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## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Resolution No. 83824 c.M.s

Introduced by Councilmembers Libby Schaaf and Rebecca Kaplan

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO PROVIDE A REPORT WITHIN 90 DAYS ON THE COSTS AND BENEFITS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF AN OPEN DATA SYSTEM AND AN ANALYSIS OF THE STEPS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT AN OPEN DATA SYSTEM

WHEREAS, "Open Data" refers to data generated by public sector entities that is legally accessible should be available to the public electronically via the internet in accessible unprocessed formats; and

WHEREAS, "Open," refers to the use of non-proprietary software or systems used to encode the data; and

WHEREAS, "Raw," refers to data that has not been processed; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland is committed to using technology to foster open, transparent, and accessible government; and

WHEREAS, by sharing data freely, the City of Oakland seeks to develop opportunities for economic development, commerce, increased investment, and civic engagement for citizens of Oakland; and

WHEREAS, publishing structured standardized data in machine readable formats creates new opportunities for information from different sources to be combined and visualized in new and unexpected ways, for niche markets to be identified and developed and for citizens to browse, interpret and draw attention to trends or issues with greater efficiency; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of open standards improves transparency, access to public information, and improved coordination and efficiencies among bureaus and partner organizations across the public, non-profit and private sectors; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Oakland seeks to encourage the local software community to develop software applications and tools to collect, organize, and share public data in new and innovative ways; and

WHEREAS, Software applications and tools that enable Citizens to access, visualize, and analyze public information will encourage Citizens to provide feedback on local issues;

**RESOLVED:** That the Oakland City Council hereby directs the City Administrator to provide a report within 90 days on the cost and benefits of implementation of an open data system and an analysis of the steps necessary to implement an open data system.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, APR 3 0 2012 , 2012

**PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:** 

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

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

**ATTES** 

LaTonda Simmons

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