



CITY OF RICHMOND

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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Dear Richmonders:

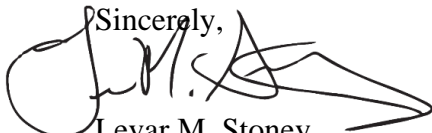
As we begin to look ahead and turn a corner from the turbulent events of last year, I want to give thanks to the many community members working with us through RVAgreen 2050 to co-create new possibilities for a Richmond that puts racial equity, health, and resilience front and center. One hundred twenty-five members serving on the RVAgreen 2050 Racial Equity & Environmental Justice Roundtable and topical working groups are dedicating their time, experience, and expertise to developing equitable climate action and resilience strategies and seeking input from the community. Hundreds of residents have completed surveys, participated in listening sessions, and shared information on how climate change affects our community and what we can do about it.

Richmond's racist history and legacy have created systems that serve our community in inequitable ways, from education and healthcare to government and natural resources. Our Black and Brown communities, in particular, face more harm due to crises such as climate change and COVID-19.

The RVAgreen 2050 equitable climate action and resilience planning initiative reflects my commitment to racial equity and climate justice. This community-wide initiative to develop and implement a roadmap of actions uses an innovative and iterative planning approach that centers historically disadvantaged communities and works at the intersection of equity, pollution reduction, and enhancing resilience to climate impacts.

Racial justice is climate justice, and I hope you will join us in our continued work to create a more equitable, healthy, and resilient Richmond through RVAgreen 2050.

Sincerely,



Levar M. Stoney  
Mayor