



WE SUPPORT THE RICHMOND EQUITABLE DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE'S (REDI)
HOUSING CAMPAIGN PLATFORM

Richmond, with its diverse population and unique neighborhoods has been profoundly impacted by the national housing crisis. Unscrupulous lending practices and flawed mortgage and refinance products developed by banks and other financial institutions targeted Richmond's most vulnerable community members. Banks receiving tax dollar bailouts remain reluctant to modify loans to help stop preventable foreclosures. With 2000 foreclosed homes, today, and another 1000 expected in the next year alone, the fabric of the community is being torn apart. Long-time residents have been displaced. Responsible tenants face potential eviction while abandoned homes are left vacant and unattended, contributing to blight and criminal activity that endangers the safety of remaining residents.

REDI's Housing Platform focuses on minimizing the impact of the foreclosure crisis and enacting city, county and state policies that promotes community revitalization that benefits all residents including policies that stop preventable foreclosures, protect tenants, revitalize neighborhoods, enforce health and safety codes, improve the physical environment, provide affordable housing, increase capital access, and promotes workforce development.

As Richmond residents and workers, we support policies that benefits rather than burdens existing residents, and promotes an affordable, healthy and sustainable environment for future generations. We call for financial institutions, City, County and State decision-makers to enact policies to:

- Keep families in their homes;
- Revitalize neighborhoods;
- Develop a city revolving loan fund;
- Enact tenant protections;
- Revise the existing inclusionary housing ordinance;
- Actively enforce housing and safety codes;
- Implement environmental clean-up policies;
- Promote more local employment training and local hire programs; and
- Engage those most directly impacted by development – such as low-income people, people of color, immigrants, churches and unions – at every stage of the development process.

We understand that the Richmond Equitable Development Initiative (REDI), a diverse coalition of organizations dedicated to these principles, has been working on a specific set of proposals that encompass these principles. We are committed to staying informed and participating in the Housing Campaign.

* Yes, I/we endorse REDI's Housing Campaign Platform

* Yes, I/ we support REDI in engaging community members, elected officials, city staff and financial institutions to develop and enact policies to minimize the impact of the foreclosure crisis and promotes neighborhood stabilization and revitalization that will benefits all Richmond residents, especially those in neighborhoods in most need of assistance.

* We understand that we will be invited to join REDI in presenting the REDI's Housing Platform proposals to elected officials, including the city council, county board of supervisors and state officials.

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REDI is a collaborative of environmental and social justice organizations envisioning a community where every Richmond resident has access to affordable housing, safe and reliable public transit connected to living-wage jobs, quality education, a clean environment, health care and other essential services. REDI includes: ACORN-Richmond Chapter, APEN – LOP, CCISCO, Communities for a Better Environment, EBASE, Faith Works, GRIP, and Urban Habitat.