

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT NIKKI FORTUNATO BAS

Resolution Accepting And Appropriating A Donation Of Funds In An Amount Not To Exceed \$150,000 From Alameda County To Support Transitioning Residents Of The E 12th Street Median Encampment To Stable Housing; And Authorizing The City Administrator To Enter Into An Agreement With Alameda County To Receive Said Funds

WHEREAS, homelessness has long-term and serious consequences to the health and safety of those who experience it, and are at risk of health problems including life-long behavioral health challenges; and

WHEREAS, the US Department of Housing and Urban Development deemed homelessness a national crisis, citing in their 2018 Annual Homelessness Assessment Report that 553,000 Americans were experiencing homelessness on any single day; and

WHEREAS, according to this 2018 Report, California’s homeless population accounted for 24% of the nation's total homeless population; and

WHEREAS, in the most recent Homeless Persons Point-In-Time Count conducted in 2019 by the County of Alameda, there were 4,071 unsheltered individuals in Oakland, a 47% increase from the 2017 Point- in-Time Count; and

WHEREAS, of those 4,071 unsheltered individuals, 78% lived within Alameda County prior to becoming homeless; and

WHEREAS, 54% of those who lived in Alameda County prior to becoming homeless were residents in the County for over 10 years; and

WHEREAS, the City Council since February 26, 2019, pursuant to Resolution No. 87538 C.M.S. has found, proclaimed and renewed homelessness as a local, public health emergency due to the welfare and safety concerns of those who experience homelessness or who are at risk of becoming homeless; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the need for varied interventions to address the needs of homeless residents, including but not limited to emergency beds, co-governed sites, RV safe parking, hotel rooms, and modular housing; and

WHEREAS, the East 12th St. Median Encampment (situated across several blocks along the 880 corridor) in the San Antonio Neighborhood is home to approximately 40 to 70 people who are striving for more dignified living conditions, including water, sanitation, power, and other basic needs to preserve the human rights, health, safety and dignity of residents; and

WHEREAS, the East 12th St. Median Encampment has experienced significant public safety issues, emergencies, and other notable impacts, including a history of multiple fires, homicides, illegal dumping and sanitation concerns, illegal parking, abandoned vehicles, and electrical wire tapping, reports of illegal gambling shacks, prostitution and human trafficking; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland is enacting a plan to transition residents of the E. 12th encampment to stable housing through intensive engagement and the provision of shelter and services, which will be followed by closure of said encampment and securing the site in the interest of public safety; and

WHEREAS, on January 18th, 2022, the Oakland City Council approved Resolution No. 88983 C.M.S. which awarded a grant of \$1,000,000 for Fiscal Year 2021 - 2022 to Lao Family Community Development Inc. for the provision of temporary housing and support services to assist homeless residents at the E 12th Median Encampment in finding permanent affordable housing and to achieve long-term financial security and;

WHEREAS, Lao Family Community Development Inc. will serve approximately 43-50 homeless individuals at the E 12th Median Encampment in the San Antonio Neighborhood and surrounding area with 6 months of housing and case management at the

Care Campus at 8480 Edes to support health, job placement and permanent housing, and;

WHEREAS, as part of the process of transitioning homeless residents at the E 12th Median into temporary supportive housing, the City of Oakland is working with Alameda County to identify additional resources to support the community and ensure a smooth operation to house residents, and to close the E 12th Median encampment due to the history of ongoing public health and safety concerns; and

WHEREAS, the District 2 Council Office has sought support from Alameda County on homelessness solutions, and is partnering with Supervisorial District 3 to bring \$150,000 of Fiscal Management Reward (FMR) funds to support the City of Oakland in transitioning residents of the homeless encampment located on E. 12th Street to stable housing; and

WHEREAS, District 3 FMR funds will be used by the City of Oakland to provide stable housing solutions for chronically homeless individuals residing at an encampment on E. 12th Street in the section of Oakland located in Supervisorial District 3.

WHEREAS, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors identified the E 12th Median encampment as one of the most underserved encampments in all of Alameda County, with many residents having been chronically homeless and unable to access vital City or County services.

WHEREAS, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors has also acknowledged that the E 12th Median encampment poses a persistent danger to both encampment residents and the surrounding community as a result of numerous fires over the past five years as well as the proximity of the encampment's substantial shelter infrastructure to several active roadways; and

WHEREAS, in alignment with Alameda County's "VISION 2026 GOAL" this project provides funds to assist encampment residents, meets the 10x goal pathway to Eliminate Homelessness in support of the shared vision of Thriving and Resilient Populations and Safe and Livable Communities; and

WHEREAS, this expenditure of \$150,000 of Fiscal Management Reward (FMR) funds is necessary to support those efforts and ensure the provision of stable housing to all encampment residents; and

WHEREAS, on April 26, 2022, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors approved the use of \$150,000 of Supervisorial District 3 Fiscal Management Reward (FMR) funds to support the City of Oakland in transitioning residents of a homeless encampment located on E. 12th Street to stable housing. Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: that the City Council hereby accepts funding in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 from Alameda County to support the City of Oakland encampment closure operation in transitioning residents of a homeless encampment (E12th) to stable housing; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: that the City Council hereby appropriates said funding to Fund: 2160 - County of Alameda: Grants Account: To Be Determined ; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: that the City Administrator is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Alameda County for receipt of said funds.

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