CITY OF OAKLAND AGENDA REPORT 15

To: Office of the City Administrator & City Council

From: District 2 Councilmember Pat Kernighan

Date: July 6, 2006

Re: Use of \$250,000 Priority Project Funds for City Council District 2

SUMMARY

Each Councilmember has been allocated \$250,000 in Councilmember Priority Funds as one of the amendments to the Fiscal Year 2006-07 Mid-Cycle Budget. Councilmember Pat Kernighan wishes to use her Priority funds to provide \$80,000 for the Oakland Asian Cultural Center, \$80,000 for the Seton Senior Center and \$20,000 for the Chabot Space and Science Center for immediate use as operating funds. Since these funds are currently required for each of the three institutions, she requests they be released as soon as possible.

FISCAL IMPACT

The aforementioned \$250,000 is already in the Mid-Cycle Budget. Releasing these funds will have no negative impact on this Budget, but will immeasurably aid the three institutions.

BACKGROUND

During discussions of the 2006-2007 Mid-Cycle Budget, various Councilmembers requested funds for projects and/or institutions they felt particularly worthy of support. To accommodate these requests, the Council allocated \$2 million dollars, or \$250,000 to each Council District plus the At Large seat. The allocation of these funds would be at the discretion of each individual Councilmember, but subject to overall Council approval. At the June 28 Rules Committee a process was suggested for those Councilmembers who required allocations during the summer recess, and this process was further refined by the City Attorney on July 3, 2006. This Agenda Report is Councilmember Kernighan's request for speedy allocation of her Priority Project Funds.

DISCUSSION

Although each Councilmember was allocated \$250,000 in Priority Project Funds as an amendment to the 2006-07 Mid-Cycle Budget, no actual process for Council approval of individual Councilmember allocations was detailed at the time of passage. The need for such a process became clear when certain Councilmember Pat Kernighan expressed the need for a speedy allocation of her funds. In addition, since Council will be in recess after the July 18, 2006 Council Meeting, each request for rapid allocation of Priority Project funds during the Summer Recess has to be put in place ten working days prior to the July 18 meeting in order to conform to the Brown and Sunshine regulations. Further, since there would be no Rules Committee on July 6, 2006, these requests would have to be approved by the President of City Council and City Administrator, not Rules Committee, for placement on the Agenda for the July 18, 2006 City Council meeting. This situation was addressed by the Rules Committee of June 28, and the City Attorney further refined the process by opining that each Councilmember had to submit a Resolution and Agenda Report (albeit of the Councilmember's own format) to the City Clerk explaining their approved requests prior to noon on Thursday, July 6, 2006 for placement on the July 18 City Council Meeting Agenda. This Report and accompanying Resolution is, therefore, for that July 18, 2006 meeting.

RECOMMENDATION(S) AND RATIONALE

Councilmember Kernighan requests that the July 18, 2006 Meeting, City Council approve that her Priority Project Funds be allocated to the Oakland Asian Cultural Center (\$80,000), the Seton Senior Center (\$80,000) and Chabot Space and Science Center (\$20,000) at the earliest possible time.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief of Staff

Jennie Gerard

Councilmember Pat Kernighan

City Council, District 2

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INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER PAT KERNIGHAN

Immediate the Oakland	e Allocation of Councilmember Pat Kernighan's Priority Project Funds to Asian Cultural Center, Seton Senior Center and Chabot Space and Science Center
WHEREAS,	On June 8, 2006 the City Council did amend the 2005-2007 Policy Budget for the City of Oakland to include \$250,000 apiece for each councilmember to use as priority funds for projects at each councilmember's discretion but subject to City Council approval; and
WHEREAS,	Councilmember Pat Kernighan did identify the Oakland Asian Cultural Center, the Seton Senior Center and Chabot Space and Science Center as being worthy recipients for her portion of these funds; and
WHEREAS,	The Oakland Asian Cultural Center, the Seton Senior Center and the Chabot Space and Science Center require these funds for operations during the Summer of 2006 and prior to the initial Fall, 2006 City Council Meeting; now, therefore be it
RESOLVED: That Sapportioned to the Oak Science Center at the e	\$180,000 of Councilmember Pat Kernighan's priority purpose funds be cland Asian Cultural Center, the Seton Senior Center and the Chabot Space and arliest possible time
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PASSED BY THE FOLL	OWING VOTE:

AYES- BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, NADEL, REID, QUAN, KERNIGHAN and PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE

ATTEST:____ LATONDA SIMMONS City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the City of Oakland, California

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