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Key Accomplishments in Richmond, Ca (2005-2017)

- Increased the local minimum wage to \$15 by the end of 2018
- Passed the first Fair Rent Control and Just Cause for Eviction law in 30 years in California
- Defeated Chevron's \$3.5 million attempt to buy our local elections
- Reduced homicides (75% over eight years as mayor 2007-2014), and crime in general, by promoting community policing, community mobilization against crime, the Office of Neighborhood Safety, (ONS) and a reform-minded chief of police
- Promoted Community Choice Aggregation electricity for Richmond, by which currently 85% of residents and businesses get greener and less expensive electricity
- Defended immigrants rights and the city's sanctuary status, ended the drivers' license checkpoints and created an official municipal identification for all people residing in Richmond who wanted an ID and could not get one from the State of California
- Redefined Chevron's tax (\$114 million additional taxes over 15 years) and its environmental obligations
- Filed a law suit against Chevron corporation for its abuses and damages to Richmond residents
- Defended homeowners from banks promoting plan to keep homeowners in their homes and Richmond neighborhoods stable by appropriating 'underwater' mortgages from banks using City eminent domain powers (Richmond CARES)
- Increased the citizens police review commission powers
- Rejected an urban casino in Richmond and preserved the North Richmond shoreline from bad development.
- Promoted workers and residents solidarity and the development of worker-owned cooperatives
- Ended the local criminalization of the homeless
- Affirmed and defended LGBT rights, and equality for all in Richmond
- Defended the City employees and their union, SEIU 1021
- Implemented safe return policies for residents returning from incarceration
- Opposed the expansion of local jails
- Defended public schools, opposed the expansion of charter schools
- Opposed the Patriot Act, militarism, wars, and U.S. acts of economic aggression and embargoes to other countries
- Created a nationally acclaimed green jobs training program and leading the Bay Area in solar installation per capita (2010)
- Advanced local a Climate Action Plan, an herbicide (Glyphosate) moratorium, a green building ordinance, a plastic bag ban, a Styrofoam ban, bicycle paths, and cultural activities

