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Date: January 18, 2022
To: Members of City Council and Members of the Public
From: Vice Mayor Kaplan
Re: **Resolution Authorizing The City Administrator To Submit An Application To The Department Of Housing And Community Development In Response to the NOFA, Dated September 9, 2021, And To Apply For Homekey Grant Funds In A Total Amount Not To Exceed \$120,000,000 For Capital And Operating Expenditures For The Foothill & Edes/ Clara Senior Housing Homekey Project, In Addition To The Homekey Projects Which Received Authorization In Resolution No. 88950**

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

This resolution responds to the City's urgent need to support residents who are experiencing homelessness and to expand affordable housing by authorizing the City Administrator to apply with the Housing Consortium of the East Bay for State Homekey funds to support building modular housing projects to provide 206 units of vitally needed housing for vulnerable community members.

On September 9, 2021, the California Department of Housing & Community Development (State HCD) issued a Notice of Funding Availability for the second round of its Homekey Program, making approximately \$1.45 billion in grant funding available to local public entities, including cities, counties, or other local public entities, to sustain and rapidly expand housing for persons experiencing homelessness or at-risk of homelessness, and who are, thereby, inherently impacted by or at increased risk for medical diseases or conditions due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Council on December 21, 2021 adopted Resolution No. 88950 C.M.S., which authorized the City Administrator to jointly apply for, accept, and enter into standard agreements as a local agency partner for funds, in an amount not to exceed \$120 million, from the State's Homekey Program with several projects. However, given the significant need to further expand affordable housing and remedies to homelessness, approving additional applications which would rapidly expand available housing for vulnerable populations including seniors, is important to the health of our community.

The Housing Consortium of the East Bay is proposing to construct new, permanent supportive housing for seniors, individuals and families experiencing homelessness, chronic homelessness and those with disabilities or who are at risk of homelessness. Their proposal, Foothill & Edes/ Clara Senior Housing Homekey Project, consists of two sites which altogether will provide, in addition to 206 units of housing, educational classes, job training, a laundromat and other supportive recreational services to be shared by all residents.

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In order to respond to the City's need for affordable housing and homeless intervention services, this resolution authorizes the City Administrator to submit an application to State HCD for Homekey grant funds in a total amount not to exceed \$120,000,000 for capital and operating expenditures for the Foothill & Edes/ Clara Senior Housing Homekey Project, in addition to the Homekey projects which received authorization in Resolution No. 88950.

Best wishes,

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

Vice Mayor Rebecca Kaplan