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## TO: DEANNA J. SANTANA, City Administrator

FROM: Joseph T. Yew, Jr.

SUBJECT: Delinquent Real Property Transfer Taxes DATE: February 7, 2012

City Administrator Approval	most	Shur	$\sim$	Date	3/05/12	
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# **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the resolution accepting and confirming reports of the City Administrator on the costs incurred by the City of Oakland for delinquent real property transfer taxes and confirming the recordation of liens with administrative and assessment charges as necessary – pursuant to Chapter 4.20 of the Oakland Municipal Code, and directing the notice of lien and assessment charges be turned over to the County Tax Collector for collection.

# <sup>•</sup> EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Pursuant to Chapter 4.20 of the Oakland Municipal Code, property transfers within the City are subject to a Real Property Transfer Tax. The Tax is due and payable at the time the deed instrument is delivered, and is delinquent if unpaid at time of recordation. Administrative hearings for delinquent Real Property Transfer Taxes were held on January 9, 2012 and February 6, 2012 to hear protests and resolve any inconsistencies or inequities raised by property owners regarding the non-payment of Real Property Transfer Taxes. Following the administrative hearings, the City notified property owners of its intent to record a lien against their property should they fail to pay delinquent taxes due the City.

A public hearing has been scheduled for March 20, 2012, and a resolution has been prepared confirming the placement of liens on four (4) properties and authorizing the subsequent assessment for all fees and charges, should the liens remain unpaid at the time of the City's submission to the County Assessor.

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## OUTCOME

Administrative hearings for delinquent Real Property Transfer Taxes were held on January 9, 2012 and February 6, 2012 to hear protests and resolve any inconsistencies or inequities raised by property owners regarding the non-payment of Real Property Transfer Taxes. A resolution has been prepared confirming the placement of liens on four (4) properties and authorizing the subsequent assessment for all fees and charges.

Staff requests that the City Council approves the placement of liens on all unpaid real property transfer tax accounts and authorize the subsequent assessment for all fees and charges should they remain unpaid prior to the transfer of said assessment to the County Assessor for inclusion on the next property tax assessment.

### BACKGROUND/LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

Pursuant to Chapter 4.20 of the Oakland Municipal Code, administrative hearings for delinquent Real Property Transfer Taxes were held on January 9, 2012 and February 6, 2012 to hear protests and resolve any inconsistencies or inequities raised by property owners regarding the non-payment of Real Property Transfer Taxes.

Following the administrative hearings, the Finance Director filed with the City Administrator a written notice of those persons on whom the City will file liens for unpaid taxes, penalties, interest and other charges. If these amounts remain unpaid or unresolved after a public hearing by the City Council, the City Council shall authorize by resolution the recordation of liens on the subject properties for costs incurred for delinquent real property transfer taxes, added administrative, and assessment charges. The delinquent charges and assessments shall constitute a special assessment against said property, and shall be collected at such time as is established by the County Assessor for inclusion in the next property tax assessment.

The Public Hearing is scheduled for March 20, 2012. A resolution has been prepared confirming the placement of liens on four (4) properties and authorizing the subsequent assessment for all fees and charges.

#### ANALYSIS

Property owners owe the City delinquent Real Property Transfer Taxes and administrative fees for the accounts not resolved at the January 9, 2012 and February 6, 2012 administrative hearings as shown in the *attached list*. If the City fails to place a lien to recover the delinquent taxes, the General Purpose Fund may potentially lose estimated revenue totaling \$43,011 and administrative fees totaling \$200, creating a grand total of \$43,211 for this period.

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## PUBLIC OUTREACH/INTEREST

Administrative hearings for delinquent Real Property Transfer Taxes were held on January 9, 2012 and February 6, 2012 to hear protests and resolve any inconsistencies or inequities raised by property owners regarding the non-payment of Real Property Transfer Taxes.

## COORDINATION

In coordination with the Office of the City Attomey, the agenda report, resolutions, and support items attached to this form have been reviewed and/or approved for form and legality.

In coordination with the Budget Office, the agenda report, resolutions, and support items attached to this form have been reviewed for Fiscal Impact(s) and / or Funding Codes.

#### SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Collections of delinquent Real Property Transfer Taxes have major economic and social equity implications for the City's sustainability. The revenue source is relied upon to fund essential City services.

### <u>CEQA</u>

Not applicable. This report is not a project under CEQA.

For questions regarding this report, please contact David McPherson, Revenue and Tax Administrator at (510) 238-6650.

Respectfully submitted,

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Finance and Management Agency Finance Director/City Treasurer,

Prepared by: David McPherson, Revenue and Tax Administrator Revenue Division

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## CITY OF OAKLAND DATE: 02/07/2012

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# R.P.T.T. CITY COUNCIL HEARING LISTING FOR 03/20/12

DEBTOR NAME	PROPERTY ADDRESS	PARCEL #	Recording #	nvoice	AMOUNT	Admn. Fee	Total
200 INTERNATIONAL, LLC.	1408 20TH STR <b>E</b> ET	0200149-014-01	2011-136809	R <b>PT</b> T111161 <b>1</b>	\$34,593	\$50	\$34,643
MINNE TRAVIS	1537 E 31ST ST <b>R</b> EET	022-0369-066-00	2011-301848	RPTT121411	\$3,407	\$50	\$3,457
PAMELA DOUGLASS	2537 82ND AVE <b>N</b> E	040-3407-056-00	20 <b>1</b> 1-149888	RPTT072813	\$2,333	\$50	\$2,383
EAST T & K INVESTMENTS, LLC	2125 E 23RD STREET	022-0296-024-00	2011-305113	RPTT122213	\$2,678	\$50	\$2,728
					\$ 43,011	\$200	\$43,211

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OAKLAND RESOLUTION NO.\_\_\_\_

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RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND CONFIRMING REPORTS OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR ON THE COSTS INCURRED BY THE CITY OF OAKLAND FOR DELINQUENT REAL PROPERTY TRANSFER TAXES AND CONFIRMING THE RECORDATION OF LIENS WITH ADMINISTRATIVE AND ASSESSMENT CHARGES AS NECESSARY – PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 4.20 OF THE OAKLAND MUNICIPAL CODE, AND DIRECTING THE NOTICE OF LIEN AND ASSESSMENT CHARGES BE TURNED OVER TO THE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR FOR COLLECTION

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 4.20, of the Oakland Municipal Code, the City Administrator filed with the City Clerk the reports concerning the costs incurred for delinquent real property transfer taxes and recordation of liens with added administrative charges and assessment charges on hereinafter described real property; and

WHEREAS, March 20. 2012, 6:30 p.m., was fixed as the day and hour for the Council to hear and accept said reports, together with any objections or protests which may be raised by any of the property owners liable to be assessed for costs incurred for delinquent real property transfer taxes, and any other interested persons; and

WHEREAS, no protest were made at said hearing; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED:** That the reports that the City Administrator filed with the City Clerk concerning delinquent real property transfer taxes, the recordation of liens with administrative charges for the real property described therein be and are hereby accepted and confirmed, and assessments are hereby authorized to be levied upon the hereinafter described properties in the amount set opposite each description for costs incurred for delinquent real property transfer taxes, added administrative charges and assessment charges; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That if said assessment therein levied is not paid before the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August 2012, the City Administrator shall present an iteinized report to the Auditor Controller of the County of Alameda, State of California, to be placed on the 2012-2013 County Tax Roll.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, BRUNNER, DE LA FUENTE, KAPLAN, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, SCHAAF, and PRESIDENT REID

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**ABSTENTION** -

ATTEST:

LaTonda Simmons City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the City of Oakland, California

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# FILED OFFICE OF THE CITY CLEDAKLAND CITY COUNCIL 2012 MAR -8 PM RESOLUTION NO.\_\_\_\_\_ OAKLAND C.M.S. Introduced by Councilmember

**RESOLUTION CONTINUING HEARING OF THE REPORTS OF THE CITY** ADMINISTRATOR ON DELINQUENT REAL PROPERTY TRANSFER TAXES AND THE RECORDATION OF LIENS WITH ADMINISTRATIVE AND ASSESSMENT CHARGES AS NECESSARY-PURSUANT TO **CHAPTER 4.20 OF THE OAKLAND MUNICIPAL CODE** 

**RESOLVED:** That the hearing of the reports of the City Administrator on the delinquent real property transfer taxes and recordation of the liens with added administrative charges that was duly noticed and held on the on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of March 2012, 6:30 p.m., is hereby continued for further hearing on the day of in the City Hall, One Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, Council Chambers, Oakland, California.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, 20

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, BRUNNER, DE LA FUENTE, KAPLAN, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, SCHAFF, and PRESIDENT REID

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**RESOLUTION OVERRULING PROTESTS AND OBJECTIONS AND** OF ACCEPTING AND CONFIRMING REPORTS THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR ON THE COSTS INCURRED BY THE CITY OF OAKLAND FOR DELINQUENT REAL PROPERTY TRANSFER TAXES AND AUTHORIZING THE RECORDATION OF LIENS WITH ADMINISTRATIVE AND ASSESSMENT CHARGES AS NECESSARY -PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 4.20 OF THE OAKLAND MUNICIPAL CODE, AND DIRECTING THE NOTICE OF LIEN AND ASSESSMENT CHARGES BE TURNED OVER TO THE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR FOR COLLECTION

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 4.20, of the Oakland Municipal Code, the City Administrator filed with the City Clerk the reports concerning the costs incurred for delinquent real property transfer taxes and recordation of liens with added administrative charges and assessment charges on the hereinafter described real property; and

WHEREAS, March 20, 2012, 6:30 p.m., was fixed as the day and hour for the Council to hear and pass upon said reports, together with any objections or protests which may be raised by any of the property owners liable to be assessed for costs incurred for delinquent real property transfer taxes, and any other interested person; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED:** That the protests are hereby overruled; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the reports that the City Administrator filed with the City Clerk concerning delinquent real property transfer taxes, and the recordation of liens with administrative charges for the real property described therein be and are hereby accepted and confirmed, and the assessments are hereby authorized to be levied upon the properties described in said City Administrator report, in the amounts set opposite each description for costs incurred for delinquent real property transfer taxes, added administrative charges, and assessment charges; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That if said assessment herein levied is not paid before the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August 2012, the City Administrator shall present an itemized report to the Auditor-Controller of the County of Alameda, State of California, to be placed on the 2012-2013 County Tax Roll.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, BRUNNER, DE LA FUENTE, KAPLAN, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, SCHAAF, and PRESIDENT REID

NOES -

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