

CITY OF OAKLAND

AGENDA REPORT

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK
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TO: Office of the City Administrator
ATTN: Deborah Edgerly
FROM: Library Department
DATE: February 13, 2007

RE: Resolution Authorizing the City Administrator, on Behalf of the City of Oakland, to Apply for, Accept, and Appropriate a Grant in the Amount of \$100,000 from the Thomas J. Long Foundation to Fund a Portion of the Project Costs of the 81st Avenue Community Library

SUMMARY

Staff requests that the City Council approve a resolution authorizing the City Administrator to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant in the amount of \$100,000 from the Thomas J. Long Foundation. The grant will be used to fund a portion of the project costs of the new 81st Avenue Community Library.

FISCAL IMPACT

Approval of the proposed resolution will authorize the application for, acceptance, and appropriation of a \$100,000 grant from the Thomas J. Long Foundation. A grant from the Thomas J. Long Foundation is being sought specifically for the 81st Avenue Library project, which is being funded from both public and private sources. City Council Resolution No. 79071 C.M.S., February 2005, and Resolution No. 78185 C.M.S., November 2003, authorized the City of Oakland to accept and appropriate a grant in the amount \$6,513,345 from the State of California. Local match funding of \$3,500,000 was identified as part of the Oakland Redevelopment Agency (ORA) Coliseum School Set-Aside Fund. The Oakland Unified School District has donated the site (valued at \$4.6 million) and committed \$517,000 in additional funding for the project. No further local match from the City is required. The total project cost is estimated, in current dollars, to be \$13,000,000. The balance of the total project funds is being pursued through additional opportunities of state, regional and local funds, through grant applications to organizations, such as the Thomas J. Long Foundation, and other ongoing fund-raising activities.

Funds received will be deposited and appropriated to the Oakland Public Library Trust Fund (7540) which is not subject to Central Services Overhead, the Library Service Director's Organization 61111, in a project number to be assigned, and used for the 81st Avenue Library project. The grant was not anticipated and therefore not included in the City's FY 2005-2007 Adopted Policy Budget.

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Public Works Committee
February 13, 2007

BACKGROUND

The Oakland Public Library, in partnership with the Oakland Unified School District, will be constructing a new state-of-the-art 21,000 square foot public library. The new library, located at 81st Avenue and Ruidsdale Street, will provide library services for the two autonomous elementary schools, ACORN-Woodland Elementary and EnCompass Academy, and will serve a total of 11 nearby schools. In addition, the library will provide teen and adult programs and services to the surrounding community, and provide additional services for patrons of the Brookfield, Elmhurst, Eastmont and Martin Luther King, Jr. neighborhood libraries.

The 81st Avenue Community Library building will include the following dedicated spaces: family reading alcove, children's multipurpose room, teen services area with stepped seating; preschool and parent areas; adult reading room; computer lab; internet café; copy center; library classroom, and community meeting room. Other features include a total of 62 computers and cabling and communications media in the library classroom and community meeting room.

KEY ISSUES AND IMPACTS

To date, total funding of approximately \$10.5 million has been identified and secured for this project, leaving approximately \$2.5 million to be raised through the Library's ongoing fundraising efforts. A grant from the Thomas J. Long Foundation was solicited as part of this fundraising campaign and was approved by the Foundation on December 1, 2006. The grant is expected to qualify for a major matching grant opportunity currently being pursued by the Library Department. The Library will seek Council approval for any proposed matching grants from other funders in a separate report.

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Economic:

The 81st Avenue Community Library will contribute to the overall reading and school success of Oakland's children and in turn to their long term chances for economic success. As a large percentage of children who will benefit from this new library are from low income households, the prospect for increased economic health in this population increases the economic sustainability of the community.

Environmental:

The 81st Avenue Public Library project is the first new city building designed to comply with the City's Green Building Ordinance and to achieve a LEED Silver certification (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design). By incorporating a comprehensive set of green building practices and bay-friendly landscaping measures, the new library will serve as a model of sustainable design for the community and will include an educational program to demonstrate how a healthy building serves as a metaphor for a healthy body.

Social Equity:

The 81st Avenue Community Library will improve the quality of life for Oakland residents by providing resources for residents, especially young people, to develop the skills they need to assure equity in educational, employment, housing and community opportunities.

DISABILITY AND SENIOR CITIZEN ACCESS

The 81st Avenue Community Library will be open to people with disabilities and senior citizens and will comply with the accessibility guidelines of the Americans With Disabilities Act.

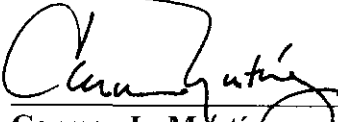
RECOMMENDATION(S) AND RATIONALE

Staff recommends that the City Council approve this resolution in order to offset the project costs of the 81st Avenue Community Library.

ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL

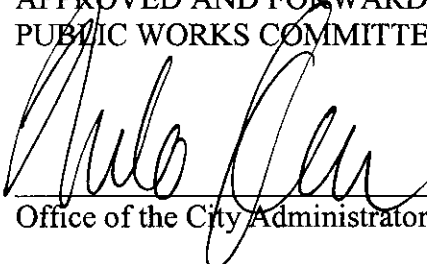
That the City Council approves the resolution authorizing the City Administrator to apply for, accept and appropriate a grant in the amount of \$100,000 from the Thomas J. Long Foundation to fund a portion of the project costs of the 81st Avenue Community Library.

Respectfully submitted,


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Library Director

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Grants and Development

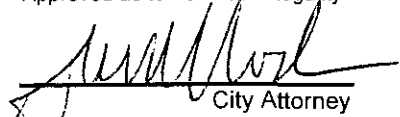
APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO THE
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:


Office of the City Administrator

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Approved as to Form and Legality


City Attorney

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RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

Introduced by Councilmember _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND, TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND APPROPRIATE A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$100,000) FROM THE THOMAS J. LONG FOUNDATION TO FUND A PORTION OF THE PROJECT COSTS OF THE 81ST AVENUE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

WHEREAS, the Oakland Public Library, in partnership with the Oakland Unified School District, will be constructing a new 21,000 square foot co-located public library with the Oakland Unified School District known as the 81st Avenue Community Library; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland and the Oakland Public Library received a grant in the amount of \$6,513,345 from the State of California for the 81st Avenue Community Library which was previously accepted and appropriated by the City Council under Resolution 79071 C.M.S., in February 2005; and

WHEREAS, local match funding of \$3,500,000 has been identified as part of the Oakland Redevelopment Agency (ORA)'s Coliseum School Set-Aside Fund and such funds have been appropriated for this project; and

WHEREAS, the Oakland Public Library is seeking funding for the balance of the project costs through grant applications and other ongoing fundraising activities; and

WHEREAS, the Oakland Public Library is seeking funding from the Thomas J. Long Foundation for support of the 81st Avenue Community Library capital project; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City Administrator, or her designee, is hereby authorized and directed to apply for, accept and appropriate a grant from the Thomas J. Long Foundation in the amount of one-hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for the purposes described above; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That should additional funds be received for this project, the City Administrator, or her designee, is hereby authorized to accept and appropriate the same for the purposes described above.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 20_____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

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