

**Mike Ali-Kinney**

CITY OF RICHMOND

Candidate Statement of Qualifications
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My name is: Mike Ali-Kinney
My age is (Optional): 59
My occupation is: Self Employed

Education and Qualifications (Statement and word count begin below):

My name is Mike Ali-Kinney. Following the footsteps of my mother, I have been a proud resident of Richmond for my entire lifetime. I have witnessed its history with its successes and failings.

I view the City and its vast resources as an underrated jewel of the Bay Area.

One need only to take a look at BART, Amtrak, freeways, San Pablo and Macdonald Avenues to know that Richmond is a transportation hub for people on the move.

We need to take immediate action to improve our unemployment and under-employment rates, improve economic development, reduce crime including youth violence, and improve our image while avoiding further tax burdens.

We must take advantage of faith-based organizations, neighborhood councils, and community activists. We must support and defend our neighborhoods and businesses, our children and elderly, and increase the visibility of our shoreline, SS Red Oak Victory, Richmond Museum, the Point, the Heights, the Annex, Hilltop, the downtown, the parks.

We can no longer tolerate a dysfunctional city council. We need fresh eyes, new ideas, and better communication between our officials and our neighborhoods. We need to work together.

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**Stann Cortez**

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My name is: Stann Cortez

My age is (Optional): 33

My occupation is: Self employed

Education and Qualifications (Statement and word count begin below):

My name is Stann Cortez and I am running for Richmond City Council. I graduated from San Francisco State University with degrees in both Economics and Business Management and I offer my services to the city and to our community.

I know that we are all doing what we can to create a better and sustainable Richmond so that it will become prosperous and vibrant city that people will enjoy and admire. As a citizen of our beloved city, I understand that we need to be independent so we can provide for ourselves and for our family. We need to strive for something better, we need to share ideas, and we need to embrace our different perspectives in order to move forward. My education has given me strong foundations to help rebuild our city and my ingenuity will be an outstanding addition to revitalizing our community.

We all need to be involved in creating a better Richmond. Give me a chance to prove myself to you and together, we will set a foundation to creating a better Richmond. Let us begin today and not wait for tomorrow. Creating a better Richmond begins today.

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My name is: DON GOSNEY

My age is (Optional): 58

My occupation is: SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR and RETIRED STEAMFITTER

Education and Qualifications

Born and raised in Richmond.

Attended Kennedy High School when it was brand new.

Admitted to the University of California at Berkeley (with Honors at Entrance) at 16 where I studied mathematics and theoretical physics.

Don't we deserve a Council that will work together as a cohesive unit putting aside partisan politics and personal animus? Don't we deserve representatives that will address the quality of life issues that are important to the people of Richmond?

We need good paying jobs with benefits, schools that prepare our youth for today's challenges, clean air and water, safe streets, well tended parks and a friendly climate to attract businesses to Richmond.

That means there has to be a balance between business and the environment; between the 1% and the 99%; between the need for jobs and our right to a safe place to live and work.

If the members of the Council cannot learn to work together on these issues—to find that balance—then Richmond will not become the City it's entitled to be.

Labor leader for nearly 40 years, negotiator, authority on industrial safety, ability to work with others—these are some of the many things I'll bring to the Council.

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My name is: Eduardo Martinez
My age is (Optional): 63
My occupation is: Retired Teacher

Education and Qualifications (Statement and word count begin below):

I agree with Gary Bell's statements from his website. These are his words: "I would use my personal experience to protect and preserve our open spaces. I believe our shoreline should always have public access for Richmond residents to enjoy. We have to partner with our industrial based economy. I will work hard to hold them accountable for maintaining safe operations that protect our air and water quality and preventing the types of accidents that have recently harmed our community."

I would focus on the "retention and expansion" of local businesses, developing a dialog to support jobs and the economy. I want to attract new "business which are compatible with our current social and economic environment" and with our new city plan. I have great concern for insuring that Richmond residents are properly trained for the current and future job market with a living wage.

As a teacher, the youth of Richmond is one of my primary concerns. Creating avenues for them to generate healthy lives in Richmond by providing outlets for their physical, mental and creative energies. It also entails teaching them to become the future leaders of the community.

Appoint me to move Richmond forward for all citizens.

http://www.eduardomartinez4richmond.net/index.html

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My name is: John Marquez

My age is (Optional): 73

My occupation is: Vice President Contra Costa Community College District Board of Trustees, Retired State Deputy Labor Commissioner/Peace Officer, Retired Community College Professor

Education and Qualifications (Statement and word count begin below):

I have lived in Richmond for 45 years and always worked to make the lives in the community better through my involvement in various organizations.

After being appointed to the Richmond City Council in 1985, I served for 18 years. I have proven my experience and elect ability, to the City Council. As former Deputy Labor Commissioner, I supported working men and women, and worked closely with Labor Unions. As a former Investigator and Peace Officer, I had an excellent working relationship with Law Enforcement organizations. As a College Professor for 17 years, I taught the disciplines of Political Science and community involvement.

As a Councilmember, I had a voice in building the Richmond Parkway, bringing good paying jobs to Richmond through good projects like Target Stores, Civic Center and City Hall Renovations. I always represented the residents of Richmond well and equally without regard to race, religion, color, ancestry, national origin, gender, age, physical disabilities, marital status, or sexual preference,

I respectfully ask for your support.

John E. Marquez

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Signature of Candidate John E. Marquez

**Jael P. Myrick**

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My name is: Jael P. Myrick
My age is (Optional): 27
My occupation is: Senior Field Representative, Assemblymember Nancy Skinner

Education and Qualifications (Statement and word count begin below):

A product of this community, I attended Kennedy High School, Chabot College and La Sierra University. I spent my early twenties fighting on behalf of our environment with the California League of Conservation Voters (CLCV) as a fundraiser, which culminated in organizing Membership Action Campaigns.

At CLCV I learned about the power of political action. Consequently, at age 21 I founded Standing To Represent Our Next Generation (STRONG) to strengthen our young leaders' civic participation and investment in our community. Since its inception, STRONG has supported countless progressive campaigns and sponsored an annual political leadership institute for young people between the ages of 16 and 24.

Since 2009, I served as primary representative for Assemblymember Nancy Skinner during which time I led the initiative for Clean Slate program to Contra Costa County giving a second chance to Richmond residents who struggled to find employment after minor convictions. In addition, I have advocated to make various State agencies more responsive to the needs of Richmond residents including lobbying on behalf of the city of Richmond, the School District and local nonprofits to bring funding into the community.

I would be honored to serve on the City Council.

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My name is: Vinay Pimple
My age is (Optional): 45
My occupation is: Small business owner, writing software for the blind

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Education and Qualifications (Statement and word count begin below):

Mission

I come to our divided council with an open heart, eager to work with everyone - councilpersons, officials, and citizens to better our city. Our most important challenge is to make the difference in the lives of our youth, make them responsible citizens full of promise, not people struggling without hope.
As a small business owner, I understand the importance and needs of small businesses. While we must help our corporate taxpayers run their business very efficiently, we must ensure that they put safety first, and contribute their fair share to the people's welfare.

Education, Qualifications

JD UC Berkeley (Boalt Hall): Skills to thoroughly analyze problems from all aspects, understand legal obstacles and opportunities, and devise smart programs and regulations.
Sufficient Computer Science courses for Bachelor's, Software Engineer (Verizon): Drive to optimize, and achieve maximum efficiency. Knowing computer programming, I can run the numbers for different options and make the best decision based on numbers and data.
MA English Literature, focus Women's Studies, College, High School Teacher: Openness to others with different backgrounds and viewpoints. Teaching ESL students taught me how difficult language barriers can be, and what a big difference a little help can make.

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My name is: Bea Roberson

My age is (Optional): 69

My occupation is: Retired Construction Accountant

Education and Qualifications (Statement and word count begin below):

Leadership means listening to everyone, shelving personal agendas and representing ALL of the people. That's how I lead as President of the Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council and as Chair of the Police Commission and that's how I'll lead when serving as your representative on the Richmond City Council.

If we want to address the many problems facing us here at home—joblessness, drugs, crime, a failing infrastructure and a divisive atmosphere—we need leaders who understand and are willing to reach out to every neighborhood forming partnerships with our residents, our businesses and our faith community to find solutions.

Instead of pushing our businesses out of Richmond we need to find ways to bring more businesses—and job opportunities—back to Richmond.

Balancing our environment needs with the need to employ Richmond residents will expand our tax base. A thriving business community broadens our tax base bringing good paying jobs (with benefits) and allows us to fund our libraries, rec centers, police and fire departments. It's all about quality of life.

I would be honored to have your support and your vote. Feel free to call me at (415) 850-0288, should you have questions.

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My name is: Kathleen Sullivan

My age is (Optional): 57

My occupation is: Innovation Director CommunityOneWorldFoundation Director of Innovation and Special Projects

Education and Qualifications (Statement and word count begin below):

I am a 15-year Richmond resident who married a Richmond native with a 70-year family history here. I raised biological, adopted children and 40 foster kids.

I humbly submit my name for appointment to the City Council because of my commitment to attracting new business and expanded job opportunities to Richmond; reducing violent crime; expanding community resources; supporting health-and-wellness strategies for residents and institutions that include contributing to the unification of our Council.

The talent and experience I bring to these issues inspired me to establish nationally acclaimed economic development and employment training programs for youth and adults; use my entrepreneurial talent to create projects while employed by Neighborhood House of North Richmond—family stabilization for the county's Children Protective Services, case management for mothers with children 0-5, and prison re-entry.

My Bachelor of Arts degree is from New College in Human Relations. I attended graduate school at the National Economic Development and Law Center. I have been certified in Conflict Mediation, had extensive coursework in Race Relations and served on various boards and commissions.

I am currently Director of Innovation and Special Projects at CommunityOneWorld Foundation, which will soon launch ByExampleNation, an obesity prevention program.

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My name is: Tony Thurmond
My age is (Optional): 44
My occupation is: Non-profit Director

Education and Qualifications (Statement and word count begin below):

Madame Mayor and Councilmembers:

I'm writing to respectfully ask that you consider me to fill the vacant seat on the Richmond City Council. I am proud to have served Richmond as a Councilman from 2005 to 2008 and as a WCCUSD Trustee from 2008 to 2012. For more than 20 years I have managed non-profit programs to support youth, the disabled, education, and community improvement.

If appointed to the Council I would work with other Councilmembers to build a vision for improving the quality of life for all people in Richmond. I seek to serve one interest, the people of Richmond. While I may not agree with every position of every council person I would make it a point to disagree without being disagreeable and to work to find some items upon which consensus could be reached whereby the Council could work together as a whole in the interest of all the people of Richmond.

The future is bright for Richmond and I would like to assist the city in continuing its course towards prosperity for all citizens. I hope that you will provide the opportunity for me to once again serve the people of Richmond.

Sincerely,

Tony Thurmond

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My name is: Eleanor Thompson
My age is (Optional):
My occupation is: Director of Non-profit Organization

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Education and Qualifications (Statement and word count begin below):

My name is Eleanor Thompson, and I am running for City Council. I have lived in Richmond for more than 45 years, and I am dedicated to improving our beautiful city.

I am recognized throughout the Richmond community for my youth activism and my passion for fighting crime here. I am the founder of Social Progress Inc., an organization that provides essential services to youth and young adults. I have faithfully served the community as a Richmond Police Commissioner, with the Anti-Drug Task Force, as president of the Iron Triangle Neighborhood Council, and block captain of my local neighborhood watch.

I am also dedicated to preserving the beauty of Richmond. I have partnered with the North Richmond Green Beautification Project, and community clean-ups.

We need unique approaches for improving education, health services and crime prevention. My involvement in the community has given me invaluable experience to find these unique approaches and implement them effectively.

I am asking for your vote because I believe that I am the one who (because of my active participation in the community and with the City Council) can help this Council to achieve its goals in making a better Richmond.

I have reviewed the above candidate statement, I understand no corrections or changes are allowed after it has been filed, and it will be printed as filed with the City Clerk. I understand I am limited to a recitation of my own personal background and qualifications and shall not in any way make reference to other candidates or to another candidate's qualifications, character, or activities.
I certify under penalty of perjury that the candidate statement submitted is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Dated 1/30/2013 Signature of Candidate [Handwritten Signature]

**Mark Wassberg**

CITY OF RICHMOND

Candidate Statement of Qualifications
For Appointment to Fill City Council Vacancy
(Richmond Municipal Code, Article II, Chapter 2.16.080)

Instructions to Candidate:

- This statement may include your name, age, occupation, and a brief description of your education and qualifications.
Statements must be e-mailed to Statements@ci.richmond.ca.us prior to filing with the City Clerk.
Statements shall not include party affiliation, nor membership or activity in partisan political organizations.
Prepare statement according to the following guidelines:
Statements must be in PARAGRAPH BLOCK FORM.
Statements must be in UPPER and LOWER CASE.
No ITALICS, BOLD, or UNDERLINE may be used
No BULLETS, STARS, or ASTERISKS are allowed.
Statements which do not conform to the rules above guidelines will be corrected by the City Clerk in order to assure all statements have uniformity of appearance.
Check carefully for errors in spelling, punctuation, and grammar before filing.
After the statement has been filed, it will be printed and distributed exactly as submitted.
THE DEADLINE TO FILE YOUR STATEMENT IS 5:00 P.M, THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 2013.

STATEMENTS ARE LIMITED TO NO MORE THAN: 200 WORDS (See attached Word Count Guidelines)

My name is: Mark Wassberg

My age is (Optional): 56

My occupation is: Filmmaker

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Education and Qualifications (Statement and word count begin below):

I, Mark Wassberg, am a candidate for the vacancy of the city council seat. I have been a resident of Richmond for 25 years and worked in Richmond for 39 years. I am a Richmond high school graduate, class of "1975". I have been a activist to end the violence since 2004, and standing up for all American citizen's constitution rights. I believe I am the best candidate for the city council seat.

Contact info, 510-423-8112

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I certify under penalty of perjury that the candidate statement submitted is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Dated 1-31-13

Signature of Candidate Mark Wassberg