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RESOLUTION No. 87993 C.M.S.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR OR THEIR DESIGNEE TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND EXECUTE ALL RELATED DOCUMENTS FOR GRANT FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT OF TWENTY-EIGHT MILLION, TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$28,200,000) FROM THE STATE'S TRANSFORMATIVE CLIMATE COMMUNITIES (TCC) PROGRAM, ADMINISTERED BY THE CALIFORNIA STRATEGIC GROWTH COUNCIL (SGC) AND DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION, FOR PROJECTS WITHIN OR CONTIGUOUS TO THE EAST OAKLAND NEIGHBORHOODS INITIATIVE PROJECT AREA

WHEREAS, the City Council directed as part of its adoption of the 2017-2019 City budget that the Bureau of Planning prepare a neighborhood plan for an area in East Oakland as identified by the Planning and Building Department (PBD), in consultation with the Department of Race and Equity, as part of a Neighborhood Planning Pilot Program; and

WHEREAS, the East Oakland neighborhoods of Brookfield Village/Columbia Gardens, Coliseum/Rudsdale/Lockwood/Havenscourt, Highland/Elmhurst, Sobrante Park, Stonehurst, and Melrose that are the focus of this planning effort contain important assets and are working towards positive change, but their residents are historically burdened by challenges related to climate change, environmental justice and socioeconomics; and

WHEREAS, these East Oakland neighborhoods fall within census tracts that rank, according to the CalEnviroScreen 3.0 scale, in the top five percent to 25 percent most disadvantaged areas in the State of California, having high levels of air pollution (a result of adjacency to heavy industrial activities and the region's busiest freeway), water pollution, unemployment, low birth weights, and extreme poverty; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) considers East Oakland to be a "Community of Concern" and the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) includes East Oakland in the Community Air Risk Evaluation Program for having greater negative public health impacts from being located near pollution sources, such as the I-880 freeway, busy distribution centers, and large and numerous industrial facilities; and

WHEREAS, East Oakland is also identified as having disproportionately high cumulative health risks and lower average life expectancies by the Alameda County Public Health Department. Furthermore, the Alameda County Public Health Department documents how low-income communities of color experience even higher cumulative health risks relative to other groups in the County; and

WHEREAS, in Fall 2017, three East Oakland-based community organizations (East Oakland Building Healthy Communities, HOPE Collaborative, and the Oakland Climate Action Coalition) approached the City's Bureau of Planning with a request to co-apply with them for a Planning Grant from SGC to help East Oakland neighborhoods plan strategies to reduce carbon emissions, improve air quality, and build resiliency in the face of a changing climate ("TCC Planning Grant"); and

WHEREAS, the City's Bureau of Planning agreed to be co-applicant on the SGC Planning Grant and jointly applied on November 30, 2017 for the TCC Planning Grant with East Oakland Building Healthy Communities, HOPE Collaborative, and the Oakland Climate Action Coalition ("Co-Applicants"); along with the following partner organizations: Acta Non Verba, Communities for a Better Environment, East Oakland Boxing Association, East Oakland Collective, Higher Ground Neighborhood Planning Corp., Local Clean Energy Alliance, Merritt College Institute for Sustainable Policy Studies and Action, Original Scraper Bike Team, Planting Justice, Repaired Nations, Sobrante Park Resident Action Council, Sogorea Te Land Trust and Urban ReLeaf ("Partners"); and

WHEREAS, on January 29, 2018, SGC selected the City of Oakland, along with the Co-Applicants and Partners, to receive a TCC Planning Grant of one hundred and seventy thousand dollars (\$170,000), for completion of an East Oakland Neighborhoods Initiative (EONI);

WHEREAS, on August 15, 2018, TCC Program issued a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for Round 2 of the TCC Implementation Grant to fund activities that reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions through the development and implementation of neighborhood-level transformative climate community plans that include multiple, coordinated GHG emissions reduction projects that provide local economic, environmental, and health benefits to disadvantaged communities ("TCC Implementation Grant"); and

WHEREAS, on October 30, 2018, the City submitted an application for Round 2 of the TCC Implementation Grant after City Council authorized the City Administrator or their designee to apply for, accept and execute all related documents for the grant per Resolution 87377;

WHEREAS, the SGC did not recommend the City of Oakland's Round 2 TCC Implementation Application for funding but emphasized a major strength of the

application was the grass-roots community involvement and the engaged support by the City of Oakland¹; and

WHEREAS, SGC provided areas of improvement for the City of Oakland's application including a greater integration of projects, additional leverage funding, and a clear process for data gathering and reporting; and

WHEREAS, the City's Bureau of Planning continued to engage community members in the EONI Project Area with the support of TCC Planning Grant funding and in coordination with multiple City departments, including the Economic and Workforce Development Department, the Department of Transportation and City's Chief Resilience Officer; and

WHEREAS, the City and Partners completed and submitted the EONI Community Plan to SGC in September 2019, thus satisfying the TCC Planning Grant requirements; and

WHEREAS, on November 4, 2019, TCC Program issued a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for Round 3 of the TCC Implementation Grant to fund activities that reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions through the development and implementation of neighborhood-level transformative climate community plans that include multiple, coordinated GHG emissions reduction projects that provide local economic, environmental, and health benefits to disadvantaged communities; and

WHEREAS, for Round 3 of the TCC Program for the Implementation Grant, it will be awarded to two different communities in an amount of twenty-eight million, two hundred thousand dollars (\$28,200,000) for each community; and

WHEREAS, to qualify for the Implementation Grant, at least 51% of the Project Area must be covered by census tracts that rank, according to the CalEnviroScreen 3.0 scale, in the top 20% and the remainder of the Project Area covered by Low-income residents (AB 1550) or be in the top 25% on the CalEnviroScreen 3.0 scale; and

WHEREAS, the City's Round 3 TCC Implementation Application will be co-developed with EONI Partners and will incorporate feedback from the TCC Round 2 Implementation Application and the EONI Community Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Round 3 TCC Implementation Application is due to SGC on February 28, 2020.

RESOLVED, that the City Administrator or their designee on behalf of the City of Oakland, is hereby authorized and directed to apply for and submit to SGC an application for the Round 3 TCC Implementation Grant in an amount of twenty-eight million, two hundred thousand dollars (\$28,200,000); and be it

¹ http://sgc.ca.gov/meetings/council/2018/docs/20181220-Item6_Combined_materials.pdf

FURTHER RESOLVED, that if the application is approved, the City Administrator or their designee is authorized to act on behalf of the City of Oakland to accept a TCC Implement Grant in an amount of twenty-eight million, two hundred thousand dollars (\$28,200,000), and execute any and all other related documents required or deemed necessary to secure the TCC Program grant funds from SGC for the EONI Project Area, and all amendments thereto; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Administrator is authorized to negotiate and enter into any agreements with the EONI Partners and/or TCC Implementation Grant co-applicants that further the purpose of the applying for or accepting the TCC Implementation Grant, including but not limited to provisions that provide for joint and several liability and mutual indemnities between joint applicants as the City Administrator deems necessary; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that said agreements shall be reviewed and approved by the Office of the City Attorney for form and legality and placed on file in the Office of the City Clerk; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby appoints the City Administrator or their designee on behalf of the City of Oakland to execute, in the name of City of Oakland, the SGC Application Package, the California SGC Documents, and any other documents as required for participation in the TCC Program, and to take whatever other action is necessary with respect to the TCC Program consistent with this Resolution and its basic purposes.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, JAN 21 2020

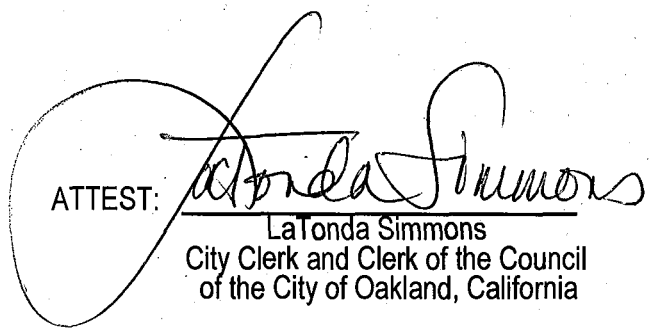
PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, CAMPBELL WASHINGTON, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, GUILLÉN, KALB, KAPLAN and PRESIDENT REID - 8

NOES - 0

ABSENT - 0

ABSTENTION - 0

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