TO: Office of the City Administrator

ATTN: Deborah Edgerly

FROM: Community and Economic Development Agency

DATE: January 16, 2007

RE: Supplemental Informational Mills Act Report in Response to City Council Finance Committee Direction to Inform Redevelopment Project Area Committees of the Proposed Ordinance Adopting a Two-Year Pilot Mills Act Property Tax Abatement Program for Qualified Historic Properties, as listed below:

Joint City And Oakland Redevelopment Agency Public Hearing For

- (A) City Ordinance Adopting A Two-Year Pilot Mills Act Property Tax Abatement Program For Qualified Historic Properties, And Making Related Amendments To The City's Master Fee Schedule
- (B) City Resolution Amending The Historic Preservation Element Of The General Plan To Clarify The Definition Of Qualified Historic Properties For Mills Act Agreements To Include Heritage Properties And To Waive Design Review Fees For Properties That Are In A Mills Act Agreement
- C) Agency Resolution Allocating \$3,500 Of West Oakland Redevelopment Plan Funds To Serve As Matching Funds For A Johanna Favrot Fund For Historic Preservation Matching Fund Grant Through The National Trust For Historic Preservation To Fund An Economic Analysis Of The Mills Act Program

SUMMARY

At the November 28, 2006 City Council Finance Committee (Committee), the Committee directed staff to present the proposed two-year Pilot Mills Act Property Tax Abatement Program for Qualified Historic Properties (Program) to each of the Redevelopment Project Area Committees. Staff presented the Program, answered questions, and took comments and motions as outlined below.

September 13, 2006 - West Oakland Project Area Committee (WOPAC)

Staff Pavlinec made a presentation to the WOPAC and answered general questions regarding the Program. This presentation was completed prior to the recommendation by the City Council Finance Committee.

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December 7, 2006 - Coliseum Commerce Center Advisory Committee (CCCAC)

Staff Pavlinec made a presentation to the CCCAC. The CCCAC Chair made the recommendation that the Two-Year Pilot Mills Act Program be adopted and that staff present a report to the CCCAC at the completion of the Pilot Program.

January 4, 2007 – Broadway/MacArthur/San Pablo Project Area Committee (PAC)

Staff Pavlinec made a presentation to the PAC and answered questions on general historic preservation City policies and the Program. A Motion to recommend adoption of the Two-Year Pilot Mills Act Program to the City Council was unanimously approved by the PAC.

January 8, 2007 – Central City East Project Area Committee (CCEPAC)

Staff Pavlinec made a presentation to the CCEPAC and answered questions regarding the Program. One member of the public spoke in support of the Program. A Motion to recommend adoption of the Two-Year Pilot Mills Act Program to the City Council was approved by the CCEPAC (Yes -12; No -1; Abstain -2).

Respectfully submitted,

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APPROVED FOR FORWARDING TO THE CITY COUNCIL

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