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AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Date: July 22, 2021
To: Oakland City Councilmembers
From: Councilmember Loren Taylor
Subject: City Hall East

Colleagues on the Council:

For far too long, East Oakland residents have suffered from a lack of access to City Hall resources and services. Many East Oakland and low-income residents have mobility and transportation challenges that have prevented them from gaining access to important City services including rental and small business assistance. Health and financial inequities that have plagued East Oakland have become more pronounced after COVID-19 pandemic, and has created an even deeper need for access to services.

A City Hall East program would provide access to City services including but not limited to housing resources, rental assistance, business assistance, and building and planning assistance. Through this legislation, I am asking the City Administration to assess the feasibility of the City entering into agreements to pay for commercial space and associated utility costs for a location in East Oakland. Also, I am requesting that the City Administrator provide recommendations on the costs and feasibility of funding tenant improvements. The City should act as an example for investment in East Oakland by providing a space in East Oakland for civic engagement, assistance and services.

I, respectfully request your support of this Resolution for the City Administration to provide information back to the City Council on recommendations for a City Hall East program in Oakland.

Yours in service of Oakland,

Loren Taylor
Councilmember District 6

Special City Council Meeting
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