

# Primary Argument in Favor of Measure T, “A Fair Share for Richmond”

More than 5,000 registered Richmond voters signed petitions to put **Measure T, “A Fair Share for Richmond,”** on the ballot. This is a completely volunteer driven, grassroots effort led by Richmond voters. No paid staff are involved in the campaign.

**Measure T** would upgrade Richmond's business license fee on large manufacturers. The new fee would be 0.25% of the value of raw materials they process, if this amount is more than their current fee. Large manufacturers, like Chevron, would be required to pay their fair share for operating so profitably in our city. The business license fee for landlords, retail, construction, service providers, restaurants and other non-manufacturing businesses would remain the same with NO increase.

To welcome new businesses to Richmond, the business license fee would be waived for all new businesses for up to the first 18 months of operation.

The City would receive an estimated increase in revenue of at least \$16 million each year from Chevron, which refines about 240,000 barrels of oil per day. The Chevron Corporation made \$18.7 Billion in profit in 2007 and \$11 Billion in profit in the first six months of 2008. That is more than \$16 million in profit every 7 hours, so measure T will NOT be an unreasonable burden.

Directly invested in Richmond, this revenue could be used to train and employ thousands of at-risk youth, open recreation centers and libraries day and night, fix our streets, and substantially increase violence prevention efforts.

Measure T will not cost individual taxpayers a penny.

A vote for measure T is a vote for a better Richmond.

Learn more at [www.AFairShareForRichmond.org](http://www.AFairShareForRichmond.org)

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*Dr. Jeff Ritterman, Medical Doctor, Chief of Cardiology at Kaiser Richmond*

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