MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Monday, August 15, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.
VIA TELECONFERENCE

7:00 CONVENE REGULAR MEETING Chair Shrem called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

1. **ROLL CALL – Present:** Chair Jean Shrem, Members: Mark Figone, Patrick Swen, George Gager, Eric Wright, **Absent:** Members: Christopher Bunting, Travis Campbell, Jonathan Zazove, Vice-Chair Rachel Melby **Others:** Sandra Mayithara

2. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**
John Stashik, El Cerrito resident, spoke on the City of Richmond business license tax increase related to Measure U and encourages the EDC/Chamber to recruit Richmond businesses. Hulan Barnett, Richmond resident, interested in economic development in El Cerrito and the surrounding area.

3. **STAFF/COUNCIL LIAISONS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS**
Ashoori provided the following staff updates: NUG 1 year anniversary this month; Super Slice hopes to open in Sept.; Authentic El Cerrito – second cannabis store-received building permit this month; Housing Element @ City Council on 08/16; Library Workshop on 08/25; EC Plaza BART TOD Study Session on 09/07; San Pablo Avenue Specific Plan Update SEIR; Housing & Safety Element kick off this fall/winter.

4. **EL CERRITO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE UPDATES**
Figone shared that Chamber luncheons are back in person as of July launched at El Mono and encouraged EDC to connect the Chamber w-prospective new members. Ashoori shared an upcoming Chamber mixer at Elevation 66 on 8/24/2022 @ 5:30pm. Figone discussed East Bay Sanitary expanded services for businesses/residents w-more detail at www.ebsan.com.

5. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**
**Moved/Second:** Chair Shrem/Wright **Action:** Passed a motion to adopt the minutes of the regular committee meeting held on July 18, 2022. **Ayes:** Members Gager **Noes:** None **Abstention:** Figone, Swen

6. **EDC WORK PLAN UPDATES**
Ashoori provided an update on the Why El Cerrito website. Discussion regarding Mayfair commercial spaces that are available and opportunities to meet with the broker regarding tenant improvements.
7. **ADJOURNMENT** The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Jean Shrem, Chair

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the regular Economic Development Committee meeting of August 15, 2022, as approved by the Economic Development Committee.

Aissia Ashoori, Staff Liaison