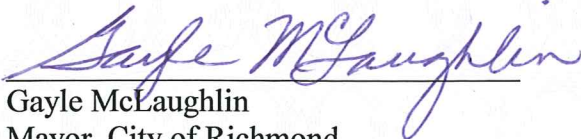


*Certificate of Appreciation
and
Warm Welcome to the Bay Area to:
Silvio Rodríguez Domínguez*

On behalf of the City of Richmond, California, it is a true pleasure to welcome Silvio Rodríguez Domínguez, Cuban folk musician and leader of *La Nueva Trova* movement, to the San Francisco Bay Area in California. The Bay Area is a strong hold of Solidarity and Pride with a deep commitment to open normal relations with our neighbor country of Cuba. Richmond has a special affinity with Cuba. This year we celebrated a ten year Sister Cities Association anniversary of formal relations with our sister-city Regla de Havana. It is an honor to have you visit and perform in our communities, and we welcome you with deep appreciation for your art and your activism.

May relations between our two countries become open and allow for the rich talents and culture of the people of Cuba and the people of the United States influence one another and help build a better world together!



Gayle McLaughlin
Mayor, City of Richmond

June 10, 2010

