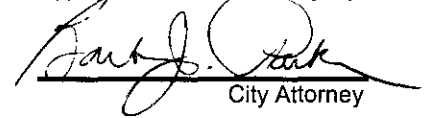


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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Approved as to Form and Legality


City Attorney

RESOLUTION NO. 80339 C. M. S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER Vice Mayor Jean Quan and Council President De La Fuente and

A RESOLUTION TO RESTRUCTURE THE CITY COUNCIL'S OFFICE OF THE LEGISLATIVE ANALYST, WHICH CURRENTLY HAS TWO LEGISLATIVE ANALYSTS, TO INCLUDE AN ADDITIONAL FOUR (4) ANALYSTS TO PROVIDE ONE PROFESSIONAL ANALYST TO EACH OF THE CITY COUNCIL'S SIX STANDING COMMITTEES, FOR A TOTAL ADDITIONAL COST OF \$485,000 FOR THE ANNUAL SALARIES AND BENEFITS OF THE FOUR ADDITIONAL ANALYSTS

WHEREAS, Oakland voters approved Measure P in March 2004 which amended the City Charter to make permanent a "strong mayor" form of government; and

WHEREAS, the strong mayor form of government separates the executive branch from the legislative branch; and

WHEREAS, a local government with a separate executive branch and legislative branch increases accountability and provides valuable checks and balances; and

WHEREAS, the executive branch submits each week to the legislative branch (the City Council) numerous funding and policy proposals that impact the residents and businesses of Oakland; and

WHEREAS, the legislative committees of the City Council lack the resources to conduct in-depth independent research on these complex funding and policy proposals; and

WHEREAS, the executive branch currently provides an analysis of its proposals, but this creates a potential conflict of interest when the executive branch is the author and advocate of the proposals; and

WHEREAS, Oakland's structure is in sharp contrast to that of other large cities and to the U.S. Congress which have professional and dedicated committee staff to analyze the issues for the chairpersons of the legislative committees; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Congress employs the Congressional Research Service, Congressional Budget Office, the General Accounting Office, and the Library of Congress to analyze policy and funding proposals; and

WHEREAS, the addition of legislative staff assigned to each legislative committee would increase the capacity of the City Council to analyze the funding and policy proposals from the executive branch to ensure that they will maximize efficiency, accountability, and benefits for the residents and business of Oakland; and

WHEREAS, the addition of legislative staff would enable the City Council to monitor the laws and policies enacted by the City Council to determine whether they have been implemented and whether additional legislation or funding are needed; and

WHEREAS, the addition of legislative staff would identify opportunities to save money for Oakland taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the City Council currently has the following six standing legislative committees:

- Public Works Committee
- Finance and Management Committee
- Community and Economic Development Committee
- Life Enrichment Committee / Education Partnership Committee
- Public Safety Committee
- Rules and Legislation Committee; and

WHEREAS, the City Council would need to add four professional staff members to support these six Committees because each of the two existing analysts within the City Council's Office of the Legislative Analyst would be assigned to a Committee; and

WHEREAS, each Committee Chair would hire his/her respective committee analyst, in consultation with the President of the City Council; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby re-structures its Office of the Legislative Analyst to provide one professional staff person to each standing Committee of the City Council, to be hired by the respective Committee Chairs in consultation with the President of the City Council; and be it further

RESOLVED that each of the two existing Legislative Analysts will be assigned to a City Council Committee Chair with the concurrence of the respective Committee Chairs and the President of the City Council and that each of the four remaining Committee Chairs are authorized to hire immediately, in consultation with the President of the City Council, an additional legislative analyst for their respective City Council Committees; and be it further,

RESOLVED, the City Council authorizes for this purpose the immediate expenditure of \$485,000 which comprises the additional funding for their annual salaries and benefits.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, DEC 19 2006

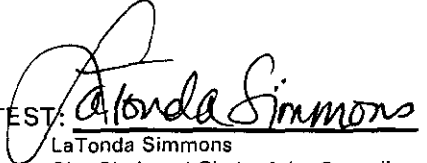
PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - ~~BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, REID, QUAN, AND PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE~~ - 5

NOES - Brooks, Kernighan, Nadel - 3

ABSENT - 0

ABSTENTION - 0

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