

Shawn Dunning, Richmond City Council/D6 – CANDIDATE STATEMENT

Having personally met over 5,000 Richmond residents, I'm confident in our Vision: A Richmond that is Safe, Clean, and Fair for All. To achieve this, we must work together. As your Councilmember, I will serve collaboratively by (1) Listening—to all voices, (2) Working toward win-win solutions, and (3) Representing my constituents rather than special interests, as we work toward a brighter future for Richmond.

My extensive experience in conflict resolution, collaborative problem-solving, and peacebuilding has prepared me to take on our challenges. My education (MS in Conflict Analysis & Resolution) and a 20-year career in serving and developing collaborative leaders worldwide qualifies me for this hard work. I'm excited to get started!

With Congressman John Lewis as my mentor, I facilitated conversations on race among community leaders nationwide. As Global Director of Leadership & Training for Search for Common Ground, I helped build positive relationships in divided societies, including extensive work with Palestinians and Israelis. As a senior consultant in the private sector, I served thousands of clients in dozens of fields, including preparing the US Antarctic Program's South Pole Crew for living in isolation. In Richmond, I serve through substitute teaching and volunteerism, and I am eager to lead us toward improving the environment in which I am raising my daughters.

Having personally covered several hundred miles to reach thousands of doors in District 6 just this year, I have demonstrated my dedication and ability to listen. Your voice matters. We can build a better Richmond. DunningForRichmond.com