

Analysis of Richmond Community Health and Wellness Element December 2009 Draft

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Locator	Language in December 2009 Draft	Changes from Previous Draft	Description of Changes	Recommendation to City	Why this Recommendation is Important
11.3 Introduction 2 nd paragraph	Some Richmond residents are at a higher risk than residents...	*modified: Richmond residents are at a higher risk than residents...	Statement is qualified by adding the word, "some."	Keep original language	Using the qualifier "some" serves to minimize issue of health inequity; it doesn't add clarity but in fact indicates that this is a challenge for only a subset of the population, not for the entire city. In this regard it sends a message that is counter to the purpose of the HWE.
11.3 Introduction 2 nd paragraph	Some Richmond residents are also disproportionately affected...	*modified: Richmond residents are also disproportionately affected...	Statement is qualified by adding the word, "some."	Keep original language.	Same rationale as above.
11.5 Introduction, Richmond Today 3 rd paragraph	... World War II shipyard.	*removed: ... World War II shipyard. Today it accommodates a major oil refinery and chemical plant.	Reference to existence of an oil refinery and chemical plant removed.	Reinsert original statement.	The removed statement is a fact that informs the reader of an important industrial characteristic of the City. It is also an important factor in understanding the health of the community.
11.5 Introduction, Richmond Today 4 th paragraph	The poverty rate in Richmond is double that of the County. Statistically , residents of Richmond experience greater death and disease rates than the County overall. Residents of some communities in Richmond experience the highest proportion...	*modified: Like the County, the City of Richmond is marked by dramatic inequalities. With two-fifths of the City's residents living in poverty, the poverty rate in Richmond is double that of the County. Residents of Richmond experience greater death and disease than the County overall. Residents of Richmond experience the highest proportion...	Reference to inequality is removed. Experience of morbidity and mortality is qualified by using the word, "some."	Keep original language.	The original wording conveys a more urgent and compelling situation, which serves to make the case for why Richmond has decided to do a HWE. The revised paragraph, including the use of qualifiers such as "statistically" and "some," makes a weaker case for addressing health inequities at a municipal level.
11.7 Introduction, Access to Parks and Recreation, 2 nd paragraph	... quality of programs. In addition, about 50% of residents have poor proximity to recreation facilities. Even where neighborhoods enjoy convenient access to local public schools, those school grounds do not necessarily provide a quality recreational experience. Concerns about safety, deferred maintenance and the need to upgrade facilities to current standards has also contributed to lower levels of facility utilization.	*removed: While most residents in Central Core neighborhoods live close to a park, the 1994 General Plan standards indicate that the Central City subregion needs about 100 acres of parks and playgrounds to meet the standard with its current population size (see Table 11.1: Park Acreage by Planning Area). *removed: Most of Richmond's public schools do not meet standards for adequate play areas. So even where neighborhoods enjoy... *slightly modified: Deferred maintenance and the need to upgrade facilities to current standards has also contributed to lower levels of facility utilization.	Specific reference to inequitable distribution of resources removed, as is reference to specific standards for school play areas.	Reinsert language referring to Central Core neighborhoods.	Original statement concerning the situation of Central Core residents underscores the inequitable distribution of resources across the city, a key tenet for understanding health equity. Statement also provided context for Table 11.1 and its removal impedes understanding of the table.
11.12 Introduction, Access to a Range of High-Quality and Affordable Housing	... and overcrowding.	*removed: Conversely, lower housing costs result in more disposable income for essential non-housing needs, allowing a more balanced lifestyle.	Additional health benefits of affordable housing removed.	Reinsert original language.	Deleted sentence is accurate and deepens understanding of how housing contributes to health and well-being.

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11.18 Introduction, Environmental Quality, 2nd paragraph		*entire paragraph removed: Pollutants and contaminated runoff that goes into storm drains, creeks, and waterways pollutes the Bay and can lead to dangerous human exposure to oils, lead and other toxins while contaminating fish and other aquatic life. Runoff is primarily controlled via soil infiltration, vegetation, increased pervious surfacing and on-site containment. Keeping plant communities intact is important in protecting waterways, maintaining high water quality and protecting biological and	Rationale and explanation of the connection between environmental quality and human health is removed.	Reinsert original paragraph.	Deleted paragraph describes in greater detail the link between environmental quality and human health, and gives a depth of context for the ensuing policies and actions.
11.18 Introduction, Environmental Quality, 4th paragraph		*entire paragraph removed: Chronic noise exposure can result in sleep disturbance, cognitive impairment, hypertension and stress hormone activation.	Reference to Chronic Noise exposure removed.	Re-insert original paragraph.	Deleted sentence is important for understanding the connection between chronic noise and community health, and provides context and justification for addressing noise in the HWE.
11.20 Introduction, Environmental Quality, Current Conditions, 1st paragraph	Many Richmond residents are affected by environmental pollutants. Most of the contaminated sites in the City are located...	*modified: Many Richmond residents are affected by environmental pollutants, especially in the Central Core and along the shoreline where industrial uses are concentrated. Most of the contaminated sites are located...	Reference to inequitable burden of harm is eliminated.	Keep original statement.	Deleted reference to disparate impact in Central Core obscures the reality of health inequity.
11.21 Green and Sustainable Development Practices, 1st paragraph	A healthy community promotes environmental protection, wise use of resources, sustainability and stewardship.	*removed: Reducing the use of electricity produced by fossil fuels and natural gas for heating has a number of widespread benefits that extend beyond the obvious cost savings. Decreasing “dirty” energy consumption and converting to clean energy sources contributes to conservation, improves local economic conditions, reduces air pollution and helps to combat climate change. This in turn fosters a number of public health benefits including lower rates of respiratory illness.	Rationale language eliminated.	Keep original paragraph.	Original paragraph provides a deeper understanding of the connection between energy use practices and human health; and justification for ensuing policies and actions.
11.22 Key Findings and Recommendations, 2nd paragraph	... were left behind. Exposure to pollutants...	*removed: These sites pose significant health concerns for current residents.	Specific connection to health removed.	Keep original statement.	Deleted statement recognizes the connections between Richmond’s industrial legacy and current health concerns.
11.22 Key Findings and Recommendations, 3rd paragraph	In addition, with fewer people using local streets, the use of major commercial corridors has further declined. These conditions contribute to increased dependence on automobiles for basic necessities.	*modified: In addition, with fewer people on streets and slower economic activity, use of major commercial corridors has further declined. These conditions contribute to health and safety risks in the community.	Specific reference to health and safety risks deleted.	Keep original language.	Original statement is trying to convey the relationship between wide streets, lower levels of economic and pedestrian activity on key corridors, and health and safety (i.e. encourages speeding, lack of “eyes on the street.”) Revised statement is more confusing and doesn’t illuminate the connection to health and safety.
11.27 Key Findings and Recommendations, Finding 9, bullet 3	Remediating contaminated sites provide land for future reuse.	*modified: Remediating toxic sites to eliminate risk to public health and provide land for future reuse.	Reference to health removed.	Keep original statement.	Remediation is not solely about reuse but also about public health.

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11.31 (in Draft document) Policies and Implementing Strategies	[NOTE: All Policies in the Draft document have the corresponding Implementing Actions listed below the policies. These have been removed in the current document.]	*removed: Introduction of Policies and Implementing Actions section		maintain consistency with other elements	Introduction was useful in orienting the reader and in explaining how the HWE interrelates with other elements. Have these sections been eliminated for all other elements as well?
11.31 in Current Version, Policy HW1.1	Provide a comprehensive and integrated system of parks, plazas, playgrounds, trails and open space. The community's current and future needs for quality outdoor space can be met by improving existing parks and creating linear greenways in established neighborhoods and creating new parks, plazas and open space in new developments. The City should ensure adequate maintenance of these facilities to encourage safe and active use.	*added: trails *removed: A comprehensive, integrated system should include parks, playgrounds, community greens, greenways and trails.			
11.31 in Current, Policy HW1.4	Provide a range of quality recreational facilities. Facilities should have adequate lighting, signage and hours of operation.	*removed: Facilities should be well maintained and represent the multi-ethnic and multicultural diversity in the community. ... Providing facility upgrades may increase capacity to attract people from neighborhoods that are currently underserved.	Reference to diverse and underserved communities eliminated.	Keep capacity language that refers to underserved neighborhoods.	Original language regarding facility upgrades underscores sensitivity to the needs of underserved neighborhoods.
11.31 in Current, 11.33 in Draft, Policy HW1.5	...others may support residents' needs for convenient access to parks and community centers.	*removed: Joint-use opportunities serve to more efficiently utilize existing facilities and amenities, host programs in convenient neighborhood locations, better activate community areas so that they are in use during the day and in the evenings and enable the City and partners to share the cost of maintenance, upgrades and improvements for the benefit of the entire community.	Rationale language for Joint Use removed.		
11.32 in Current, 11.33 in Draft, Policy HW1.6	Promote park and facility design that discourages vandalism, deters crime, provides natural surveillance and creates a safe and comfortable environment. Improving public safety...	*removed: Protect visitors of Richmond parks and recreational facilities from exposure to harmful or toxic chemicals, seismic risks, structural hazards, wildland fires, crime and other natural or human-induced incidents. Promote park and facility design that...	Reference to other environmental risks is removed.	Preserve some of original language.	Original statement acknowledges the range of risks, in addition to intentional violence, that the City should guard against.
11.32 in Current, 11.34 in Draft, Policy HW1.7	The City will improve connections and access to open space and recreation facilities for visitors via all modes an of all abilities, and from all Richmond neighborhoods.	*modified: The City should work with transit agencies to improve connections and access to open space and recreation facilities from all Richmond neighborhoods.	directive language added		
11.32 in Current, 11.34 in Draft, Policy HW1.8	... to Richmond's shoreline. The City should...	*removed: Increasing access to the waterfront and bay waters encourages health and fitness activities for people of all	Reference to health and wellness is removed.	Keep original language	Original statement reinforced the connection between access to natural areas and health and wellness.

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		ages, and provides greater understanding of natural resources. The City should...			
11.33 in Current, 11.35 in Draft, Policy HW1.9	Distribution of Park and Recreation Facilities: Expand park and recreation opportunities in all neighborhoods... Continue to implement the parkland development standard of three acres of community or neighborhood parkland per 1,000 population in each neighborhood planning area for new development and redevelopment... In established neighborhoods where land availability for new large parks is limited, improve and maintain compact parks, play lots and plazas to increase access to recreation opportunities for residents.	*modified: Equitable Distribution: Provide parks and recreation opportunities in all neighborhoods... Maintain the parkland development standard of three acres of community or neighborhood parkland per 1,000 population in each neighborhood planning area. New development and redevelopment projects should be required to meet this target... Where land availability for new large parks is limited, compact parks, play lots and plazas to increase access to recreation opportunities for residents.			
Section: Improve Access to Parks, Recreation and Open Space Action: HW1.H	Consider developing and adopting design guidelines... Include guidelines that prevent vandalism and graffiti.	removed: *Develop and adopt design guidelines *Include guidelines for parks and recreation facilities with particular focus on the following five areas: design and orientation of buildings, restrooms and parking areas; defensible space with no hidden areas or structures that block visibility and natural surveillance; ownership and control over public space; cameras and other technologies; lighting; and signage. added: "consider"	directive language regarding public safety design guidelines removed; action now optional. Specific language regarding park guidelines removed; language is now more general.	Reinstate directive language to develop and adopt public safety design guidelines by removing the word "consider." Reinstate specific language regarding five areas of focus, including guidelines for "play areas, parks, sports and <u>recreational facilities</u> , streets..."	This is a priority area of the HWE. It is important to prioritize areas of the HWE with greatest potential for impacting community health and equity by: · committing to specific actions in those areas, and · providing relevant details and guidance informed by health and planning experts.
Section: Improve Access to Parks, Recreation and Open Space Action: HW1.I	Consider developing a citywide initiative to increase opportunities for contact with nature	* removed: Develop a citywide initiative to increase opportunities for contact with nature; example of Groundworks removed * added: "consider"	Language regarding increased access to nature no longer directive; action now optional.	Reinstate directive language to at least promote and support existing efforts, such as Groundworks, by removing the word "consider."	This is a priority area of the HWE. It is important to prioritize areas of the HWE with greatest potential for impacting community health and equity by: · committing to specific actions in those areas, and · providing relevant details and guidance informed by health and planning experts.
Section: Expand Healthy Food and Nutrition Choices Action: HW2.1	Promote the availability of fresh fruits and vegetables and quality foods. The City should encourage a wide range of healthy food sources such as full-service grocery stores, ethnic food markets, farm stands, community gardens, edible school yards and farmers' markets.	* removed: Convenience stores, liquor stores and ethnic markets should be encouraged to carry fresh produce, especially in low-income and underserved neighborhoods	Equity language (focus on low income communities) removed.	Reinstate language regarding low-income and underserved neighborhoods	Equity and health disparities are of major concern in Richmond. Efforts should target these priority areas of concern.

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<p>Section: Expand Healthy Food and Nutrition Choices Action: HW2.B</p>	<p>Consider exploring the potential for creating and sustaining local urban agriculture, including community gardens, orchards and farmers' markets.</p>	<p>*modified: Explore the potential for creating and sustaining local urban agriculture... * added: "consider"</p>	<p>Language requiring research of sustainable local urban agriculture options removed; action now optional.</p>	<p>Remove the word "consider." Reinstated language to "Explore the potential."</p>	<p>This is a priority area of the HWE. It is important to prioritize areas of the HWE with greatest potential for impacting community health and equity by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - committing to specific actions in those areas, and - providing relevant details and guidance informed by health and planning experts.
		<p>*removed: Urban Agriculture has the potential to supplement the availability of fresh fruit and vegetables in the community, provide economic opportunities to Richmond residents, lower food costs, reduce overall energy consumption and build social cohesion.</p>	<p>Justification and support describing social benefits of urban agriculture removed.</p>	<p>Reinstated language justifying and supporting social benefits of urban agriculture.</p>	<p>In a new type of plan element, it is important to provide guidance and detail where possible for a realistic implementation and for meaningful community impact.</p> <p>Connecting this action back to the health rationale is consistent with other parts of the HWE and provides future users with clear guidance.</p>
		<p>*removed: The assessment should explore the feasibility of implementing the following strategies: Developing a site inventory and a management plan to administer use of potential urban agricultural sites... <i>(13 bullets outlining strategies to implement were cut)</i></p>	<p>Entire section describing implementation strategies for assessment of urban agriculture removed.</p>	<p>Reinstated specific details regarding urban agriculture. Include:</p> <p>Allowing urban agriculture as a desirable civic activity that improves the quality of urban life, food security, neighborhood safety and environmental stewardship;</p> <p>Enabling rather than prohibiting the development of appropriate agriculture in residential, industrial, business, and open space zones;</p> <p>Establishing a community-based infrastructure for urban growers such as tool banks, agricultural businesses, shared processing facilities, farmers' markets, community supported</p>	<p>In a new type of element, it is important to provide guidance and detail where possible for a realistic implementation and for meaningful community impact.</p> <p>The language stated here is not directive, but does provide important guidance for future users, and should therefore be reinstated. Further, it does not repeat information included previously and is therefore not redundant. Urban agriculture is a high priority area of the plan for which work on assessment and policy tools is currently underway, following a scope of work agreed to by the City. This current work is consistent with the language that was removed.</p>

				<p>agriculture ventures, funding streams and technical service providers;</p> <p>Creating farm-to-institution approaches for direct marketing of local products that offer healthy food choices to schools, hospitals, prisons and businesses, while creating economic opportunities for urban growers and related industries;</p> <p>Creating training and welfare-to-work programs for unemployed people to work in urban food-related businesses as a source of living wage jobs;</p> <p>Working with representatives of community gardening and urban farming organizations as well as food policy councils to meet needs unique to urban farm enterprises;</p> <p>Ensuring long-term land commitment for community gardens, entrepreneurial farms and other urban agriculture ventures;</p> <p>Amending building codes</p>	
Section: Expand Healthy Food and Nutrition Choices Action: HW2.C	None: Entire Item Removed	*removed: Nutrition Display Guidelines-- Collaborate with Contra Costa County Health Services Department to develop information that assists consumers in evaluating nutrition, sugar and transfat content of their food choices.	Entire action item (HW2C) regarding nutrition display guidelines removed.	Reinstate this idea here or insert it into another section, such as HW2.A Healthy Food Store Incentives.	Nutrition display guidelines and collaboration with Contra Costa Health Services are important areas to explore for healthy eating environments. Existing menu labeling laws are limited in scope, and the City may make a greater local impact.

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<p>Section: Improve Access to Medical Services Policy: HW3.3</p>	<p>Provide a coordinated and effective response to emergencies and natural disasters. Coordinate with neighboring jurisdictions, local employers and industries to make sure that emergency preparedness and disaster response programs serve all parts of the City. Provide an adequate level of police and fire staffing, facilities, equipment and maintenance in order to protect the community.</p>	<p>*removed: "equitably" (original sentence: "Coordinate with neighboring jurisdictions, local employers and industries to make sure that emergency preparedness and disaster response programs serve all parts of the City <i>equitably</i> .")</p>	<p>Equity language (the word "equitably") removed.</p>	<p>Reinstate equity language.</p>	<p>Equity and health disparities are of major concern in Richmond. Efforts should target these priority areas of concern.</p>
<p>Section: Encourage Safe and Convenient Public Transit and Active Circulation Options Policy: HW4.D</p>	<p>Support an enhanced and expanded public transit system to improve mobility options for all residents and visitors. Encouraging transit-supportive development patterns can further maximize the efficiency of these systems and help reduce air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions within Richmond.</p>	<p>*removed: Public transit provides an environmentally-friendly, cost-effective and equitable mode of travel for residents and visitors.</p>	<p>Language providing justification and support for the links between health, environment, and public transportation removed. Equity argument regarding public transportation removed.</p>	<p>Reinstate equity language.</p>	<p>Equity and health disparities are of major concern in Richmond. Efforts should target these priority areas of concern.</p>
		<p>*removed: Public transit service should connect major destinations in Richmond including education institutions, community facilities, regional open space areas and major commercial corridors to serve a greater number of riders and reduce commuter vehicle miles. All housing units and employment centers in Richmond should have access to a local and regional public transit stop. The City should also ensure that all transit stations and routes to and from these stations are safe. As many residents and visitors rely on regional passenger rail and air travel, the City should also support efforts to create efficient public transit connections to train stations and regional airports.</p>	<p>Suggestions and clear directives for Smart Growth transit eliminated.</p>	<p>Reinstate comments related to connecting housing and employment centers to public transit, ensuring stations are safe and connected to regional systems.</p>	<p>In a new element, it is important to provide guidance and detail where possible for a realistic implementation and for meaningful community impact .</p>
<p>Section: Encourage Safe and Convenient Public Transit and Active Circulation Options Policy: HW4.5</p>	<p>Promote mixed-use urban streets that balance public transit, walking and bicycling with other modes of travel. Developing a grid-based network of streets with landscaping and amenities for transit, bicycles and pedestrians will support various modes of travel. Long block lengths, cul-de-sacs and gated streets should be discouraged.</p>	<p>*modified: Developing a grid-based network of streets with landscaping and amenities for transit, bicycles and pedestrians will support pedestrian and bicycle connectivity, as well as transit accessibility. *removed: Furthermore, the City should provide mid-block crosswalks where cul-de-sacs or long blocks impede pedestrians.</p>	<p>Complete Streets priorities removed.</p>	<p>Reinstate language around pedestrian and bicycle connectivity as well as transit accessibility. Important to address Complete Streets themes and issues.</p>	<p>In a new type of element, it is important to provide guidance and detail where possible for a realistic implementation and for meaningful community impact .</p>
<p>Section: Encourage Safe and Convenient Public Transit and Active Circulation Options Action: HW4.A</p>	<p>Develop access and mobility in new development to enhance physical access to community facilities, schools, parks, shoreline open spaces, historical destinations, commercial and employment centers and transit hubs.</p>	<p>*removed: Develop access and mobility criteria for capital improvement projects and new development to enhance...</p>	<p>Specific recommendation to improve access and mobility by creating criteria for capital improvement projects was removed; the recommendation overall was made more general.</p>	<p>Re-insert original language on criteria and capital improvement projects.</p>	<p>The December version reads very awkwardly. The original frmaing is more streamlined and gets at the original intent around health and equity.</p>

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		*removed: The criteria should address access by walking, bicycling and public transit as well as vehicular access.			
	Access and mobility design features should....	*modified: The community access and mobility criteria should....		Reinstate	Goes with previous modification.
Section: Encourage Safe and Convenient Public Transit and Active Circulation Options Action: HW4.C	None: Entire Item Removed	removed: Collaborate with AC transit, BART, West Contra Costa Transit Agency, Amtrak and major employers in Richmond that provide shuttle service to explore the potential for expanding transit in the evenings and late nights, and for people with special needs. Explore the potential to enhance Richmond's paratransit service. Collaborate with major employers to provide employer-based "open-door" shuttles to BART, the planned ferry terminal and other transit hubs. collaborate with regional and Contra Costa County transportation agencies to maintain and enhance service within the city and region.	Entire action item (HW4C) regarding expanded transit to disadvantaged parts of Richmond was removed.	Reinsert action item	This is a priority area of the HWE. It is important to prioritize areas of the HWE with greatest potential for impacting community health and equity by: · committing to specific actions in those areas, and · providing relevant details and guidance informed by health and planning experts.
Section: Encourage Safe and Convenient Public Transit and Active Circulation Options Action: HW4.D	Bicycle and Pedestrian Networks: Develop citywide bicycle and pedestrian routes to make Richmond a more pedestrian and bicycle friendly city. Identify gaps in the network, major travel routes and priority safety improvements. Expand the network of multi-use trails and off-street paths.	*modified: Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan: Develop citywide bicycle and pedestrian plans to make Richmond a more pedestrian and bicycle friendly city. Identify gaps in the network, major travel routes and priority safety improvements. Designate a network of multi-use trails and off-street paths.	Language regarding collaboration with multiple other agencies was removed. Recommendation to update citywide bicycle and pedestrian plans (guidelines, standards and facilities) was changed to "develop routes." Language concerning specific design guidelines and standards, as well as signage plans and compliance with ADA standards, was removed.	Re-insert original language, city should have plans that are updated.	This is a priority area of the HWE. It is important to prioritize areas of the HWE with greatest potential for impacting active living and community health and equity by: · committing to specific actions in those areas, and · providing relevant details and guidance informed by health and planning experts.
		*removed: Update design guidelines and standards for bicycle and pedestrian facilities and amenities to meet local state and federal standards. Include a uniform citywide signage plan and comply with all Americans with Disabilities Act requirements.		Reinstate original language	
		*removed: Explore the potential to designate pedestrian priority areas or districts.			Reinstate original language

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	<p>Ensure links to the regional trail network including the San Francisco Bay Trail, and consistency with the County Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan.</p> <p>Coordinate efforts with ongoing bicycle and pedestrian community initiatives.</p>	<p>*modified: Collaborate with Contra Costa County and other jurisdictions to ensure links to the regional trail network including the San Francisco Bay Trail and coordination with the County Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. Coordinate efforts with ongoing bicycle and pedestrian community initiatives such as the Safe Communities Project, Contra Costa Health Services Injury Prevention Project and the Richmond Pedestrian Project.</p>		<p>Maintain reference to key collaborating partners to convey multidisciplinary nature of the work</p>	
		<p>*removed: Collaborate with ABAG, Caltrans and bicycle advocacy groups to develop a safe and convenient bicycle trail across the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge</p>		<p>Maintain reference to key collaborating partners to convey multidisciplinary nature of the work</p>	
<p>Section: Encourage Safe and Convenient Public Transit and Active Circulation Options Action: HW4.E</p>	<p>Provide adequate connections to the existing and proposed bicycle and pedestrian network.</p>	<p>*modified: Require new development and redevelopment projects to be pedestrian and bicycle friendly and to provide adequate connections to the existing and proposed bicycle and pedestrian network.</p>	<p>Language to require ped/bike environments in new developments or redevelopments softened.</p>	<p>Reinstate directive language.</p>	<p>This is a priority area of the HWE. It is important to prioritize areas of the HWE with greatest potential for impacting community health and equity by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · committing to specific actions in those areas, and · providing relevant details and guidance informed by health and planning experts.
	<p>Encourage all new commercial, industrial, mixed-use, civic, assembly, and residential development to provide access for construction and operation of a trail where a local or regional trail is designated or planned.</p>	<p>* modified: Require all new commercial, industrial and residential development to provide access for construction and operation of a trail where a local or regional trail is designated or planned.</p>	<p>directive language removed.</p>	<p>Reinstate directive language.</p>	
<p>Section: Encourage Safe and Convenient Public Transit and Active Circulation Options Action: HW4.H</p>	<p>Develop strategies to calm traffic on streets that experience speeding or cut-through traffic. Engineering measures should consider emergency vehicle access as well as pedestrian and bicycle circulation and may include traffic circles, curb extensions, stop signs, narrow travel lanes, fewer travel lanes, landscaping and plantings.</p>	<p>*removed: Include a range of solutions including engineering, education and enforcement measures.</p> <p>*removed: Education measures may include outreach materials, signs and postings, pledge campaigns and speed displays. Enforcement measures may include increased patrolling, ticketing and warnings.</p>	<p>Language regarding use of education and enforcement measures and examples removed.</p>	<p>Reinstate removed language.</p>	<p>Traffic calming extends beyond the purview of transportation engineering. City government efforts around education and enforcement also play a key role, and should be included as alternatives, particularly when engineering mitigations are not feasible.</p>

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<p>Section: Encourage Safe and Convenient Public Transit and Active Circulation Options Action: HW4.I</p>	<p>Consider developing a community-based self-evaluation and transition plan to comply with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements.</p>	<p>*removed: With involvement from the community and specifically people with disabilities, the plan should assess the City's ability to serve the needs of all Richmond residents and visitors. Specifically, the plan should assess policies, programs, services and facilities that are available to the public and provide recommendations for adapting service delivery methods and making physical improvements to ensure access for all. The plan should also include a timeline, priorities, implementation and financing strategies.</p>	<p>Language regarding community involvement in plan to ensure access for all removed, along with specific action items for the plan.</p>	<p>Reinstate removed language.</p>	<p>Addresses equity</p>
<p>Section: Encourage Safe and Convenient Public Transit and Active Circulation Options Action: HW4.L</p>	<p>Support a sustainable approach to stormwater drainage, groundwater recharge and landscaping. Incorporate green street elements in all streetscape improvement projects in the City.</p>	<p>*modified: Expand the green streets program to support a sustainable approach to stormwater drainage, groundwater recharge and landscaping. Incorporate green street standards and guidelines in all streetscape improvement projects in the City.</p>	<p>Language regarding green street standards and guidelines changed to green street elements.</p>	<p>Reinstate original language around standards and guidelines.</p>	<p>What is a green street "element"? This is unclear. Original language was more meaningful.</p>
<p>Section: Encourage Safe and Convenient Public Transit and Active Circulation Options Action: HW4.M</p>	<p>The City will consider updating the existing Traffic Facilities Fee Program and Construction Traffic Road Fees Program as part of a Public Facilities Fee Study. The updated program would ensure that the City receives sufficient fees from new development to fund streets and related transportation to serve the new development. They would also insure that sufficient fees are recovered to improve the City's road network deteriorated by construction vehicle traffic for projects that include new construction, minor remodeling, grading and hauling and the installation of pools, tennis courts and retaining walls.</p>	<p>*significantly modified: Update the fee program and a nexus study to provide needed circulation improvements associated with new development and redevelopment projects. Include provisions for improvements to pedestrian, bicycle and public transit facilities and amenities. Link the fee program to priorities included in the capital improvement program.</p>	<p>Language removes mention of needed circulation improvements and references to pedestrian, biking, and public transportation.</p>	<p>Reinstate original language.</p>	<p>In a general plan, it is important to provide guidance and detail where possible for a realistic implementation and for meaningful community impact.</p>
<p>Section: Encourage Safe and Convenient Public Transit and Active Circulation Options Action: HW4.N</p>	<p>Street Design</p>	<p>*modified: Street Design Guidelines</p>	<p>Reference to Street Design guidelines removed.</p>	<p>Reinstate original language around standards and guidelines.</p>	<p>This is a priority area of the HWE. It is important to prioritize areas of the HWE with greatest potential for impacting community health and equity by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · committing to specific actions in those areas, and · providing relevant details and guidance informed by health and planning experts.

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Section: Provide a Range of Quality and Affordable Housing Policy: HW5.1	Encourage development of an adequate supply of quality housing units to meet the needs of all income levels.	*modified: Maintain the availability of an adequate supply of quality housing units to meet the needs of all income levels.	Responsibility of city to ensure availability of adequate supply of housing units made more generic.	Reinstate original language.	This is a priority area of the HWE. It is important to prioritize areas of the HWE with greatest potential for impacting community health and equity by: · committing to specific actions in those areas, and
Section: Provide a Range of Quality and Affordable Housing Policy: HW5.2	Encourage a range of housing types to meet the needs of the community.	*modified: Encourage a range of housing types to meet diverse community needs .	References to equity and disparities removed.	Reinstate original language.	· providing relevant details and guidance informed by health and planning experts.
	Product types should vary from single-family residences and townhomes homes to condominiums and apartments.	Product types should vary from single-family residences and townhomes homes to rental units and apartments.		Reinstate original language.	Equity and health disparities are of major concern in Richmond. Efforts should target these priority areas of concern.
Section: Provide a Range of Quality and Affordable Housing Policy: HW5.3	The City encourages the integration of market rate housing with affordable units at the project level as well as at the neighborhood level.	*modified: The City should encourage the integration of market rate housing with affordable units at the project level as well as at the neighborhood level.	Language modifications reduce emphasis on change.	Remove the words "The City" to read "Encourage the integration of..."	Streamline language
Section: Provide a Range of Quality and Affordable Housing Policy: HW5.4	Enhance safety measures in all City-owned and maintained housing units. The City should continue to improve housing owned by the Richmond Housing Authority to include adequate lighting, vandalism and graffiti deterrents and active park and walking spaces .	*modified: Protect public health and safety in all City-owned and maintained housing units.	References to public health and safety removed.	Reinstate original language	Underscores relevance of this work from the perspective of health and wellness in Richmond
		*added: ...to include adequate lighting, vandalism and graffiti deterrents and active park and walking spaces.	Specific language on how to improve housing owned by Housing Authority added.	Add language regarding moisture, pests, lead contaminants and other health risks related to housing	
Section: Provide a Range of Quality and Affordable Housing Action: HW5.A	Update the City's existing ordinance requiring inclusionary housing units in new housing development and redevelopment housing projects. Include an in-lieu fee provision.	*removed: Set targets for the number of very low, low and moderate-income housing units to be included in these developments. Consider the regional housing needs allocation to set targets for new affordable housing.	Language regarding affordable housing removed.	Reinstate original language.	Equity and health disparities are of major concern in Richmond. Efforts should target these priority areas of concern.
Section: Provide a Range of Quality and Affordable Housing Action: HW5.D	Develop standards and guidelines for senior and affordable housing units to ensure high-quality planning, design and construction. Projects should provide the same design standards for affordable units as for market rate units.	*modified: Develop standards and guidelines for senior and affordable housing units to ensure high-quality planning, design and construction while maintaining affordability. Require projects to provide the same design standards for affordable units as for market rate units.	directive language removed. Equity language removed	Reinsert "while maintaining affordability"	Equity and health disparities are of major concern in Richmond. Efforts should target these priority areas of concern.

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Section: Expand Economic Opportunity Policy: HW6.1	The City will continue to encourage businesses and industries that provide a <i>stimulating</i> work environment, living wages and benefits, and opportunities for skill development and advancement. The City <i>will continue to support</i> a range of industries and business types including a variety of small and large firms...	*modified: <i>Richmond should</i> encourage businesses and industries that provide a <i>safe</i> work environment, living wages and benefits, and opportunities for skill development and advancement. The City <i>should allow</i> a range of industries and business types including a variety of small and large firms...	Goals around workplace safety removed. Language supporting diversity of industries and business types removed; language now supports status quo.	Reinstate goals around workplace safety.	This is a priority area of the HWE. It is important to prioritize areas of the HWE with greatest potential for impacting community health and equity by: · committing to specific actions in those areas, and · providing relevant details and guidance informed by health and planning experts.
Section: Expand Economic Opportunity Policy: HW6.3	Promote and support locally owned and cooperative enterprises and businesses to maximize economic and community benefits for Richmond residents	*removed: Richmond has a strong base of small businesses, particularly along major corridors. Local businesses build equity and stabilize community.	Prioritization of small businesses removed. References to building equity and stability removed.	Reinstate original language	Equity and health disparities are of major concern in Richmond. Efforts should target these priority areas of concern.
Section: Expand Economic Opportunity Policy: HW6.4	Encourage local businesses to operate in an environmentally sound manner, hire locally when possible and participate in civic life and play a positive role in the community.	*removed: Richmond should promote and encourage clean and green industries that provide well-paying jobs, revenue and other community and environmental benefits; support existing industries to become clean and adopt green practices; and promote a mix of uses and a range of activities on industrial land to create jobs and revenue while avoiding conflict between industrial and non-industrial uses.	Support for high paying jobs in clean and green industries, mixed use removed.	Reinstate directive to work with local industries to ensure compliance with environmental regulations.	This is a priority area of the HWE. It is important to prioritize areas of the HWE with greatest potential for impacting community health and equity by: · committing to specific actions in those areas, and · providing relevant details and guidance informed by health and planning experts.
Section: Expand Economic Opportunity Action: HW6.B	Expand opportunities for residents to <i>enter into green collar jobs</i> , including vocational training, mentorship and apprenticeship programs. Maintain and enhance partnerships with local workforce development programs.	*removed: Maintain and enhance partnerships with local workforce development programs <i>such as RichmondWORKS, RichmondBUILD, YouthWORKS and YouthBUILD.</i>	Names of specific community organizations, resident groups, and other partner organizations removed from recommendation to expand green jobs opportunities removed.	Modify language to read, "Expand opportunities for residents to enter into the workforce, with particular emphasis on green collar jobs, such as vocational training..." Reinstate reference to collaborative nature of this undertaking. Examples are helpful.	In a general plan, it is important to provide guidance and detail where possible for a realistic implementation and for meaningful community impact .
		*removed: Partnerships with the University of California system and the Contra Costa Community College District may be explored to strengthen the environmental and technical aspects of these programs.		Reinstate reference to collaborative nature of this undertaking. Examples are helpful.	In a general plan, it is important to provide guidance and detail where possible for a realistic implementation and for meaningful community impact .

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		<p>*removed: This collaboration should identify where additional investment in workforce education can make a difference for both employers and workers. The City's role can be to offer knowledge of strategic industries and labor market trends and facilitate partnerships among industry employers, education and training providers, community organizations and other stakeholders.</p> <p>Nonprofit organizations, notably Rubicon Programs, Inc, also play a crucial role in workforce training in Richmond and West Contra Costa County. All these programs should work cooperatively with educational institutions and other organizations involved in education, workforce preparation and social services to improve their capacity individually and collectively to respond to the needs of local residents and employers.</p>		<p>Reinstate visionary language indicating how collaboration can target its efforts. Specific examples here are not necessary, although they can be helpful for illustrating the point.</p>	<p>In a general plan, it is important to provide guidance and detail where possible for a realistic implementation and for meaningful community impact .</p>
<p>Section: Expand Economic Opportunity Action: HW6.D</p>	<p>Regularly review and update the local first hire ordinance that encourages new businesses to hire local residents for their workforce.</p>	<p>*modified: Implement the local first hire ordinance that encourages new businesses to hire local residents for their workforce.</p>		<p>Change language to: "Regularly review and update and implement the local first hire ordinance..."</p>	<p>In a general plan, it is important to provide guidance and detail where possible for a realistic implementation and for meaningful community impact .</p>
<p>Section: Expand Economic Opportunity Action: HW6.E</p>	<p>Regularly review and update the living wage ordinance that requires employers that receive City support to provide living wages and health insurance to full-time and part-time employees</p>	<p>*modified: Implement a living wage ordinance that requires employers that receive City support to provide living wages and health insurance to full-time and part-time employees</p>		<p>Change language to: "Regularly review and update and implement the local first hire ordinance..."</p>	<p>In a general plan, it is important to provide guidance and detail where possible for a realistic implementation and for meaningful community impact .</p>
<p>Section: Improve Safety in Neighborhoods and Public Spaces Policy: HW8.2</p>	<p>Provide an appropriate mix of uses, high-quality design and appropriate programming of uses to facilitate natural surveillance in public spaces. Improve the real and perceived sense of safety for potential users by...</p>	<p>*removed: and by restricting uses that are incompatible with community needs such as liquor stores.</p>		<p>Reinstate language that was removed.</p>	<p>In a general plan, it is important to provide guidance and detail where possible for a realistic implementation and for meaningful community impact .</p>
<p>Section: Improve Safety in Neighborhoods and Public Spaces Action: HW8.A</p>	<p>Continue to convene an advisory panel composed of community leaders, elected officials, nonprofit organizations and foundations, law enforcement agencies and youth groups to address crime and violence in Richmond...</p>	<p>*removed: The panel should provide input on prioritizing redevelopment and revitalization projects that address crime and violence, and collaborate with the Office of Neighborhood Safety and the Public Safety Committee to develop recommendations.</p>	<p>Specific details regarding the specificity of the neighborhood advisory panel were removed.</p> <p>References to intradepartmental collaboration were removed.</p>	<p>Reinstate language providing guidance for what the panel will do.</p>	<p>In a general plan, it is important to provide guidance and detail where possible for a realistic implementation and for meaningful community impact .</p>

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Section: Improve Safety in Neighborhoods and Public Spaces Action: HW8.B	Update the street lighting standards to ensure that new development and redevelopment projects incorporate pedestrian-scale lighting in the design of streets, parks and public spaces. Include an incentives program to encourage existing development to provide the improvements. Incorporate the guidelines in all public works projects and the capital improvement program	* modified: Include guidelines to promote the use of pedestrian-scale lighting in the design of streets, parks and public spaces, especially in new development and redevelopment projects.		Change "incorporate the guidelines" to "Develop and incorporate guidelines based on these standards in all public works.."	Clean up inconsistencies in the language
Section: Improve Safety in Neighborhoods and Public Spaces Action: HW8.C	Strengthen City Council Resolution 59-06 by developing an ordinance that restricts the location and concentration of liquor stores in the City's neighborhoods, and within 500 feet of schools and parks.	*modified: Strengthen City Council Resolution 59-06 by developing an ordinance that restricts the location and concentration of liquor stores in low-income neighborhoods, and within 500 feet of schools and parks.	Equity language removed -- language to restrict location of liquor stores has become City-wide, emphasis on low-income communities removed.	Change language to: "...stores in the City's most impacted neighborhoods, and..."	Equity and health disparities are of major concern in Richmond. Efforts should target these priority areas of concern.
Section: Improve Environmental Quality Policy: HW9.1	Reduce the impact of direct, indirect and cumulative impacts of stationary and non-stationary sources of pollution.	*modified: <i>The City should work with businesses and industry, residents and partner agencies</i> to reduce the impact of direct, indirect and cumulative impacts of stationary and nonstationary sources of pollution <i>such as heavy industry, the port, railroads, diesel trucks, and busy roadways.</i>	Target of efforts to reduce impacts of direct, indirect and cumulative impacts.	Reinstate language regarding collaboration.	In a general plan, it is important to provide guidance and detail where possible for a realistic implementation and for meaningful community impact .
Section: Improve Environmental Quality Policy: HW9.2	Promote the clean-up and reuse of contaminated sites. Work with property owners and regional agencies to reduce soil and water contamination from industrial operations...	*modified: Promote the clean-up and reuse of contaminated <i>and toxic sites to protect human and environmental health. Prevent</i> soil and water contamination from industrial operations...	Specific language regarding toxic sites removed.	Reinstate original language	re-insert original language, connection to human and environ health; emphasis should be on preventing contamination
Section: Improve Environmental Quality Policy: HW9.4	Work with public and private land owners to protect and expand tree resources within Richmond, including native trees, heritage trees and oak woodlands.	*removed: Protect and expand tree resources within Richmond.use zoning and building requirements to ensure that trees are included in new developments; and engage the community to undertake planting campaigns. Furthermore, the City should promote trees as economic and environmental resources for the use, education and enjoyment of current and future generations.	References to zoning and building requirements for tree coverage were removed. Emphasis shifts from public to private responsibility for tree coverage.	Reinstate original language	active role of city to protect tree resources should be re-instated; way too passive in current language
Section: Improve Environmental Quality Policy: HW9.8	Work with source generators to maintain acceptable noise levels in the community. Work with businesses to develop strategies and programs to reduce or mitigate objectionable noise sources and require new noise sources to comply with noise standards.	*Modified: Reduce or mitigate objectionable noise sources and require new noise sources to comply with noise standards.	Language indicating modification or reduction of noise levels changed to "work with" source generators to maintain "acceptable" noise levels.	Reinstate original language	In a general plan, it is important to provide guidance and detail where possible for a realistic implementation and for meaningful community impact .
		*removed: The City should regulate both indoor and outdoor noise levels to protect health and safety. A combination of noise standards and existing noise levels should be used to determine impacts and mitigation measures.	Language concerning health and noise removed.	Reinstate original language	In a general plan, it is important to provide guidance and detail where possible for a realistic implementation and for meaningful community impact .

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<p>Section: Improve Environmental Quality Policy: HW9.9</p>	<p>Work with stakeholders to mitigate noise impacts from roadways and railroads on residential areas and sensitive uses in the community. Work with transportation agencies to develop strategies that will mitigate transportation noise impacts through use of technology, location and design of transportation facilities as well as the location and design of noise-sensitive uses. Support traffic and highway improvements that will reduce noise impacts of vehicles.</p>	<p>*modified: Prevent and mitigate noise impacts from roadways and railroads on residential areas and sensitive uses in the community. Mitigate transportation noise impacts..Support traffic and highway improvements that will reduce noise impacts of highways.</p>	<p>More specifics regarding improving noise impacts added.</p>	<p>Reinstate language concerning prevention</p>	<p>This is a priority area of the HWE. It is important to prioritize areas of the HWE with greatest potential for impacting community health and equity by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · committing to specific actions in those areas, and · providing relevant details and guidance informed by health and planning experts.
<p>Section: Improve Environmental Quality Action: HW9.A</p>	<p>The City will collaborate with the County Health Department, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District and state agencies to document the health effects associated with monitored baseline exposures. The City will support provisions to hold businesses and operations financially accountable for their impacts on the environment or community due to air pollution exceeding legal thresholds.</p>	<p>*modified: Collaborate with the County Health Department, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District and state agencies to establish baseline exposures and to the extent feasible, document health effects associated with monitored baseline exposures. Include provisions to hold businesses and operations financially accountable for their impacts on the environment or community due to air pollution exceeding legal thresholds.</p>	<p>Action to track health effects and baseline air quality exposures removed.</p> <p>References to citywide monitoring and reporting program removed.</p>	<p>Reinstate language that establishes a more proactive role in establishing baseline exposures.</p>	<p>In a general plan, it is important to provide guidance and detail where possible for a realistic implementation and for meaningful community impact .</p>
<p></p>	<p></p>	<p>*removed: establish a citywide monitoring and reporting program to assess the cumulative impact of air pollution and toxins on human and environmental health, and monitor exposure of sensitive uses such as homes, parks, schools and childcare facilities to pollutants.</p>	<p></p>	<p>Reinstate original language</p>	<p>In a general plan, it is important to provide guidance and detail where possible for a realistic implementation and for meaningful community impact .</p>
<p>Section: Improve Environmental Quality Action: HW9.A</p>	<p>The City will support regional efforts to reduce air pollution, reduce auto use, expand transit and non-motorized transportation options and reduce congestion and idling time. This would also include support for programs to reduce air pollution from stationary sources such as power plants, oil refineries and commercial and residential buildings, among others. The City will work with regional agencies as they monitor air quality impacts and establish best practices for reducing emissions.</p>	<p>*modified: Develop strategies that reduce air pollution in the City. This may include measures to reduce air pollution, reduce auto use, expand transit and non-motorized transportation options and reduce congestion and idling time. Include programs to reduce air pollution from stationary sources such as power plants, oil refineries and commercial and residential buildings, among others. Work with these entities closely to monitor air quality impacts and establish best practices for reducing emissions.</p>	<p>Specific strategy suggestions to reduce air pollution removed.</p>	<p>recommend, "The City will support <u>local</u> and regional efforts to..."</p>	<p>In a general plan, it is important to provide guidance and detail where possible for a realistic implementation and for meaningful community impact .</p>
<p>Section: Improve Environmental Quality Action: HW9.D</p>	<p>Port Emissions Reduction</p>	<p>*modified: Port Emissions Reduction Plan</p>	<p>Indication that a plan would be created for port emissions reduction removed.</p>	<p>Reinstate original language.</p>	<p>In a general plan, it is important to provide guidance and detail where possible for a realistic implementation and for meaningful community impact .</p>

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Section: Improve Environmental Quality Action: HW9.F	Refer to local guidelines for protecting sensitive uses, including residences, schools and childcare facilities from impacts due to existing stationary and mobile sources of air pollution.	*modified: Develop local guidelines for protecting sensitive uses, including residences, schools and childcare facilities from impacts due to existing stationary and mobile sources of air pollution.	Revision of guidelines for protecting sensitive uses removed.	Change language to "Develop, update and enforce local guidelines..."	Provide assurance that measures referred to actually exist and will be enforced.
Section: Improve Environmental Quality Action: HW9.G	Enforce local guidelines for new stationary sources of air pollution and new local circulation facilities for exposure and health impact analysis.	*modified: Develop local guidelines for new stationary sources of air pollution and new local circulation facilities for exposure and health impact analysis.	Creation of local guidelines for stationary sources of air pollution removed.	Change language to "Develop, update and enforce local guidelines..."	Provide assurance that measures referred to actually exist and will be enforced.
Section: Improve Environmental Quality Action: HW9.H	Review and update truck route map to re-route diesel trucks away from neighborhood streets and sensitive uses such as homes, schools, parks and playgrounds to minimize impacts from emissions and traffic conflicts.	*modified: Develop and adopt recommendations for re-routing diesel trucks away from neighborhood streets and sensitive uses such as homes, schools, parks and playgrounds to minimize impacts from emissions and traffic conflicts.		Change language to: "Review, update, and ensure implementation of the truck route map..."	Provide assurance that measures referred to actually exist and will be enforced.
Section: Improve Environmental Quality Action: HW9.K	The City of Richmond shall: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Require a Phase One Environmental Site Assessment for any development proposal where site contamination is suspected. Implement the Zoning regulations as they relate hazardous substances for commercial and industrial properties. Enforce the requirements of the City's NPDES Permit, specifically Richmond Municipal Code Section 12.22.080, Unlawful Discharges and Unlawful Connections. Coordinate with the Contra Costa County Department of Health Services and the State Department of Toxic Substance Control in the implementation of their regulations and standards. 	Entire section rewritten, former section was: Implement standards dealing with the safe management of hazardous substances in close coordination with the City Fire Department and the Department of Toxic Substance Control. The Standards should require soil testing at development sites where contamination is suspected, address safe household hazardous and universal waste disposal and ensure compliance with hazardous substance regulations and safe transport of hazardous materials. Use of the latest technologies available should be considered when conducting remediation in order to expedite the cleansing process and do the least harm to the environment.	Entire section on environmental quality action re-written.	Reinstate original language.	While more detail is generally good, the language is inconsistent with how other actions are framed and is so technical in nature, it is difficult for the reader to understand what this is getting at. Should reinstate some of original language to improve readability and understanding
Section: Improve Environmental Quality Action: HW9.L	Continue to comply with the City's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit	Huge section removed, refer to document.	Entire section concerning environmental quality action re-written.		
	Implement landscaping practices in urban areas of the City to reduce the heat island effect and contribute to carbon mitigation. Provide landscaping compatible with the "City of Richmond Urban Forest Management/Master Plan Reforestation Supplement (1997)" and related documents	*modified: Continue to implement the urban forest management plan to guide landscaping practices in urban areas of the City to reduce the heat island effect and contribute to carbon mitigation. Provide landscaping compatible with the "City of Richmond Urban Forest management/Master Plan Reforestation Supplement (1997)" and related documents for this purpose.	Commitment to create forest management plan removed.		

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		*removed huge section that outlines the measures the plan would establish. See document.	Entire section regarding measures for forest manage plan removed.	Reinstate measures.	
Section: Improve Environmental Quality Action: HW9.O	Consider developing an open space plan to enhance public open space in the City. Include strategies to preserve open space in the hills, along creeks and the shoreline and in the urban core.	*modified: Update the open space plan to enhance public open space in the City. Include strategies for open space in the hills, along creeks and the shoreline and in the urban core.	Language concerning open space plan modified from "update" to "consider developing." Language concerning open space plan modified -- moved from "for" to "to preserve"	Change language to "Develop and implement an open space plan..."	This is a priority area of the HWE. It is important to prioritize areas of the HWE with greatest potential for impacting community health and equity by: · committing to specific actions in those areas, and · providing relevant details and guidance informed by health and planning experts.
Section: Improve Environmental Quality Action: HW9.P	Consider working closely with other local and regional agencies to develop habitat conservation plans.	*modified: Work closely with Contra Costa County and the City develop habitat conservation plans.	Language concerning collaboration changed to consideration rather than action.	Change language to: "Work closely with other local and regional agencies to..."	
Section: Improve Environmental Quality Action: HW9.Q	Consider creating a work plan for restoring sensitive habitat that has been degraded and has potential for rehabilitation.	*modified: Create a work plan for restoring sensitive habitat that has been degraded and has potential for rehabilitation.	Language concerning collaboration changed to consideration rather than action.	Change language to: "Support efforts and develop a work plan to restore..."	
Section: Improve Environmental Quality Action: HW9.R		*removed: Reduce noise levels generated by roadways, railroads and other facilities by: encouraging the California Department of Transportation to institute noise reduction measures on existing and future freeways to lessen noise impacts on areas immediately adjacent to the freeway; encouraging public agencies to ensure that their programs are consistent with those of the City as they relate to noise control; and urging strict reinforcement of current federal noise emission standards by the U.S. Department of Transportation.	Specific steps to reduce or mitigate noise levels removed.	Reinstate original language.	This is a priority area of the HWE. It is important to prioritize areas of the HWE with greatest potential for impacting community health and equity by: · committing to specific actions in those areas, and · providing relevant details and guidance informed by health and planning experts.
Section: Promote Green and Sustainable Development and Practices Policy: HW10.1	Develop strategies to reduce the overall energy footprint from residential, industrial, transportation and City operations. Richmond must address energy use to meet state requirements for greenhouse gas emission reductions.	*modified: Reduce the overall energy footprint from residential, industrial, transportation and City operations. Richmond must address energy use to meet state requirements for greenhouse gas emission reductions as well as to protect the health and safety of its residents and visitors.		Reinstate original language.	Important links to health must be reiterated in this new type of element.

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<p>Section: Promote Green and Sustainable Development and Practices Policy: HW10.2</p>	<p>Promote green buildings and landscaping in all public and private development projects</p>	<p>*removed: The City should: encourage the use of green and sustainable development standards and practices in planning, design, construction and renovation of facilities; promote the use of green streets that incorporate extensive landscaping, pervious surfaces and native planting; encourage new development and redevelopment projects to be LEED-certified green buildings; and promote ecologically-sensitive approaches to landscaping. Adopting green standards and practices will improve the quality of the built environment, reduce environmental impacts and support economic development goals for creating a green economy.</p>	<p>Details regarding how to make buildings green and what standards the city should follow to make them so removed.</p>	<p>Reinstate original language.</p>	<p>In a general plan, it is important to provide guidance and detail where possible for a realistic implementation and for meaningful community impact .</p>
<p>Section: Promote Green and Sustainable Development and Practices Policy: HW10.3</p>	<p>Promote green infrastructure that relies on natural processes for stormwater drainage, groundwater recharge and flood management</p>	<p>*removed: Green approaches for infrastructure development are environmentally and fiscally efficient and provide long-term benefits to the community by reducing energy consumption and maintenance and capital improvements costs.</p>	<p>Justification and support for green infrastructure development removed.</p>	<p>Reinstate original language.</p>	<p>In a general plan, it is important to provide guidance and detail where possible for a realistic implementation and for meaningful community impact .</p>
<p>Section: Promote Green and Sustainable Development and Practices Policy: HW10.4</p>	<p>Promote the generation, transmission and use of a range of renewable energy sources such as solar, wind power and waste to meet current and future demand and encourage new development and redevelopment projects to generate a portion of their energy needs through renewable sources</p>	<p>*removed: The City should partner with public agencies, utilities, businesses and residents to expand the generation and availability of clean technologies and renewable energy.</p>	<p>Mandate to partner with other agencies removed.</p>	<p>Reinstate original language.</p>	<p>In a general plan, it is important to provide guidance and detail where possible for a realistic implementation and for meaningful community impact .</p>
<p>Section: Promote Green and Sustainable Development and Practices Policy: HW10.5</p>	<p>Promote efficient use of energy and conservation of available resources in the design, construction, maintenance and operation of public and private facilities, infrastructure and equipment</p>	<p>*removed: The City should collaborate with partner agencies, utilities, and businesses to support a range of efficiency, conservation and waste reduction measures including: development and retrofitting of green buildings and infrastructure; installation of energy-efficient appliances and equipment in homes and offices; and heightened awareness of energy and conservation issues.</p>	<p>Mandate to partner with other agencies removed.</p>	<p>Reinstate original language.</p>	<p>In a general plan, it is important to provide guidance and detail where possible for a realistic implementation and for meaningful community impact .</p>

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<p>Section: Promote Green and Sustainable Development and Practices Policy: HW10.6</p>	<p>Promote waste reduction and recycling to minimize materials that are processed in landfills</p>	<p>*removed: Encourage residents and businesses to reduce waste and minimize consumption of goods that require higher energy use for shipping and packaging. The City should encourage composting to reduce food and yard waste and provide mulch for gardening. Reducing waste and selecting minimum-impact products will conserve land and energy resources.</p>	<p>Outlining of ways to actualize waste reduction and minimizing materials processed in landfill removed.</p>	<p>Include the following language: "Promote waste reduction and recycling to minimize materials that are processed in landfills by encouraging residents to compost and select minimum-impact products."</p>	<p>In a general plan, it is important to provide guidance and detail where possible for a realistic implementation and for meaningful community impact .</p>
<p>Section: Promote Green and Sustainable Development and Practices Policy: HW10.7</p>	<p>Promote water conservation and recycled water use</p>	<p>*removed: The City can reduce energy consumed for treatment and transportation of water and discharge of wastewater by: encouraging installation of low-flow fixtures; using native planting for landscaping in all City-owned and operated facilities; promoting best practices and technologies for water conservation; considering water use in evaluating and approving development projects; supporting the use of graywater systems in residential, commercial and industrial uses; and encouraging new development and redevelopment projects to meet a portion of their water needs throughout the use of recycled water.</p>	<p>Examples of how City can reach its goals of water conservation and recycled water use removed.</p>	<p>Include the following language: "Promote water conservation and recycled water use to reduce energy consumed for treatment and transportation of water and discharge of wastewater. Approaches may include: encouraging installation of low-flow fixtures; using native planting for landscaping in all City-owned and operated facilities; promoting best practices and technologies for water conservation; considering water use in evaluating and approving development projects; supporting the use of graywater systems in residential, commercial and industrial uses; and encouraging new development and redevelopment projects to meet a portion of their</p>	<p>This is a priority area of the HWE. It is important to prioritize areas of the HWE with greatest potential for impacting community health and equity by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · committing to specific actions in those areas, and · providing relevant details and guidance informed by health and planning experts.
<p>Section: Promote Green and Sustainable Development and Practices Action: HW10.B</p>	<p>Require that newly constructed or renovated City-owned and private buildings and structures meet recognized Green Building standards superior to the requirements of the State Building Code. The City should periodically upgrade these requirements as mainline construction practices develop and new materials and building products become available with the goal of meeting the State's Net Zero Energy goals by the year 2020</p>	<p>*removed: Develop a green building ordinance that requires the use of efficient buildings and site design in the construction and renovation of both City-owned and private buildings and structures. Work with public agencies such as PG&E to encourage the inclusion of energy-efficient systems in remodels and retrofits of existing buildings. provide incentives for improving energy efficiency into existing buildings.</p>	<p>Suggestion to develop a green building ordinance removed. Mandate to work with other public agencies removed.</p>	<p>Reinstate green building ordinance.</p>	<p>This is a priority area of the HWE. It is important to prioritize areas of the HWE with greatest potential for impacting community health and equity by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · committing to specific actions in those areas, and · providing relevant details and guidance informed by health and planning experts.
<p>Section: Promote Green and Sustainable</p>	<p>Encourage new development throughout the City to use environmentally sound building</p>	<p>*modified: Adopt the LEED standards as a model for public</p>	<p>Commitment to adopt LEED standards removed.</p>	<p>Strengthen language to adopt LEED standards.</p>	<p>This is a priority area of the HWE. It is important to prioritize areas of the HWE with</p>

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Development and Practices Action: HW10.C	technologies and to achieve Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards to the extent possible	*removed: Adopt the LEED standards as a model for public and private development in the City. Solar power, energy-efficient heating and cooling systems and green building materials where properly implemented also contribute to a healthier and more productive workplace.		Change language to: "Encourage new development throughout the City to use environmentally sound building technologies and to achieve Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards"	greatest potential for impacting community health and equity by: · committing to specific actions in those areas, and · providing relevant details and guidance informed by health and planning experts.
Section: Promote Green and Sustainable Development and Practices Action: HW10.D	Advocate at the regional and state level for upgrades to the existing power grid so that it can support renewable energy production and transmission	*removed: consider requiring City-owned and operated facilities to generate at least 10 percent of their energy use from renewable resources.	Specifics regarding implementation of green and sustainable development practices removed -- they included incentives, financing programs and other specific ideas.	Reinstate language providing guidance for energy production and transmission.	Specific guidance provides future users with a clear sense for the vision and aspiration for the City.
Section: Promote Green and Sustainable Development and Practices Action: HW10.E	Waste Reduction and Recycling	*modified: Waste Reduction and Recycling Program	Reference to a waste reduction and recycling program removed.	Change language to: "Expand waste reduction and recycling efforts..."	Strengthen existing language
	Encourage waste reduction and expanded recycling programs.	*removed: The City should work with the solid waste franchise holder to expand the types of materials recycled and reused. The City should work in coordination with the Joint Powers Authority and the waste franchise holder to implement outreach efforts to educate residents and businesses on waste reductions, reuse and recycling.	Commitment to improve waste reduction and recycling programs softened.	Reinstate language providing guidance for waste reduction and recycling	This is a priority area of the HWE. It is important to prioritize areas of the HWE with greatest potential for impacting community health and equity by: · committing to specific actions in those areas, and · providing relevant details and guidance informed by health and planning experts.
Section: Promote Green and Sustainable Development and Practices Action: HW10.H	Consider means to increase water recycling by residents, businesses and developers. Coordinate with developers and the East Bay Municipal Utility District to recycled water. Evaluate the use of recycled water in new and existing buildings and landscapes	*modified: Establish a water recycling program for residents, businesses and developers to install localized water recycling programs. The City may also research the feasibility of a large scale recycled water system including *removed: Based on the evaluation, consider developing strategies for reusing water in the City-operated buildings or facilities, encouraging the construction of graywater systems, and providing education opportunities regarding the benefit of water and energy conservation and waste reduction.	Language to establish a water recycling program replaced with consideration of addressing water recycling	Reinstate this entire section. Reinstate this entire section.	Current language is significantly weakened and unclear.

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<p>Section: Become a Leader in Building Healthy Communities Policy: HW11:1</p>	<p>Strengthen the City's internal capacity to support and implement health related policies and programs. The City should partner with Contra Costa Health Services, community-based organizations, foundations and other regional agencies to build capacity among City staff, boards and commissions and elected officials with regard to health and its relationship with the design of the built environment.</p>	<p>*removed: The City should also promote the use of health criteria in reviewing and approving new development and redevelopment projects to maximize their health benefits and minimize or eliminate health impacts.</p>	<p>Reference of using health criteria in reviewing and approving new development and redevelopment projects to maximize health benefits and reduce or eliminate health impacts removed.</p>	<p>Reinstate this entire section.</p>	<p>This is a high priority area of the HWE. It is important to prioritize areas of the HWE with greatest potential for impacting community health and equity by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · committing to specific actions in those areas, and · providing relevant details and guidance informed by health and planning experts.
<p>Section: Become a Leader in Building Healthy Communities Policy: HW11:2</p>	<p>Support ongoing monitoring and tracking of health outcomes. The City should collaborate with Contra Costa Health Services to track and measure health outcomes and the effectiveness of City policies and programs to improve health and reduce health disparities.</p>	<p>*modified: Support ongoing monitoring and tracking of health outcomes and their relationship with City policies and programs. The City should collaborate with Contra Costa Health Services to track progress over time and communicate findings and trends within the community to raise awareness and build support. The City should also recognize individual and institutional successes and contributions to health outcomes.</p>	<p>City commitment and responsibility for tracking and using information from health indicators removed.</p>	<p>Reinstate city commitment and responsibility for tracking and using information from health indicators, as well as city's commitment to communicate findings.</p>	<p>This is a high priority area of the HWE. It is important to prioritize areas of the HWE with greatest potential for impacting community health and equity by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · committing to specific actions in those areas, and · providing relevant details and guidance informed by health and planning experts.
<p>Section: Become a Leader in Building Healthy Communities Action: HW11:B</p>	<p>Develop standards and guidelines to evaluate the health benefits and impacts of significant land development projects and plans. Develop guidelines for assessment relative to different scales of development. Consider models developed by other city or county health departments.</p>	<p>*modified: Develop criteria and standards to evaluate the health benefits and impacts of significant land development projects and plans. The development criteria may be formatted as a checklist with quantitative and/or qualitative measures. Identify appropriate thresholds that would trigger healthy development review. Develop guidelines for assessment relative to different scales of development. Consider models developed by the Shasta County Health Department and San Francisco Health Department.</p>		<p>Reinstate detailed language around criteria and standards and what they include. Examples of models from other places are helpful but not necessary.</p> <p>Indicate what a "significant" land development project/plan entails.</p>	<p>This is a priority area of the HWE. It is important to prioritize areas of the HWE with greatest potential for impacting community health and equity by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · committing to specific actions in those areas, and · providing relevant details and guidance informed by health and planning experts.
<p>Section: Become a Leader in Building Healthy Communities Action: HW11:C</p>	<p>Collaborate with Contra Costa Health Services to develop a program that measures health outcomes over time to assess the effectiveness of City policies and programs. Consider developing specific measures and publish a Community Health Report Card periodically</p>	<p>*modified: Collaborate with Contra Costa Health Services and community based organizations to develop a program that measures health outcomes over time to assess the effectiveness of City policies and programs. Develop specific measures and publish a Community Health Report Card periodically. The dissemination of materials should be developed as part of the public information campaign.</p>	<p>Language requiring collaboration with community based organizations removed.</p> <p>directive language regarding the creation of a Community Health Report Card removed.</p>	<p>Change language to: "Collaborate with CCHS and community stakeholders to develop..."</p> <p>Develop specific measures to track progress and ensure that results are regularly communicated to the public.</p>	

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<p>Section: Become a Leader in Building Healthy Communities Action: HW11:D</p>	<p>Explore the feasibility of developing a social marketing campaign to promote healthy lifestyle choices in Richmond. Collaborate with Contra Costa Health Services to develop outreach materials. Target the campaign to special needs and underserved communities such as youth, seniors and low-income households. Outreach materials may include newsletters, a website, postcards and radio or television announcements.</p>	<p>*modified: Develop a social marketing campaign to promote healthy lifestyle choices in Richmond. Collaborate with Contra Costa Health Services to develop outreach materials. Target the campaign to special needs and underserved communities such as youth, seniors and low-income households. Outreach materials may include newsletters, a website, postcards and radio or television announcements, and others.</p>	<p>directive language to develop a social marketing campaign changed to explore the feasibility of developing a social marketing campaign.</p>	<p>Change language to: "Work with CCHS and neighborhood and community partners to identify creative ways to promote healthy lifestyle choices among Richmond residents. Explore social marketing strategies that effectively target special needs..."</p>	
<p>Implementing Actions</p>			<p>All summaries of Implementing Actions Removed</p>		