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MEMORANDUM

To: City of Oakland Councilmembers

From: Council President Larry Reid and Councilmember Patricia Kemighan

Re: Resolution in Support of Locating Lawrence Berkeley National
Laboratory's Second Campus on the Brooklyn Basin Site in Oakland

The Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory's search for a second campus has resulted in a short list of six East Bay sites under consideration. One of the sites is located in Oakland. The location is at Brooklyn Basin on the Oak to Ninth development site. We offer the accompanying resolution as demonstration of the City Council's support for LBNL to choose the Brooklyn Basin site for its second campus.

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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT LARRY REID & COUNCIL MEMBER PATRICIA KERNIGHAN

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF LOCATING LAWRENCE
BERKELEY NATIONAL LABORATORY'S SECOND CAMPUS
ON THE BROOKLYN BASIN SITE IN OAKLAND**

WHEREAS, the Regents of the University of California ("UC") manage Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory ("LBNL"), a federally funded research and development center under a contract with the U.S. Department of Energy, located in the Berkeley Hills immediately adjacent to the campus of UC Berkeley; and

WHEREAS, LBNL conducts unclassified research across a wide range of disciplines to deliver science-based solutions to problems of national significance, with a strong emphasis on energy efficiency and carbon reduction; and

WHEREAS, LBNL employs approximately 4,200 scientists, engineers, support staff and students; eleven scientists associated with LBNL have won the Nobel Prize and approximately 280 scientists hold a joint appointment with a UC campus; and

WHEREAS, a recent study estimates LBNL's overall economic impact on the nine San Francisco Bay Area counties to be nearly \$700 million annually, and technologies developed at LBNL have generated billions of dollars in revenues and thousands of jobs; and

WHEREAS, UC seeks to develop a second LBNL campus (the "LBNL Second Campus") with the potential for approximately 2 million gross square feet ("GSF") of research and development facilities to accelerate its pace of innovation, technology transfer and commercialization, creating high quality jobs in the process and accommodating its long-term future growth; and

WHEREAS, the proposed LBNL Second Campus would consolidate approximately 480,000 GSF of laboratory and office space in the first phase of development, including Genomics, Life Sciences and Physical Biosciences; and

WHEREAS, the balance of the development capacity would allow for additional consolidation, growth of existing programs, new initiatives and co-location with UC Berkeley, UC programs and complementary third party research and development organizations; and

WHEREAS, on or about January 3, 2011, UC issued Request for Qualifications No. 0103 for the purpose of identifying a short list of sites that best meet the site attributes needed to accommodate the proposed LBNL Second Campus; and

WHEREAS, UC recently identified a short list of six sites, including one site in the City of Oakland, located along Oakland's waterfront and known as "Brooklyn Basin"; and

WHEREAS, the Brooklyn Basin site offers to LBNL, among other attributes, the following key qualifications:

- (a) Close proximity to LBNL and LBNL's workforce
- (b) Significant development capacity
- (c) The opportunity for a world class research campus on the waterfront
- (d) Neighborhood compatibility
- (e) Ready accessibility to all modes of transportation
- (f) Close proximity to a broad range of amenities
- (g) Abundant utilities
- (h) The potential for adaptive reuse of existing buildings
- (i) Clear, timely and cost effective path to occupancy; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland is committed to turning its waterfront into a world class waterfront with modern industrial, science, technology and office jobs, accessible open space and recreation, retail and housing close to transit; and

WHEREAS, the University of California was originally founded in the City of Oakland and the City of Oakland is currently home to the UC Office of the President and hundreds, perhaps thousands of UC and LBNL faculty, staff, alumni, and students living and working throughout the City of Oakland's diverse communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland has enjoyed a long and productive relationship with LBNL, which collaborations have included the development of the City's Climate Action Plan, the design and construction of the new wing of Terminal 2 at the Oakland International Airport, and the successful East Bay Energy Watch Small Business Energy Efficiency Program that now serves the entire East Bay region; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland has a thriving private sector cluster that is tackling new frontiers central to LBNL's own mission, including BrightSource Energy, Solar Millennium, First Solar Sungevity, Renewable Funding and Sirona Fuels, as well as energy efficiency leaders such as KEMA, Energy Solutions, kW Engineering and Integral Group, which are headquartered in the City of Oakland; and

WHEREAS, medical research leaders headquartered in the City of Oakland, including Children's Hospital Oakland Research Institute ("CHORI"), Sutter Alta Bates, Kaiser Permanente and Alameda County Medical Center, offer potential partnerships for LBNL's Joint Genome Institute; and

WHEREAS, the opportunities for innovative collaborations in the City of Oakland abound, including the Chabot Space and Science Museum, which offers LBNL the potential of a living lab partnership to support aspects of its own climate change work; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland serves as the headquarters for many county, state and federal agencies, offering outstanding access to decision makers at all levels of government; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland offers a diversity of housing options; stellar transportation systems over land (BART, AC Transit, five freeways, the free Downtown Broadway Shuttle), sea (Maritime Port of Oakland, Ferry Service) and air (Oakland International Airport) that connect the City of Oakland directly to the entire globe; fiber optic telecommunications infrastructure; first class art and entertainment venues; museums; restaurants and bars; three major sports teams; numerous hotels and a variety of conference centers; outdoor individual sports options that span the City of Oakland's geography from kayaking on the Oakland Estuary and Lake Merritt to hiking in Redwood Regional Park; and

WHEREAS, the Brooklyn Basin site offers unparalleled options for LBNL scientists, staff and visiting researchers to live, work and play; and

WHEREAS, the prestige and economic catalyst effect that would accrue to the City of Oakland if LBNL should choose Brooklyn Basin as its home for the LBNL Second Campus would be considerable; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Oakland City Council hereby endorses Brooklyn Basin for the LBNL Second Campus; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Oakland will work with LBNL and the Brooklyn Basin development team to smoothly and expeditiously process entitlements and other approvals required to complete the first development phase of approximately 480,000 GSF of the LBNL Second Campus for occupancy by March of 2016 and to continue to similarly support development timelines in the decade ahead; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Oakland and its representatives stand ready to discuss specific development incentives for the Brooklyn Basin site; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Oakland will continue to work with LBNL and its talented staff as it charts the way to a brighter, more sustainable future; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk of the City of Oakland will transmit this Resolution as soon as possible to Dr. Paul Alivisatos, Director of the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratories, and Mr. Mark Yudof, President of the University of California.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 20____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES-

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

ATTEST: _____

LATONDA SIMMONS
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
Of the City of Oakland, California