


CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO
ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH
COMMUNITY INITIATIVES TO SUPPORT CONTINUED OPERATION
OF THE TOWN NIGHTS PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Department of Violence Prevention (DVP) funded and coordinated the Town Nights program from 2022 to 2024 as part of its community healing strategy, with the intention of promoting relationship building between community members that would lead to long-term reductions in violence; and

WHEREAS, the Town Nights program was operated by community-based organizations that employed local residents to host evening community events that offered safe spaces for residents of all ages to socialize and recreate; and

WHEREAS, as of October 1, 2024, the DVP is unable to continue to coordinate and fund the Town Nights program; and

WHEREAS, Community Initiatives (CI), a nonprofit fiscal sponsor, has agreed to assume responsibility for operating and expanding the Town Nights program in partnership with community-based organizations; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to support CI's implementation of Town Nights in order to continue fostering community engagement, promoting public safety, and investing in social infrastructure across Oakland neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the City and CI have drafted a memorandum of understanding that defines each party's roles and responsibilities in facilitating Town Nights events, which may include waiving rental fees for public facilities, supporting outreach and event staffing, and transferring rights to intellectual property associated with the program; and

WHEREAS, the memorandum of understanding reflects a collaborative, citywide effort to continue Town Nights as a model for equitable, resident-led community building; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council hereby authorizes the City Administrator to negotiate the specific terms and to execute a memorandum of understanding with CI to support the continued operation of the Town Nights program; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Administrator or their designee is hereby authorized to complete all negotiations and documentation required to accept, modify, extend, and/or amend the MOU consistent with the purposes of this Resolution.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROWN, FIFE, GALLO, HOUSTON, KAPLAN, RAMACHANDRAN, UNGER, WANG,
AND PRESIDENT JENKINS

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST:_____

ASHA REED
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the
City of Oakland, California

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