

# Why Richmond needs a signature arts project at the Port and what that would look like?

When: Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup> , 1 pm – 3 pm

Where: Madeline Whittlesey Community Room  
Civic Center Plaza

Opening Speaker: Mayor Gayle McLaughlin

Presentation by Frank Garvey – director, Omnicircus Robotics and  
Hi-Tech Arts Theater

Q & A

In the 1940s, Richmond's population skyrocketed as people came from all over the US to work in the shipyards building great ships in record time, showing an incredible array of abilities, talents, and skills and accomplishing industrial tasks of enormous magnitude on the World War II Homefront. Today we have an opportunity to create from our industrial past a new 21<sup>st</sup> Century hi-tech future. A hi-tech arts project with a social vision can provide a metaphor for Richmond's resiliency in overcoming adversity and help invigorate us in birthing a new paradigm where civilization is built on technology rather than exploited labor. We have the opportunity to draw greater attention to our progressive journey by integrating a high-tech arts economy side by side with the green economy, bringing forth sustainable job creation and an enhanced image for Richmond.

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