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To Community & Economic Development Committee

From Vice Mayor Larry E. Reid

Re Resolution Supporting Efforts To Identify Funding For the Development Of A Creek Walk Along The Banks Of The San Leandro Creek

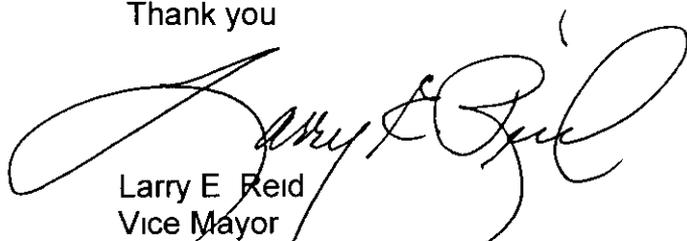
Dear Members of the Committee,

I am submitting the attached resolution for your consideration and approval

San Leandro Creek Alliance, a multi-agency coalition which has representatives from the Cities of Oakland and San Leandro, Friends of San Leandro Creek, East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD), Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART), East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD), Alameda County Flood Control, Rails-to-Trails Conservancy, Merritt College and Alameda County Flood Control, have been working towards the development of a creek walk along the banks of the San Leandro Creek. The Alliance is working on the development of the project & identifying available funding sources. As the Alliance continues its work on the project, support from the City by passage of the attached resolution would clearly strengthen our position in securing available funds in a competitive process. The City of San Leandro showed its support by approving its resolution on January 6, 2014.

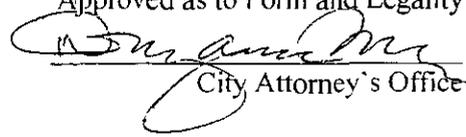
Please join me in the passage of the resolution

Thank you



Larry E. Reid
Vice Mayor

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Approved as to Form and Legality

City Attorney's Office

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY VICE MAYOR LARRY E REID

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY FUNDING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CREEK WALK ALONG THE BANKS OF THE SAN LEANDRO CREEK

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland is committed to and supports efforts to identify funding for the design and development of an urban creek walk along the banks of San Leandro Creek, and

WHEREAS, if developed, such a creek walk would serve to provide a host of public benefits to the residents of Oakland and San Leandro, including reconnecting communities and neighborhoods that have been separated by urban development, and

WHEREAS, an urban creek walk also would serve to promote healthy lifestyles by providing the public with an easily-accessible trail and additional opportunities to explore the natural environment, and

WHEREAS, such a project would directly benefit low-income and disadvantaged urban community residents by providing them with direct access to open space, and

WHEREAS, revitalizing creek side areas also serves to improve water quality through the restoration of creek banks and beds and associated drainage channels, and

WHEREAS, such a project would increase public awareness of the need to protect local watersheds and avoid discharging pollutants into the natural environment, and

WHEREAS, an urban creek walk more generally would serve to make Oakland and San Leandro better places to live, work and play, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council supports efforts to identify funding for the development of a creek walk along the banks of the San Leandro Creek

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 2014

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE

AYES- BROOKS, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, KALB, KAPLAN, REID, SCHAAF, and PRESIDENT KERNIGHAN

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

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