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Honorable Gayle Mc Laughlin  
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**RE: Agenda Items – K- 1 and K-2**

Dear Mayor Mc Laughlin and Honorable Council Members:

*Stand Up For California!* encourages public discussion, information and debate about gambling and gambling proposals. We write to encourage the Honorable Council Members consider joining for public discussion “Items K-1 the extension of the LDA” and “K – 2 a discussion to consider alternative plans” because the consideration of alternatives for Pt. Molate and the extension of the LDA are related. In the interest of fair, open and a transparent process, we strongly suggest placing the items at the beginning of the agenda to benefit the interested public.

We also support item K-2 and oppose item K-1. The promise of a tribal casino at Point Molate is speculative, uncertain and more importantly contrary to state gaming policy and the will of the voters. The City has devoted little public discussion to the long-term impacts of the removal of land from the regulatory and taxation authority of the City and State of California. There also has been little opportunity for a public discussion over the impacts of the administration of justice in and around tribal lands. How does the City plan to protect the civil and property rights of City residents or its ability to control future developments on tribal trust lands that will present unfair competition to restaurants, hotels, gas stations, convenience stores, local shopping malls and other mom and pop shops who are subject to state and local regulation and taxes while Indian lands remain immune and sovereign?

This debate over Pt. Molate also cannot proceed without at least considering the possibility of alternative development proposals for Pt. Molate. However, the City’s silence has inadvertently discouraged alternative development proposals. It is injudicious to shut-the-door on opportunity in a community with 18% unemployment or a City budget facing significant cuts. Yet, that is exactly what the City of Richmond has done for the last 6 years, hoping and dreaming, for federal and state entitlements for an unlikely project.

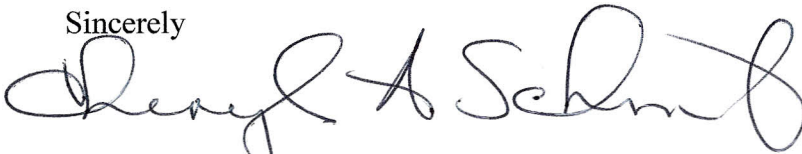
The City cannot make a final and informed decision without considering and welcoming development proposals from the public and other developers. Alternative proposals exist which

can provide economic revenues to the City, and jobs to its residents. It would be unfortunate to cut off public discussion of those alternatives.

The City's inaction to accept, review and give consideration to alternative projects also gives the appearance of violating the 2006 Settlement Agreement with the California Department of Justice. Because the City did not do a CEQA review before signing the LDA in 2004, the City is today as free to consider alternatives as if it had never entered into the LDA.

It is time to support the citizens by providing an open-door to the opportunity of alternative projects that have the potential of an unencumbered ability to provide revenue to the City of Richmond, and jobs while protecting the civil and property rights of its residents.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Cheryl A. Schmit". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and contact information.

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