

Join Me Saturday, September 15th for the Annual Richmond Shoreline Coastal Cleanup

Most pollution in our oceans and bays starts out on land. That's why it's important to pick up litter on our shoreline – before it can go on to threaten marine life.

This will be the 22nd year that I have co-sponsored the annual California Coastal Cleanup along the Richmond Shoreline at Marina Bay. This tradition is a great way to meet your neighbors while beautifying our shoreline and joining more than 80,000 volunteers across California in the State's largest volunteer event.

Over the years, the number of volunteers at our event has grown from 50 to nearly 500, including many youth. Fanning out along the San Francisco Bay Trail, volunteers make a huge difference in cleaning the plastics and other debris that litter our shoreline.

I hope you'll join us this year. **There will be a free volunteer healthy lunch at noon!**

What: California Coastal Cleanup along the Richmond shoreline
Where: Meet at Shimada Friendship Park (end of Marina Bay Parkway)
When: **Saturday, September 15 from 9 a.m. to noon. Free healthy lunch at noon!**
Who: Sponsored by Supervisor John Gioia, The Watershed Project, City of Richmond
Pre-register (optional): www.thewatershedproject.org
More Info: (510) 374-3231 or kate.rauch@bos.cccounty.us
To download a flier, go to the "calendar" section on my webpage at www.cocobos.org/gioia.

Directions: Exit off I-580 at Marina Bay Parkway and south on Marina Bay Parkway towards the Bay. By city streets, drive to 23rd St. & Cutting Blvd., and take 23rd St. as it becomes Marina Bay Parkway over I-580 towards the Bay. Drive to Shimada Park.

For other Coastal Cleanup sites in Contra Costa County including in Pinole and El Cerrito, check the Watershed Project's website, which includes a locator map,

Wear old clothes and sturdy shoes; bring a refillable water bottle, work gloves and a refillable debris bucket, if you have one.

See you on Saturday, September 15th!

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