

Election 2008
Comparison of Candidates for Richmond City Council

The Issues	<u>Butt, Beckles and Ritterman</u> THE FUTURE	Bates, Marquez and Sandhu THE PAST
What is their outlook on Richmond's future?	Optimistic and visionary	Skeptical and cynical
What is their business background?	Mostly private sector and nonprofits	Mostly public sector
Who are their constituents?	Richmond residents, small businesses, neighborhoods and community organizations	Chevron and out of town industrialists, lobbyist and developers
What is their policy making style?	Collaboration with public debate	Secret meetings and hidden agendas
What kind of government scrutiny do they support?	Open and transparent	Closed and clandestine
What relationship are they seeking between business and environment?	Environmentally friendly business	Business friendly environment
What kind of growth do they support?	Smart growth: Sustainable, growth of green business and industry, locals and small businesses. Infill development, walkable neighborhoods, neighborhood centers with schools, parks and neighborhood commercial services	Auto dependent sprawl: Big boxes, chains, large developers, strip shopping centers and development of pristine shoreline
Who are their typical endorsers and supporters?	Mayor McLaughlin, former Mayor Corbin, Sierra Club, Richmond neighborhood leaders	Chamber of Commerce, Council of Industries, developers and lobbyists
What kind of public review of land use projects do they support?	Retain Planning Commission and Design Review Board with strong public involvement in project approvals	Dissolve Design Review Board and let staff approve most projects
What is their decision-making style?	Study science and facts	Ignore science and facts
What is their approach to enhanced public safety?	Integrated approach addressing both prevention and protection, including more police, enhanced Office of Neighborhood Safety, youth services and job training and development.	More police
How do they feel about parks?	More parks and better distributed parks	Fewer parks
How about Richmond's last undeveloped shoreline?	Preserve last remaining undeveloped shoreline for public uses	Develop last remaining shoreline with houses.

How are we going to pay for increased street maintenance, enhanced public safety and more community services?

- Pass Measure T (<http://afairshareforrichmond.org/about.html>). The impartial analysis from the city attorney estimates this Measure will generate about **\$26.5 million in new revenue** beginning in 2009. Virtually all of this will be from Chevron and represents about one tenth of one percent of Chevron's annual profit.
- Force Chevron to pay underpaid utility user taxes for fiscal years 2006-07 and 2007-08. Chevron cheated on these taxes and owes the City of Richmond at least **\$24 million.**
- Renegotiate underground pipeline franchise agreements, all of which have expired. This could result **in millions of dollars in new revenue.**
- Force Chevron to renegotiate the Community Benefit Agreement to provide **real monetary benefits for Richmond.**
- Continue to increase revenue from property taxes, business license taxes and sales taxes by attracting clean and green businesses to Richmond, like Vetrazzo and SunPower in the Ford Building.
- Focus on infill development and reoccupation of foreclosed properties to stabilize neighborhoods and real estate taxes instead of developing the shoreline.
- Attract new small business and enhance existing businesses serving visitors taking advantage of the Rosie the Riveter WWII Home Front National Historical Park, the Bay Trail and Richmond's 32 miles of Shoreline. Work with the Visitor and Convention Bureau to attract cultural tourism and services such as lodging and restaurants.