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## North Richmond Townhall Meeting to Discuss Community Planning

What:	North Richmond Planning Community Meeting
Where:	Verde Elementary School (Multi-Purpose Room) 2000 Giaramita Street, N. Richmond
When:	<b>Saturday, September 12, 2009</b> <b>10:00 a.m. – 12 noon</b>

**North Richmond, Calif.** - Supervisor John Gioia and the Contra Costa Redevelopment Agency will be hosting a community meeting to discuss land use development concepts that are part of a Specific Plan being developed for part of the unincorporated area of North Richmond bounded by Wildcat Creek on the south, San Pablo Creek on the north, the Richmond Parkway on the west, and the Union Pacific railroad tracks to the east.

The land-use concepts to be discussed reflect community input received at prior community meetings. The public will have the opportunity to review and refine the land use development concept, around which the Specific Plan will be framed.

The Specific Plan will serve as the development blueprint for North Richmond's future with a goal of transforming underutilized land into a new walkable and healthy neighborhood with a mix of residential, parks, open space/trails, and retail business. The plan will provide details on the type, location, and intensity of land uses, and it will identify the public improvements and infrastructure needed to implement the vision for a new neighborhood in North Richmond. It will also address ways the older, established areas of North Richmond can benefit from new development.

"We are working with the North Richmond community to develop a blueprint for a revitalized healthy and walkable community" said Supervisor Gioia. "Now that we have a concept, it's time for residents and key stakeholders to further refine the plan at this meeting. I urge everyone to participate in this key phase of the plan's development."

Residents, business owners, property owners, and community leaders are encouraged to participate in this workshop, whether or not they attended any of the previous meetings. It is not too late to become a part of this important planning process and contribute your ideas towards the future of the North Richmond area.

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