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Date: December 21, 2021
To: Members of City Council and Members of the Public
From: Vice Mayor Kaplan
Re: **Resolution To Improve Community Health By Providing For Managed Sites For RVs, Tiny Homes/ Pallet Shelters And Sanitation, By (1) Authorizing The Use of 796 66th Avenue As A Managed Safe RV Site And Sanitation; (2) Seek Authorization From Game Changers LLC For the Use Of 2201-2601 Wood Street For Tiny Homes/ Pallet Shelters And Sanitation (3) Seek Authorization From The State To Use The CalTrans Parcel At The Interstate 880 At High Street As A Managed Safe RV Site And Sanitation (4) To Direct Staff To Develop A Sliding Fee Scale For Use At City-Managed RV Sites And Return To Council With Such Amendments To The Master Fee Schedule As Needed To Implement It; (5) To Adopt A Budget Amendment To The Biennial Budget For Fiscal Years 2021-2023 To Allocate Funding For Capital, Start Up And Operational Costs For Parcels Located At 796 66th Avenue And 2201-2601 Wood Street, As Shown in Exhibit 1; And (6) To Direct The Administration And Oakland's Lobbyist, To Pursue Additional Funds, Including From Alameda County, State, and Federal Sources For These Purposes**

Dear Colleagues on the City Council and Members of the Public,

The City of Oakland has experienced a 47 percent increase in its homeless population based on the most recent Homeless Persons Point-In-Time Count between 2017 and 2019. The majority of these individuals live in encampments, vehicles, and places not meant for human habitation. We must implement housing interventions to address the needs of homeless residents and improve community health by providing emergency beds, co-governed sites, RV safe parking, hotel rooms, and modular housing.

In June 2021, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 88675 C.M.S. to identify sites throughout the City for homelessness interventions. City staff have since begun the process of evaluating City-owned, privately owned, and other publicly owned parcels in each Council District for use as emergency homelessness interventions and are continuing this evaluation based on priority, readiness and feasibility. Moreover, the City Council and staff are working to identify additional sources of funding for these much needed, and vitally important, homelessness interventions.

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This resolution authorizes the City Administrator to move forward in implementing these housing interventions on sites around Oakland by authorizing the use of the parcel located at 796 66th Avenue as a managed site for RVs and sanitation, seeking authorization from Game Changers LCC to use the parcel located at 2201-2601 Wood Street as a managed site for Tiny Homes/ Pallet Shelters and sanitation, and seeking authorization from CalTrans to use the parcel at Interstate 880 at High Street as a managed site for RVs and sanitation.

To pay the capital, start-up, and operational costs for the 796 66th Avenue and 2201-2601 Wood Street sites, the resolution adopts a budget amendment to the biennial budget for fiscal years 2021-2023 to allocate funding for these sites. Additionally, we ensure these sites are serving Oakland residents by prioritizing serving individuals who lived in the city prior to losing their permanent shelter. For the managed RV sites, the resolution directs city staff to develop a sliding scale fee and return to Council with changes to the master fee schedule that will be levied at sites. By taking these actions, the City can prepare the identified sites for the intervention, and ensure the sustainability of the operations at Safe RV parking sites.

Finally, this resolution reaffirms the City Council and City of Oakland's commitment to continuing to work with BART and CalTrans to develop homeless interventions. We will also work to pursue additional funding to develop sites for homeless intervention efforts with Alameda county, state, and federal partners for Fiscal Years 2021-2023 and beyond.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Rebecca Kaplan", is written over a light blue rectangular background.

Vice Mayor Rebecca Kaplan

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