

# CITY of OAKLAND



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Date: July 26, 2021  
To: Members of City Council and Members of the Public  
From: Vice Mayor Kaplan  
Re: **Resolution Amending The Council's Temporary Rules Of Procedure Set Forth In Resolution No. 88266 C.M.S, Which Establishes Guidelines For Council And Council Committee Meetings, To Amend Rule 25, The "High-Stakes Policy" Which Requires, Among Other Things, That Councilmembers, The Mayor Or City Officials Appointed To Represent The City On Multijurisdictional Boards/Commissions Receive Council Authorization Before They Cast Vote(s) On Matters That Could Have A Significant Economic Or Policy Impact On The City, Or On Any Matter Of Particular Controversy, To Exempt-Matters That Would Purely Benefit/Bring Revenue To The City Of Oakland**

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

This resolution looks to amend the Council's Rules of Procedure, Rule 25 which contains the "High Stakes Policy." The High-Stakes provides that City Officials who represent the City on any multijurisdictional board and/or commission, "shall receive City Council authorization from a majority of the Council prior to casting vote(s) on behalf of the City on any matter which could have a significant economic or policy impact on the City or any matter of particular controversy," to exempt matters that would purely benefit or bring revenue to the City.

It is important for representatives on various boards to work effectively and expeditiously to pursue funding/revenue for vitally needed Oakland resources, and to avoid delays that could impede our ability to obtain funding for projects needed by our communities. That is why it is necessary to amend Rule 25 to exempt actions that will purely benefit/bring revenue to the City from the Council pre-authorization requirements, which due to timelines to schedule items and meeting schedules, could impede opportunities to take actions on outside Board to bring funding to Oakland. Conversely, in situations where an action of a representative on an outside Board could have a significant negative financial impact on the City of Oakland, it is important for the City Council to still weigh in prior to the action, and this amendment would keep that requirement in place.

This new policy will improve the City's ability to assess, participate in and take informed and meaningful actions on high- stakes transactions under consideration by external bodies. Additionally, given time constraints and many varied procedures that impact and govern decision-making by multijurisdictional boards, agencies, joint powers authorities, etc., this amendment will enhance the City's ability to obtain revenue. I ask you to join me in supporting it.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read "Rebecca Kaplan".

Vice Mayor Rebecca Kaplan  
Oakland City Councilmember At Large

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