

City of Richmond Gains Momentum as one of the Top Finalists for the Lawrence Berkeley National Lab's (LBNL) New Research Institute

Richmond on the Rise

Excitement is growing in the city of Richmond as one of the top sites for Lawrence Berkeley National Lab's second campus closes in on its developer selection. What's that mean? One step closer to showing that Richmond is the best choice for LBNL!

Richmond has so much to offer!

- It's within 20 minutes of UC Berkeley and is less than an hour from several other first tier universities—travel to and from Richmond is easy.
- The Richmond Field Station site is adjacent to I-80, I-580 and is nearby BART, Amtrak and a proposed ferry station in the south shoreline area.
- Thanks to its competitive leasing rates and enterprise tax incentives, Richmond is already home to growing green, clean-tech and applied science companies like LBNL spinoff Alion, PAX Water, MBA Polymers and SunPower and welcomes Hoefer/Harvard Bioscience.
- Clusters of industries in energy, marine, food, health, light industrial, and professional service businesses are already a key part of the city's economy along with a growing retail sector. They take advantage of Richmond's easy access to a deep-water port, freight trains and nearby international airports—additional logistics channels that can be great resources to the lab.
- Richmond's diverse communities are in motion, re-tooling their neighborhoods street by street through greenway cleanup programs, urban 'ag' initiatives, merchant associations, public private partnerships—homegrown catalysts working to bring opportunity, inspiration and resources to the Richmond community.
- 32 miles of walkable shoreline trails, Richmond's deep water channels, six marinas, and award winning boat builders attract the very best of the yachting community to Richmond. Pleasantly surprised by the 'hidden jewel' of Richmond's bayside homes and the great village-like diverse communities that make the city an unpretentious and fun place to live and work, visitors often stay!

What's LBNL mean to Richmond? Opportunity!

There's a reason why city officials are sporting "I ♥ LBNL" buttons on their lapels. It is estimated that LBNL pumps \$700 million into the Bay Area economy annually. Can you see it?

- Construction jobs?
- Top world scientists mingling with the locals at a nearby café or restaurant? Maybe it's your café?
- Spinoff companies bringing new opportunities for local business?
- Richmond becoming a center for innovation—a destination location?

Show your support:

City of Richmond LBNL Town Hall Meeting **When:** Thursday, July 21 at 7PM

Where: Richmond Auditorium, 403 Civic Center Plaza

FAQs [insert here]
Watch the video!

See what others say about why they chose to locate in Richmond.

Richmond Southern Gateway Amenities

Richmond's southern gateway, from Albany to the Santa Fe Channel, is the vibrant hub of the City's expanding new economy. Anchored by green technology, medical technology, food processing and distribution, and the Port of Richmond's Terminal 3, this area has experienced steady growth even through challenging economic times because of its great location and amenities.

The University of California's Richmond Field Station (RFS) offers the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL) room to grow on an easily accessible campus, within fifteen minutes of the Berkeley campus, and nearer yet to transportation hubs and all the shops, restaurants and hotels in Berkeley, Albany, El Cerrito and Richmond that the LBNL and UC Berkeley staff and students already enjoy. The RFS also brings LBNL to Richmond's southern shoreline and closer to its beautiful shoreline communities - Marina Bay, Brickyard Cove and Point Richmond.

The center of this area is Marina Bay, with abundant housing choices, shoreline parks and the Bay Trail, which is uninterrupted from Emeryville to the Santa Fe Channel. This segment of the Bay Trail hugs Richmond's southern shoreline and connects RFS to the Marina Bay Marina and Ford Pointe. There is nothing quite like the ambiance of Salute's Ristorante overlooking the marina with a view of San Francisco in one direction and the UC Berkeley clock tower in the other. For more casual fare, the Boilerhouse at Ford Pointe is also on the water and never disappoints. For local shopping and casual dining, Harbor Gate Shopping Center in Marina Bay is convenient to RFS. In addition, Ferry service to and from San Francisco is planned for this area and the Water Emergency Transit Authority is working on an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) that includes a ferry station near Ford Pointe. Finally, LBNL staff will want to explore historic Point Richmond with its village-charm, quaint shops and a wide variety of eateries ranging from casual to fine dining.

Within minutes from RFS are amenities unsurpassed in the East Bay. In addition to Richmond's shoreline amenities, there are three BART stations within a few minutes. The closest is El Cerrito Plaza BART, which is across the street from El Cerrito Plaza with its stores, services and restaurants. This is also a short hop from Solano Avenue and Pacific East Mall, each of which offer wide variety of retail, services and restaurant options. 99 Ranch Supermarket is the best place in the East Bay to get a wide variety of fresh fish and Asian foods.

Amtrak connects to BART at the Richmond inter-modal transit station in the historic Downtown area, near Civic Center. This is the only place where BART connects directly to Amtrak in the same station, which is part of the Capital Corridor. The Downtown/Civic Center area is home to many art, entertainment, shopping and dining experiences, including the Richmond Art Center, the Macdonald-80 Shopping Center anchored by Target, the East Bay Center for the Performing Arts, and the Hispanic businesses along 23rd Street, home of the biggest and best Cinco de Mayo celebration in the Bay Area.

Kaiser Hospital is also Downtown, conveniently located for appointments and prescription pick-ups.

In the final analysis, RFS combines a vibrant bay front setting just minutes from the Berkeley campus with room to grow the LBNL second campus and all the amenities the cities of Richmond, Berkeley, Albany, and El Cerrito have to offer. In addition, the growth of the campus will attract more economic development and amenities, which will have a tremendous positive impact on the region as well as the City of Richmond. There is room to grow in Richmond. One of the many reasons Richmond is on the rise!

Endorsements

Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District

Alion

Assemblymember, Fourteenth District Nancy Skinner

Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority

Chevron Richmond Refinery

Contra Costa Building and Construction Trades Council

The City of El Cerrito

The Contra Costa Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO

Contra Costa Council

The Council of Industries

Cybertran International Inc.

The Economic Development Commission, City of Richmond

East Bay Center for the Performing Arts

Iron Workers Local No. 378

Richmond Chamber of Commerce

Richmond Convention & Visitors Bureau

Richmond Fire Department

Richmond Progressive Alliance

Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council

San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District

Sheet Metal Workers' International Association, Local Union No. 104

Water Emergency Transportation Authority

West Contra Costa Unified School District

United Brotherhood Carpenters and Joiners of America Local Union No. 152, Affiliate of the Northern California Carpenters Regional Council

United Association Local Union 159

A New Center for Innovation!

Since the 1950s U.C. Berkeley has owned and operated the Richmond Field Station.

The new Richmond Field Station Campus Concept Plan presents a vision for a new research campus that embraces the existing unique and successful partnership between the University of California, Berkeley (UCB) and Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL). Eleven scientists associated with LBNL have won the Nobel Prize—maybe your child could be so inspired that this will be in their future too!

About the Lab

Founded in 1931, Lawrence Berkeley National Lab is a U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) laboratory that conducts a wide range of unclassified scientific research.

Managed by the University of California, the lab is an incubator for ideas, innovations and products that help society and explain how the universe works. Bringing science solutions to the following areas among others:

- renewable energy sources such as biofuels and artificial photosynthesis
- energy efficiency at home, work and around the world
- climate change research, environmental science and the growing connections between them
- the chemistry and physics of matter and force in the universe
- biological sciences for human health and energy research
- computational science and advanced networking to enable discovery and remote collaborations.*

13 Lab scientists have won the National Medal of Science, our nation's highest award for lifetime achievement in scientific research.

Background The University of California seeks to develop a second LBNL campus with the potential to accommodate 2 million gross square feet (GSF) of research and development facilities to accelerate its pace of innovation, technology transfer, and commercialization, while creating jobs. The new proposed campus will consolidate approximately 480,000 gross square feet (GSF) of existing lab and office space currently leased in Emeryville, Walnut Creek, and Oakland. The programs located in the leased facilities include the Genomics, Life Sciences, and Physical Biosciences. The additional proposed development capacity would allow for the further consolidation and expansion of these programs, as well as new initiatives, including complementary third-party research and development organizations.

*Source: Lab Facts. For more information on LBNL, visit their [website](#) or read this [fact sheet](#).

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