

# OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.

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**RESOLUTION AWARDING A GRANT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$30,000) TO THE FRIENDS OF THE PUBLIC BANK EAST BAY TO AID IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PUBLIC BANK IN ACCORDANCE WITH ASSEMBLY BILL No. 857, WHICH WILL BE ABLE TO HANDLE THE DEPOSITORY AND INVESTMENT NEEDS OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND AND ALL ALAMEDA COUNTY CITIES.**

**WHEREAS**, there is a desire for local funding solutions that reinvest public funds in the local community; and

**WHEREAS**, a public bank can have investment priorities that focus on the creation of jobs in Oakland that spur local economic growth by providing affordable credit to small and medium-sized businesses that have been historically ignored by the larger, more established banks; and

**WHEREAS**, a public bank can have investment priorities that center on providing loans for low- and moderate-income housing to help relieve the current housing crisis facing Oakland; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 29, 2016, the Oakland City Council adopted Resolution No. 86483 C.M.S., directing the City Administrator to prepare an informational report with the cost estimates of commissioning a study analyzing the feasibility and economic impact of establishing a public bank for or including the City of Oakland; and

**WHEREAS**, the adopted Fiscal Years 2017-19 budget approved by the Oakland City Council included a one-time appropriation of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) for the public banking feasibility study; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 12, 2017, the Berkeley City Council authorized a Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) donation to the City of Oakland and private sources donated several thousand dollars to the City of Oakland to help fund the feasibility study; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 19, 2017, the Oakland City Council passed Resolution No. 86905 C.M.S. accepting and appropriating all donations made to date for supporting the public banking feasibility analysis and authorizing the City Administrator to negotiate a scope of work, terms, and execute a contract with Global Investment Company to conduct a public bank feasibility and economic impact analysis; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 2, 2018 the Oakland City Council received and filed the public bank feasibility and economic impact analysis completed by Global Investment Company, and the City Council agreed that further public banking developments would be better directed by the County of Alameda; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 24, 2019, the Oakland City Council adopted Resolution No. 87759 C.M.S. authorizing the biennial budget for Fiscal Years 2019-21, which included an appropriation of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) to fund a public bank business plan in collaboration with regional partners; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 2, 2019 Governor Newsom approved Assembly Bill No. 857, the Public Banking Act, providing a roadmap for the development of public banks in California; and

**WHEREAS**, the Friends of the Public Bank East Bay (“FPBEB”) incorporated, applied for, and was granted a 501(c)(3) status, and subsequently engaged Gary Findley of the Findley Group to begin the process of writing the bank business plan and charter application for the California Department of Financial Protection and Innovation; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council wishes to award a grant in an amount not to exceed Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) to FPBEB to aid in the development of a local bank in accordance with Assembly Bill No. 857, as intended by the jurisdictions which originally provided the additional funds; and

**WHEREAS**, funds in the amount of Thirty Thousand Dollar (\$30,000.00) are available and were appropriated for this use in the FYs 2019-21 operating budget; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That the City Council awards a grant in an amount not to exceed Thirty Thousand Dollars to the Friends of the Public Bank East Bay to aid in the development of a public bank in accordance with Assembly Bill No. 857, which will be able handle the depository and investment needs of the City of Oakland and all Alameda County Cities; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That said agreement is not a professional service contract as defined by City ordinance as it does not provide goods or services to the City but it is a grant of funds to a nonprofit to aid in the development of a public bank that will serve the public at large, therefore the competitive request for proposal/qualifications process is not required under Oakland Municipal Code section 2.04.015; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That said agreement shall be approved as to form and legality by the Office of the City Attorney prior to execution and a fully executed copy of the agreement shall be placed on file in the Office of the City Clerk; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

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IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - FORTUNATO BAS, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, KALB, REID, TAYLOR,  
THAO AND PRESIDENT KAPLAN

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
ASHA REED  
Acting City Clerk and Clerk of the Council  
of the City of Oakland, California