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**REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND**

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-0073 C.M.S.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A \$200,000 TENANT IMPROVEMENT GRANT TO THE MANDELA FOODS COOPERATIVE TO REHABILITATE ITS GROCERY STORE AT 1420-1430 7th STREET, AND ALLOCATING WEST OAKLAND REDEVELOPMENT FUNDS FOR THE GRANT

WHEREAS, the West Oakland Redevelopment Project Area contains many vacant commercial properties in need of revitalization and physical improvement; and

WHEREAS, the West Oakland Project Area Committee ("WOPAC") has prioritized the need for a full-service grocery store in the West Oakland Project Area; and

WHEREAS, California Health & Safety Code section 33031 provides that a lack of necessary commercial facilities that are normally found in neighborhoods, such as grocery stores, is an economic blight condition in a redevelopment project area; and

WHEREAS, there is presently no full-service grocery store in West Oakland and the area suffers from an abundance of liquor stores, convenience stores and fast-food restaurants; and

WHEREAS, the Mandela Foods Cooperative is a locally-owned and operated full-service grocery store and health education center seeking to address the long-standing need to improve access to healthy and affordable food in West Oakland; and

WHEREAS, the Mandela Foods Cooperative will sell wholesome, fresh and locally-grown foods at affordable prices in addition to providing health education programs and resources for West Oakland residents; and

WHEREAS, the Mandela Foods Cooperative has requested a \$200,000 tenant improvement grant to assist with improvements to the commercial space being leased for this project at 1420-1430 7th Street; and

WHEREAS, such rehabilitation and revitalization will assist in the elimination of blight and the retention of a neighborhood-serving business in the West Oakland Project Area by providing necessary commercial facilities to the Project Area, promoting retail activity and economic development along the 7th Street corridor, and supporting future development around the West Oakland BART station, including the West Oakland Transit Village and 7th Street Streetscape improvements; and

WHEREAS, the grant is consistent with and will further the purposes of the West Oakland Redevelopment Plan and Five Year Implementation Plan; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Agency hereby authorizes a \$200,000 tenant improvement grant to the Mandela Foods Cooperative to assist with improvements to the commercial space being leased for this project at 1420-1430 7th Street; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Agency hereby allocates \$200,000 from Fiscal Year 2006-07 West Oakland Redevelopment Operations Fund (9590), West Oakland Base Reuse Organization (88679), West Oakland Repayment Project (S233510) for this grant; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Agency authorizes the Agency Administrator or her designee to negotiate and execute the grant contract for this grant, and to take other actions with respect to this grant and project consistent with this Resolution and its basic purposes.

IN AGENCY, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, SEP 18 2007, 2007

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

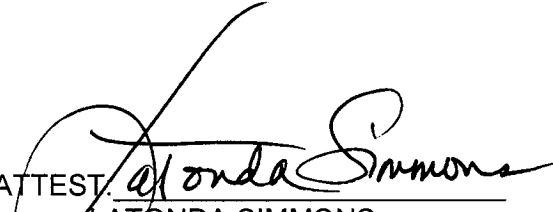
AYES- BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, ~~KERNIGHAN~~, NADEL, QUAN, REID,
AND CHAIRPERSON DE LA FUENTE - 7

NOES- 0

EXCUSED- 0

ABSTENTION- 0

ABSENT- Kernighan - 1

ATTEST: 
LATONDA SIMMONS
Secretary of the Redevelopment Agency
of the City of Oakland