farms to improve watershed health and expand resident access to local natural spaces through ongoing multi-agency stewardship.</i>	The Watershed Project	Climate Resiliency, Air Pollution	2
<b>Urban Tree Canopy</b> <i>The Watershed Project will expand North Richmond's urban tree canopy by engaging residents in planning, planting, and maintaining trees to improve shade, air quality, and neighborhood resilience.</i>	The Watershed Project	Climate Resiliency, Air Pollution	2
<b>North Richmond Soil Regeneration Center</b> <i>This project proposes a center on Urban Tilth land to restore a greenhouse and produce fungal-rich compost from local agricultural byproducts, supporting soil health, climate resilience, and a green economy in Richmond.</i>	Huitlo Co Farm	Economic Development	2
<b>Affordable Health for North Richmond Residents</b> <i>This project aims to improve access to free or low-cost healthcare for North Richmond residents affected by industrial pollution by expanding eligibility and partnering with local health providers to deliver screenings, care, and support for pollution-related health impacts.</i>	North Richmond Resident	Food/Health	2
<b>Revitalize Fred Jackson Way Garden</b> <i>This project will revitalize the Fred Jackson community garden by engaging residents and youth in gardening, seasonal cooking, and land stewardship while hosting community events that reconnect people to</i>	North Richmond Resident	Food/Health	2

<i>the space and build pathways to agricultural and culinary careers.</i>			
<b>E-Bike Lending Library</b> <i>Rich City Rides will create an e-bike lending library in North Richmond that provides free access to electric bikes and supports community-led maintenance and training.</i>	North Richmond Resiliency Collaborative	Active Transportation	1
<b>Student Transportation Program</b> <i>This project improves safe, affordable transportation access for North Richmond students attending schools outside the area by coordinating with families, schools, and transit providers to reduce barriers to attendance.</i>	North Richmond Resident	Active Transportation	1
<b>Afterschool Program at Shields Reid</b> <i>The Watershed Project provides hands-on habitat restoration and stewardship programs in North Richmond, including native planting and bioswale work to support wildlife, pollinators, and watershed health.</i>	The Watershed Project	Climate Resiliency, Air Pollution	1
<b>Community Air Monitoring Expansion</b> <i>Bay Area Air Quality Management District is expanding community air monitoring in North Richmond to track pollution levels, identify hotspots, and evaluate emissions reduction efforts.</i>	BAAQMD	Climate Resiliency, Air Pollution	1
<b>Assessment of Cumulative Environmental Impacts</b> <i>The United States Environmental Protection Agency and California Department of Toxic Substances Control initiated a study to assess cumulative environmental impacts in North Richmond, though the report remains incomplete due to paused funding.</i>	DTSC Board of Environmental Safety	Climate Resiliency, Air Pollution	1
<b>Wildcat Watershed Stewards</b> <i>The Watershed Project will lead a community watershed stewardship program in North Richmond that engages residents in education, monitoring, and restoration planning for Wildcat Creek.</i>	The Watershed Project	Climate Resiliency, Air Pollution	1
<b>Control Fugitive Dust</b>	Path to Clean Air	Climate	1

<i>Bay Area Air Quality Management District will implement measures to reduce fugitive dust from industrial and transportation sources in North Richmond and surrounding communities to improve air quality.</i>	Plan	Resiliency, Air Pollution	
<b>Green Collar Corp Work Force Development</b> <i>The Watershed Project runs a paid green jobs training program for North Richmond youth and young adults that combines environmental restoration work, mentorship, and pathways into long-term climate and stewardship careers.</i>	The Watershed Project	Economic Development	1
<b>Extend North Richmond Moves Fully to North Richmond</b> <i>Expanding Richmond Moves service into unincorporated North Richmond would improve first- and last-mile transit access and help close gaps left by reduced bus service in the area.</i>	Public Works of the City of Richmond and Contra Costa County	Public Transportation	1

### **Standard Vote**

The standard vote allowed each participant to cast one vote within each project category or type, selecting their preferred option in every section.

### **Transportation Vote**

<b>Project</b>	<b>Project Lead</b>	<b>Votes</b>
<b>Confirm &amp; Enforce Truck Routes</b> <i>Led by Contra Costa County Planning and Public Works and the California Highway Patrol, this project confirms North Richmond truck routes and adds automated enforcement to keep heavy vehicles out of residential areas.</i>	Richmond Parkway Transportation Plan	18
<b>Richmond Parkway Overpass at Wildcat Creek</b> <i>Led by Contra Costa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District and The Watershed Project, this project plans a multi-use overpass to improve safe trail and shoreline access in North Richmond.</i>	Mithun's Resilient By Design	16

<p><b>Extend North Richmond Moves Fully to North Richmond</b>  <i>Expanding Richmond Moves service into unincorporated North Richmond would improve first- and last-mile transit access and help close gaps left by reduced bus service in the area.</i></p>	Public Works of the City of Richmond and Contra Costa County	11
<p><b>Redesign of Richmond Parkway Castro St. Merger</b>  <i>Led by Contra Costa County and City of Richmond, this project will redesign the Castro Street merge with restriping, metering, and clearer signage to improve traffic flow and safety.</i></p>	Richmond Parkway Transportation Plan	8
<p><b>Richmond Parkway Safety Improvements</b>  <i>This project improves safety and reduces vehicle emissions in North Richmond by upgrading intersections, crossings, sidewalks, and transit connections to support safer walking, biking, and public transportation access.</i></p>	Richmond Parkway Transportation Plan	8
<p><b>Truck Management Program</b>  <i>This project proposes a truck management program to reduce emissions and keep warehouse traffic out of North Richmond residential areas.</i></p>	Path to Clean Air Plan	8
<p><b>Improve Walking &amp; Biking Safety &amp; Infrastructure</b>  <i>Led by The City of Richmond and Contra Costa County, this project will add protected bikeways, improve lighting, and close sidewalk gaps to make streets safer for walking and biking.</i></p>	Richmond Parkway Transportation Plan	6
<p><b>Increase Bus Frequency on Richmond Parkway</b>  <i>West Contra Costa Transportation Commission will improve transit reliability in North Richmond by increasing bus frequency along the Richmond Parkway corridor to reduce wait times and expand access to jobs and services.</i></p>	N/A	6
<p><b>Corridor Wide Maintenance w/ Manager</b>  <i>West Contra Costa Transportation Commission will coordinate a corridor-wide maintenance program to improve and standardize upkeep of roads, paths, and related infrastructure across jurisdictions.</i></p>	West Contra Costa Transportation Commission	5
<p><b>Improve Bus Stop Comfort on Richmond Parkway</b>  <i>West Contra Costa Transportation Commission will upgrade bus stops in North Richmond and along Richmond Parkway with shelters, seating, lighting, and accessibility improvements to enhance rider comfort and safety.</i></p>	N/A	4
<p><b>Improve Transportation to Richmond Parkway Transit Center</b>  <i>AC Transit will improve bus access and connectivity along</i></p>	Richmond Parkway Transportation Plan	2



<i>Richmond Parkway, enhancing service and first/last-mile connections to the Richmond Parkway Transit Center.</i>		
<b>On Demand Shuttle Service</b> <i>West Contra Costa Transportation Commission will expand on-demand shuttle service in North Richmond to improve flexible, equitable transit access and first/last-mile connections to key transit hubs.</i>	N/A	2
<b>Publicize Transit Service Options on Richmond Parkway</b> <i>West Contra Costa Transportation Commission will improve awareness of transit options in North Richmond through better maps, signage, real-time information, and community outreach to increase ridership and accessibility.</i>	N/A	1

### Active Transportation Vote

<b>Project</b>	<b>Project Lead</b>	<b>Votes</b>
<b>North Richmond Bike School Bus</b> <i>Rich City Rides will lead a North Richmond bike-to-school program that helps Verde students, families, and volunteers ride together safely while staying active.</i>	Rich City Rides	19
<b>E-Bike Lending Library</b> <i>Rich City Rides will create an e-bike lending library in North Richmond that provides free access to electric bikes and supports community-led maintenance and training.</i>	North Richmond Resiliency Collaborative	17
<b>Student Transportation Program</b> <i>This project improves safe, affordable transportation access for North Richmond students attending schools outside the area by coordinating with families, schools, and transit providers to reduce barriers to attendance.</i>	North Richmond Resident	15
<b>Expand Electrical Bike Share Program</b> <i>City of Richmond will expand electric bike-share access in North Richmond to improve affordable, low-emission transportation options and reduce car dependency.</i>	N/A	6

## Climate Resiliency and Air Pollution Vote

Project	Project Lead	Votes
<p><b>200 Community Level Qualcomm Sensors for Air Quality</b>  <i>This proposal combines broadband infrastructure and air quality monitoring in North Richmond to expand digital access, create local jobs with training and benefits, prioritize local hiring, and generate long-term community funding for digital literacy, climate resilience, and public health programs.</i></p>	Resident, Circle GX	12
<p><b>North Richmond Farm, Phase 3</b>  <i>Urban Tilth will complete key phases of the North Richmond Farm to create a community resiliency center, workforce training hub, and emergency response space supporting local health and climate preparedness.</i></p>	Urban Tilth	12
<p><b>Wildcat Creek Trail Improvements, Mini Parks</b>  <i>The Watershed Project and partners will improve the Wildcat Creek Trail with mini-parks, lighting, and safer access to connect Verde School and nearby open space.</i></p>	The Watershed Project	8
<p><b>Repaint North Richmond Homes Affected by Refinery Soot</b>  <i>This project supports repainting and restoring homes in North Richmond impacted by refinery-related contamination to improve living conditions, environmental justice, and neighborhood pride.</i></p>	North Richmond Resident	7
<p><b>Eliminate Odors from Landfill &amp; Household Hazardous Waste Facility</b>  <i>This project aims to improve air quality in North Richmond by identifying and reducing landfill-related odors through monitoring, mitigation measures, and community reporting and education.</i></p>	North Richmond Residents	7
<p><b>Wildcat Watershed Stewards</b>  <i>The Watershed Project will lead a community watershed stewardship program in North Richmond that engages residents in education, monitoring, and restoration planning for Wildcat Creek.</i></p>	The Watershed Project	6
<p><b>HEPA Air Filters for North Richmond Schools &amp; Community Centers</b>  <i>Bay Area Air Quality Management District will provide air filtration upgrades to schools in North Richmond to improve indoor air quality and reduce exposure to pollution for students and staff.</i></p>	Communities for a Better Environment	6

<p><b>Verde K-8 Greening, Warehouse Buffer</b>  <i>Urban Tilth will remove asphalt and plant trees at Verde K-8 to create green buffers that reduce air pollution from a nearby distribution center.</i></p>	Urban Tilth	5
<p><b>Richmond Creek Cleanups</b>  <i>The Watershed Project and partners will run community creek cleanups in North Richmond that improve water quality and safety while supporting local jobs, housing services, and environmental education.</i></p>	The Watershed Project, Safe Organized Spaces	4
<p><b>North Richmond Watershed Connections Maintenance &amp; Operations</b>  <i>This project implements urban greening across North Richmond streets, parks, creeks, and farms to improve watershed health and expand resident access to local natural spaces through ongoing multi-agency stewardship.</i></p>	The Watershed Project	3
<p><b>Afterschool Program at Shields Reid</b>  <i>The Watershed Project provides hands-on habitat restoration and stewardship programs in North Richmond, including native planting and bioswale work to support wildlife, pollinators, and watershed health.</i></p>	The Watershed Project	3
<p><b>Hope Gardens</b>  <i>The Watershed Project will expand Hope Gardens to turn neglected sidewalk strips into pollinator-friendly spaces that support wildlife and beautify North Richmond.</i></p>	The Watershed Project	3
<p><b>Reduce Emissions from Landfill Gas</b>  <i>Contra Costa County Department of Conservation and Development will reduce landfill methane emissions in North Richmond and surrounding areas by improving gas capture and supporting cleaner energy use.</i></p>	Contra Costa Climate Action & Adoption Plan	3
<p><b>Verde K-8 Watershed Education &amp; Climate</b>  <i>The Watershed Project will provide place-based watershed and climate education at Verde K-8 School through classroom and outdoor learning experiences that teach students about local ecosystems and environmental stewardship.</i></p>	The Watershed Project	3
<p><b>Private Electric Vehicle Adoption &amp; Usage</b>  <i>Bay Area Air Quality Management District promotes electric vehicle adoption in North Richmond through incentives, education, and expanded access to charging infrastructure to reduce transportation emissions.</i></p>	BAAQMD	2
<p><b>Community Air Monitoring Expansion</b>  <i>Bay Area Air Quality Management District is expanding community air monitoring in North Richmond to track</i></p>	BAAQMD	2

<i>pollution levels, identify hotspots, and evaluate emissions reduction efforts.</i>		
<b>Tree Planting &amp; Urban Greening</b> <i>The Watershed Project and partners will expand tree planting and stewardship in North Richmond to improve air quality and climate resilience.</i>	The Watershed Project	2
<b>Housing Weatherization for Low Income Households</b> <i>Contra Costa County Department of Conservation and Development supports housing weatherization upgrades across the county to improve energy efficiency, lower utility costs, and reduce emissions, with a focus on low-income households.</i>	N/A	2
<b>Urban Tree Canopy</b> <i>The Watershed Project will expand North Richmond's urban tree canopy by engaging residents in planning, planting, and maintaining trees to improve shade, air quality, and neighborhood resilience.</i>	The Watershed Project	1
<b>Urban Nature Loop/Walks/Maintenance</b> <i>The Watershed Project will maintain and enhance the Urban Nature Loop with signage, clean-up, and guided walks to improve walkability and community engagement in North Richmond.</i>	The Watershed Project	1
<b>Create &amp; Adopt a Green Zones Policy</b> <i>Green Zones use place-based strategies and community-led solutions to transform areas overburdened by pollution into healthy and thriving neighborhoods.</i>	Urban Tilth	1
<b>Decarbonizing of Neighborhoods</b> <i>Bay Area Air Quality Management District supports electrification of homes in North Richmond by replacing gas appliances to reduce emissions and improve air quality.</i>	Path to Clean Air Plan	1
<b>Control Fugitive Dust</b> <i>Bay Area Air Quality Management District will implement measures to reduce fugitive dust from industrial and transportation sources in North Richmond and surrounding communities to improve air quality.</i>	Path to Clean Air Plan	1
<b>Assessment of Cumulative Environmental Impacts</b> <i>The United States Environmental Protection Agency and California Department of Toxic Substances Control initiated a study to assess cumulative environmental impacts in North Richmond, though the report remains incomplete due to paused funding.</i>	DTSC Board of Environmental Safety	1
<b>Home &amp; Building Retrofit for Low Income Households</b>	Bay Area Air Quality	0

<i>This PTCA strategy expands home retrofit programs in North Richmond to improve indoor air quality, reduce pollution exposure, and lower energy costs, with a focus on low-income households.</i>	Management District	
<b>Installation of Electric Appliances to Replace Gas Appliances</b> <i>This PTCA project reduces emissions in North Richmond by electrifying homes and replacing gas appliances to improve air quality and cut greenhouse gas emissions.</i>	Path to Clean Air Plan	0
<b>MCE Solar Farm &amp; Community Solar</b> <i>MCE Clean Energy is a public electricity provider offering clean renewable energy options to Richmond residents and businesses to support local renewable energy development.</i>	The City of Richmond	0
<b>Replace Woodburning Fireplaces &amp; Gas Vehicles</b> <i>The Clean HEET and vehicle incentive programs provide funding to help North Richmond residents replace wood-burning devices and older high-emission vehicles with cleaner electric and low-emission alternatives to reduce air pollution.</i>	Path to Clean Air Plan	0
<b>Retrofit Existing Homes &amp; Building</b> <i>This strategy upgrades older buildings with energy efficiency improvements and electrification to reduce energy use, lower emissions, and transition away from natural gas systems.</i>	Contra Costa Climate Action Plan	0

### Economic Development Vote

<b>Project</b>	<b>Project Lead</b>	<b>Votes</b>
<b>550 Jobs: Network Operations, Customer Service, Construction, Professional Services, and Suppliers</b> <i>This project combines broadband infrastructure and air quality monitoring in North Richmond, creating local jobs with training, benefits, and long-term career pathways while prioritizing local hiring and community benefit.</i>	Resident, Circle GX	22
<b>North Richmond Grocery Coop</b> <i>CHDC is developing a 3,100-square-foot grocery store in North Richmond to increase access to affordable, healthy food and everyday essentials near Fred Jackson Way.</i>	CHDC, Cooperation Richmond, Urban Tilth	18
<b>Green Collar Corp Work Force Development</b> <i>The Watershed Project will expand green job training and</i>	The Watershed Project	10

<i>creek stewardship programs that restore local ecosystems while creating paid career pathways for North Richmond youth.</i>		
<b>Green Workforce Plan</b> <i>The City of Richmond will expand green workforce training programs to prepare residents for climate-related jobs in sustainability, energy efficiency, and environmental restoration.</i>	The City of Richmond	6
<b>Basins of Relations Watershed Restoration Training Program</b> <i>This paid apprenticeship program trains low-income adults in North Richmond and nearby communities in watershed stewardship, providing skills, mentorship, and pathways to permanent environmental jobs.</i>	Urban Tilth	5
<b>North Richmond Soil Regeneration Center</b> <i>This project proposes a center on Urban Tilth land to restore a greenhouse and produce fungal-rich compost from local agricultural byproducts, supporting soil health, climate resilience, and a green economy in Richmond.</i>	Huitlo Co Farm	5
<b>Adopt a Block</b> <i>The Watershed Project will support a community “Adopt a Block” program where local residents help keep streets clean, reduce litter, and improve safety around key North Richmond routes.</i>	The Watershed Project	4

**Food/Health Vote**

<b>Project</b>	<b>Project Lead</b>	<b>Votes</b>
<b>Revitalize Fred Jackson Way Garden</b> <i>This project will revitalize the Fred Jackson community garden by engaging residents and youth in gardening, seasonal cooking, and land stewardship while hosting community events that reconnect people to the space and build pathways to agricultural and culinary careers.</i>	North Richmond Resident	27
<b>Nourish the Village</b> <i>Led by Urban Tilth, the Nourish the Village Initiative is a community-led program improving food access, health, cultural connection, and agricultural job pathways for North Richmond and surrounding families.</i>	Local Resident	25
<b>Affordable Health for North Richmond Residents</b>	North Richmond	23

<i>This project aims to improve access to free or low-cost healthcare for North Richmond residents affected by industrial pollution by expanding eligibility and partnering with local health providers to deliver screenings, care, and support for pollution-related health impacts.</i>	Resident	
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**Housing Vote**

<b>Project</b>	<b>Project Lead</b>	<b>Votes</b>
<b>North Richmond Eco Village</b> <i>Led by Richmond LAND, this project will create an affordable eco-village in North Richmond with energy-efficient, permanently affordable housing designed to support low-income residents and prevent displacement.</i>	Richmond LAND	34
<b>Las Deltas Housing Development</b> <i>CHDC will develop a phased housing project including affordable single-family homes, senior housing, and community amenities with climate-resilient features and open space over five years.</i>	CHDC	17

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