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CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A LETTER OF INTENT WITH THE ALAMEDA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT TO NEGOTIATE THE TERMS OF A PROPOSAL FOR AMBULANCE SERVICES AND/OR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED IN ALAMEDA COUNTY

WHEREAS, in April 2019 after concerns about the financial and operational viability of the current private ambulance provider model in use, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors convened an Emergency Medical Services (“EMS”) re-design Task Force (“Task Force”); and

WHEREAS, the Task Force ultimately expressed overarching support for development of a new Fire Based EMS delivery system; and

WHEREAS, this new model would generally look similar to the model in Contra Costa County, whereby the County Fire Department contracts with a private ambulance provider (not yet identified) to provide primary response service to cities within in the County. Surge capacity units would be provided by municipal Fire Departments on an “as needed” basis dependent on predicted call volumes. This model would be more financially viable than the current “private provider only” model because cost recovery rates for public entities are higher (statutorily) than for private providers; and

WHEREAS, the Alameda County Fire Department is developing an ambulance service proposal in response to the upcoming Request for Proposals that will be issued by Alameda County in the spring of 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Alameda County Fire Department wishes to partner with the City of Oakland’s Fire Department (“City”) and other Fire Departments within Alameda County to develop a new model and conceptual understanding for ambulance services that will address current issues with response times and financial feasibility; and

WHEREAS, ACFD recently released a Request for Proposals (“RFP”) for private ambulance providers in order to develop a proposal that would be submitted to Alameda County in the summer of 2023 as a competitive bid for ambulance services in the County. Cities and/or Fire Departments within Alameda County have an opportunity to come together in negotiations with ACFD to refine this proposal and provide critical input on the terms and conditions of City participation in the model; and

WHEREAS, upon finalizing the new partnership model, City staff will return to City Council and present further details regarding the City’s anticipated obligations and commitments under this new model; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council authorizes the City Administrator to enter into a Letter of Intent with the Alameda County Fire Department to negotiate the terms and conditions of a partnership model in response to the upcoming Request for Proposals that will be issued by Alameda County in the spring of 2023.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - FIFE, GALLO, JENKINS, KALB, KAPLAN, RAMACHANDRAN, REID, AND
PRESIDENT FORTUNATO BAS

NOES –
ABSENT –
ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: _____
ASHA REED
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the
City of Oakland, California

