


City Attorney's Office

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT NIKKI FORTUNATO BAS

RESOLUTION AWARDING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$75,000) TO THE OAKLAND CHINATOWN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (“CHINATOWN COC”) FOR BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY INCLUDING LIGHTING, FACADE IMPROVEMENTS AND REPAIR AND OTHER SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND SAFETY NEEDS AS DETERMINED BY THE CHINATOWN COC.

WHEREAS, the Chinatown Chamber of Commerce (“Chinatown COC”) worked with the Oakland Police Department (OPD) on a proposal to install security cameras on private property at key locations throughout the Chinatown District to deter crime and aid in criminal investigations; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, OPD and the Chinatown COC jointly identified sixteen (16) locations for installation of security cameras on privately owned buildings; and

WHEREAS, the Chinatown COC received Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding to install the sixteen (16) security cameras, and these cameras are still being used as an important resource for crime prevention and criminal apprehension in the Oakland Chinatown District; and

WHEREAS, an additional twenty (20) locations in the Chinatown area were identified for installation of security cameras; and

WHEREAS, funds in the amount of \$75,000 were allocated by the City Council in the 2018-19 Midcycle Budget for a grant to Chinatown COC and said funds remain available for the grant; and

WHEREAS, on February 11, 2020, a resolution awarding a \$75,000 grant to the Chinatown COC for installation of additional security cameras was presented to the Public Works Committee and the Public Works Committee forwarded the resolution to the full Council for consideration at the February 18, 2020 meeting; and

WHEREAS, before the resolution awarding the \$75,000 grant to Chinatown COC for installation of additional security cameras could be considered by the full Council, it was determined that the security camera project should be reviewed by the Oakland Privacy Advisory Commission; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Chinatown security camera project was scrutinized by the Oakland Privacy Advisory Commission for privacy concerns and, therefore, the Chinatown COC has elected to pursue the project using private funding; and

WHEREAS, the Chinatown COC's decision to pursue the security camera project using private funding has freed up the \$75,000 originally allocated for that project for other uses; and

WHEREAS, small businesses in Chinatown have shut down and many continue to struggle to stay afloat due to the economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the City Council still wishes to support the Chinatown COC in its business development and public safety efforts by modifying the allowable uses of the \$75,000 in grant funds allocated to the Chinatown COC; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council hereby awards a grant in an amount not to exceed \$75,000 to the Chinatown Chamber of Commerce for business development and public safety, including lighting, façade improvements and repair and other small business development and safety needs as determined by the Chinatown Chamber of Commerce; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the grant agreement shall be reviewed and approved as to form and legality by the Office of the City Attorney and a fully executed copy of the agreement shall be placed on file with the Office of the City Clerk.

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IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

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