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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION No. 81967 C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBERS JEAN QUAN & NANCY NADEL

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AB 280, IF AMENDED (BLAKESLEE/MA)
RELATING TO THE CALIFORNIA EARTHQUAKE AUTHORITY
ACCEPTING AND DISTRIBUTING FEDERAL STIMULUS FUNDS FOR
SEISMIC RETROFIT OF MULTI-FAMILY, SOFT-STORY RESIDENCES**

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland is subject to major earthquake-related hazards including very violent ground shaking; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Geological Survey has found that there is 62% chance that one or more earthquakes of magnitude 6.7 or greater will occur on one of several active faults in the Bay Area in the next 30 years; and

WHEREAS, seismic experts predict that Oakland would lose 1/3 of its housing in the event of a major Bay Area earthquake with potentially thousands of lives lost and economic devastation to the City; and

WHEREAS, the Hayward Fault has a major earthquake on average once every 140 years and it has been 141 years since the 1868 Hayward Earthquake; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland seeks to maintain and enhance a disaster-resistant region by reducing the potential loss of life, property damage, and environmental degradation from natural disasters, while accelerating economic recovery from those disasters; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland is committed to helping meet the need of Bay Area residents for safe and disaster-resistant housing that is architecturally diverse and serves a variety of household sizes and incomes; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland finds that multi-family residential buildings with parking or commercial space on the first floor constructed using standards before the 1988 Uniform Building Code may have a soft story condition that represents a significant earthquake risk to the safety of residents and their property; and

WHEREAS, the Association of Bay Area Governments has just completed a preliminary survey of potential soft-story multi-family residences of 2-to-7 stories in anticipation of the City moving forward with additional regulations leading to seismic retrofitting of such soft-story buildings at risk of extreme damage or failure in the event of a major earthquake; and

WHEREAS, AB 280 paves the way for the California Earthquake Authority to establish a program to access and dispense federal stimulus dollars for purposes of retrofitting multiunit, soft-story buildings, provided the local jurisdiction has adopted, by ordinance, a retrofit program that provides for a streamlined and fast-tracked permit procedure, a procedure for tracking and documenting program-funded retrofit projects; and

WHEREAS, The City of Oakland will be considering a similar bill with a non-mandatory orientation; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: The Oakland City Council supports and is a sponsor of AB 280 (Blakeslee/Ma), provided it is amended to include voluntary as well as mandatory retrofits of multi-family, soft-story residential buildings; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Administrator and the City's state lobbyist are directed to advocate for the City's position on AB 280 to the State Legislature.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, MAY 5 2009, 20

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES- BROOKS, DE LA FUENTE, CHANG, NADEL, ~~REID~~, QUAN, KERNIGHAN and PRESIDENT BRUNNER - 7

NOES- 0

ABSENT- 0

ABSTENTION- 0

Excused - Reid - 1

ATTEST:



LATONDA SIMMONS

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