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City Attorney's Office

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 87695 C.M.S.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR OR DESIGNEE TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE GRANT FUNDS FROM THE SURDNA FOUNDATION IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$75,000.00) TO BE USED TO SUPPORT THE OBJECTIVES OF THE CITY'S CULTURAL PLAN "BELONGING IN OAKLAND: A CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN" AND THE CITY OF OAKLAND, CULTURAL AFFAIRS DIVISION'S PARTICIPATION AS A PLANNING PARTNER ADVISING THE SURDNA FOUNDATION'S "THRIVING CULTURES" PROGRAM

WHEREAS, on July 10, 2018 the City Council passed Resolution No. 87271 C.M.S., adopting the Oakland Cultural Plan, "Belonging in Oakland: A Cultural Development Plan" (the "Cultural Plan"); and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Cultural Plan is to define cultural priorities and provide a policy framework, strategies and funding objectives that will strengthen and advance Oakland's Art and Cultural sector; and

WHEREAS, the guiding vision of the Cultural Plan states, "Equity is the Driving Force, Culture is the Frame and Belonging is the Goal"; and

WHEREAS, the Cultural Plan shapes a course of actions for the Cultural Affairs Division that supports well-being in the City; and

WHEREAS, the Surdna Foundation is a private foundation that operates in communities of color throughout the country and whose mission is to "foster sustainable communities in the United States — communities guided by principles of social justice and distinguished by healthy environments, strong local economies, and thriving cultures"; and

WHEREAS, the Surdna Foundation's "Thriving Cultures" Program "seeks to foster the conditions in which artists, culture-bearers, designers, and media-makers of color can maximize their potential as leaders, agents of social change, and designers of just systems and communities" by making grants that support the imagination and practice of justice in local communities, the creation of narrative platforms that amplify the stories and experiences of communities of color, and the expansion of community voices to develop more equitable outcomes across racial lines; and

WHEREAS, the Surdna Foundation's Thriving Cultures Program has, in the past, supported projects like Designing Justice + Designing Spaces, an Oakland-based nonprofit that uses innovative design and real estate development to address the root causes of mass incarceration and to transform communities;

WHEREAS, based on cultural equity principles articulated in the Cultural Plan, the Surdna Foundation seeks the participation of the Oakland Cultural Affairs Division in the development of their "Thriving Cultures Strategy Refinement" process as a thought partner; and

WHEREAS, as a thought partner, the Cultural Affairs Division will offer contributions to the Surdna Foundation's Thriving Cultures Strategy Refinement process informed by the Division's work in Oakland, the development of the city's Cultural Plan, the Division's cultural policy activities as it relates public funding of arts, and the Division work as an intermediary who works at the intersection of creative placemaking/placekeeping and community cultural development; and

WHEREAS, through the Thriving Cultures Program, the Surdna Foundation proposes to make a grant award of \$75,000.00 to the City of Oakland's Cultural Affairs Division (the "Surdna Grant"), which will be used to pay for staff travel costs related to participation in the Surdna Foundation "Thriving Cultures Strategy Refinement" learning cohort working group in New York City;

WHEREAS, the Cultural Plan's vision, actions, and recommendations align with the Surdna Foundation's mission and "Thriving Cultures" Program and the Surdna Grant will support the Cultural Plan's recommendation to "Perform a cultural and racial equity impact analysis of current programs, policies and procedure and explore asset-based approaches"; and

WHEREAS, the Surdna Grant will also provide support for the Oakland Cultural Plan's stated objective to "strengthen Oakland's cultural ecosystem and build the infrastructure for cultural equity;" now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City Administrator or her designee is hereby authorized to accept and appropriate grant funds from the Surdna Foundation in the amount of \$75,000 and that the City Administrator is hereby authorized to execute any future grant agreements to accept and appropriate grant funds to support the ongoing work of the Oakland Cultural Plan without returning to Council and be it further; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Cultural Affairs Division will appropriate the \$75,000 grant from the Surdna Foundation to the Miscellaneous Grants Account (2999), Cultural Arts Organization (85511), Cultural Funding Program (C02) in a project to be established.

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IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

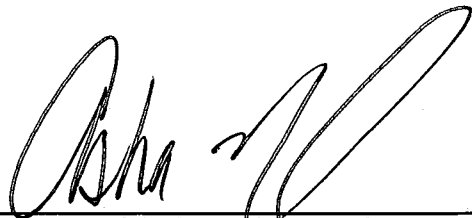
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NOES - 0

ABSENT - 0

ABSTENTION - 0

ATTEST:



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