OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

RESOLUTION:

1) **AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND APPROPRIATE UP TO TEN MILLION DOLLARS ($10,000,000) IN HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS FROM THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) AND THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES (CALOES); AND**

2) **AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND APPROPRIATE UP TO THREE MILLION THREE HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE DOLLARS ($3,333,333) IN PREPARE CALIFORNIA MATCH PROGRAM FUNDS FROM CALOES TO CONTINUE THE SOFT STORY APARTMENT SEISMIC RETROFIT GRANT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, on January 14, 2023, President Biden issued a major disaster declaration, DR 4683, based on severe winter storms, flooding, landslides, and mudslides (*see* https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4683); and

WHEREAS, as a result of this federal disaster declaration, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has provided funds to the State of California for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) under the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Emergency Assistance and Disaster Relief (Stafford Act); and

WHEREAS, the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) has been delegated the responsibility of administering the HMGP in California, identifying program priorities, reviewing sub-applications, and forwarding the recommendations to FEMA, which has final approval of activity eligibility and funding; now, therefore, be it

WHEREAS, applications for HMGP funding under disaster DR 4683, which provides grants of up to 75% of a project's cost up to Ten Million Dollars ($10,000,000) to sub-grantees within California to support long-term hazard mitigation measures in accordance with State and local priorities, requires the commitment of non-federal local matching funds of at least 25% of the total project cost up to Three Million Three Hundred Thirty-Three Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Three Dollars ($3,333,333); and

WHEREAS, the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) has announced an additional initiative called "Prepare California Match" (PrepCA-Match) to help socially vulnerable and high hazard risk communities move towards greater resilience by supplementing eligible HMGP awards with state-provided funds to cover the required 25% local cost share match (non-federal share); and

WHEREAS, City staff have identified residential seismic retrofits for multi-family homes as a local priority to mitigate the substantial risk of death and injury to occupants and of financial loss to property owners, as well as a loss of critically needed housing units in Oakland; and

WHEREAS, on January 22, 2019, City Council passed Ordinance 13516 C.M.S. requiring mandatory seismic retrofit of the multi-unit soft story type of residential buildings covered under this proposed grant; and

WHEREAS, many owners of soft story multi-family apartment buildings could be encouraged to promptly complete seismic retrofits on their properties if funding was made available by the City to support the cost of the retrofits partially or fully; and

WHEREAS, the majority of the soft story residential buildings covered under this proposed grant are in low- to moderate-income areas and funding assistance for soft-story retrofits will prevent the pass-through of capital improvement costs to tenants; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to submit one application to CalOES for the maximum amount of up to Ten Million Dollars ($10,000,000) in HMGP funding for five-or-more unit buildings under the Safer Housing for Oakland, a "soft story" apartment seismic retrofit grant program ("Soft Story Program"); and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to include with the HMGP application to CalOES a request for PrepCA-Match funding to provide an additional Three Million Three Hundred Thirty-Three Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Three Dollars ($3,333,333) to cover the required 25% local matching funds for this additional HMGP award for five-or-more unit buildings under the Safer Housing for Oakland, a "soft story" apartment seismic retrofit grant program ("Soft Story Program"), resulting in no further commitment of City funds; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council authorizes the City Administrator to execute and file an application to CalOES and FEMA for a total of Thirteen Million Three Hundred Thirty-Three Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Three Dollars ($13,333,333) in combined funding from the HMGP and PrepCA-Match Program to support the Soft Story Program, to accept such funding if awarded, and to appropriate FEMA funding to the Safer Housing for Oakland Program, Grant Fund to be determined (TBD), Housing Administration Organization (89919), and Residential Lending Organization (89939), Project number to be determined (TBD), and to appropriate PrepareCA Match funding to the Safer Housing for Oakland Program, Grant Fund to be determined (TBD), Housing Administration Organization (89919), and Residential Lending Organization (89939), Project number (TBD); and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That should additional funds be received for the Soft Story Program, the City Administrator or their designee is authorized to accept and appropriate the same for the purposes described above within the grant terms; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Administrator or their designee is authorized on behalf of the City of Oakland to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to applications, benefit-cost analyses, agreements, including administrative extensions, payment requests and related actions, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned activities related to the Soft Story Program consistent with the Resolution and its basic purposes.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - FIFE, GALLO, KALB, KAPLAN, REID, JENKINS, RAMACHANDRAN AND
                        PRESIDENT FORTUNATO BAS
NOES –
ABSENT –
ABSTENTION –

ATTEST:_____

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

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