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## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER CARROLL FIFE

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**RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 89455 C.M.S, WHICH AMONG OTHER ACTIONS, AUTHORIZED THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO NEGOTIATE A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (CALTRANS) TO ESTABLISH A NEW HOMELESS INTERVENTION SITE ON CALTRANS RIGHT OF WAY PARCELS LOCATED NORTH OF 34TH STREET ON MANDELA PARKWAY (PROPERTY), TO: (1) SPECIFY THAT ANY INTERVENTION ESTABLISHED ON THE PROPERTY SHOULD PRIORITIZE UNHOUSED RESIDENTS FROM THE NEARBY ENCAMPMENTS IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 3 AND (2) DIRECT THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO IDENTIFY THE NECESSARY FUNDS AND SEEK THE NECESSARY APPROVALS TO ESTABLISH AN INTERVENTION COMPRISED OF RAPID RESPONSE TRANSITIONAL SHELTER UNITS WITH APPROPRIATE FACILITIES AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Oakland continues to face an unprecedented homelessness crisis; and

**WHEREAS**, the number of encampments and tent communities around the City, particularly in Council District 3, continue to grow; and

**WHEREAS**, in October 2022, in response to the closure of the Wood Street encampment, which was the largest encampment in the City and the region, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 89455 C.M.S, which directed the City Administrator to (1) expand access to the existing Beach Street homeless intervention site (Caltrans Lease Area 04-ALA-580-38 & 39) for all vehicle types, including but not limited to, trucks and vans and identify the necessary funds to service the site; and (2) negotiate a lease agreement with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to establish a new homeless intervention site on Caltrans right of way parcels located north of 34th Street on Mandela Parkway (Property) and identify the necessary funds and service providers to service the new program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council found that the emergency created by the Wood Street evictions and the overall growing crisis of homelessness in our City, particularly in District 3, requires expansion of existing interventions as well as exploration of new options; and

**WHEREAS**, City Administration initially estimated that an intervention on the Property could accommodate 60-75 RVs and other vehicles and can serve up to 100 households and that the City must identify funds to enter into a new professional services agreement with a service provider to manage and provide security at the site at an estimated cost of \$650,000 for nine months; and

**WHEREAS**, since the passage of this Resolution, the Administration has started discussions with Caltrans and there are plans to create a homeless intervention site to accommodate unhoused individuals from another Council District; and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 89455 needs to be amended and updated to provide City Administration with additional direction; including clarifying that any intervention established on the Property should prioritize unhoused persons from surrounding encampments in District 3, which is the district with the disproportionate level of encampments in the City; and

**WHEREAS**, for a variety of reasons, including the fact that District 3 has the most encampments in the City and for the safety of the participating individuals, interventions within District 3 need to prioritize the unhoused communities in the surrounding areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council further adds that the intervention on the Property should hold rapid response transitional shelter units with adequate onsite facilities and services included; and

**WHEREAS**, rapid response transitional shelter units can be more flexible and serve more groups, including families and if managed appropriately, can be more stable than other homeless intervention options; and

**WHEREAS**, City Administration is further directed to seek cost effective options that meets the needs of residents and the surrounding community; and

**WHEREAS**, the community surrounding the Property also wish to further engage with the City on the growing homelessness issue in the area and how the Property can be used effectively to improve quality of life for everyone; and

**WHEREAS**, as staff works to create an intervention on this Property per Council's direction, including securing the necessary funds, it is critical that the City Council provide additional clarity, as described, to ensure a safe and effective intervention that meets the needs of the vulnerable members of our community; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That the City Council hereby amends Resolution 89455 C.M.S, to specify that any intervention established on the Property shall prioritize unhoused residents from the nearby encampments in Council District 3; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the City Council directs and authorizes the City Administrator to identify the necessary funds, vendor, and service provider to establish and service a new intervention comprised of rapid response transitional shelter units on the Property and to return to City Council for any necessary approvals; and to continue negotiations with Caltrans for a lease agreement for such a program.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - FIFE, GALLO, JENKINS, KALB, KAPLAN, RAMACHANDRAN, REID, AND  
PRESIDENT FORTUNATO BAS

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

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