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Community and Economic Development Committee
Oakland, CA

Chairperson De La Fuente and Members of the Committee:

Re: **An Informational Report on the City's Role Regarding the Brownfields Remediation Job Training Grant from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009**

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SUMMARY

The Council Rules Committee requested a status report on the City's submission of an application on the Brownfields Remediation Job Training grant from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA).

KEY ISSUES AND IMPACTS

City staff assessed the possibility of submitting an application for the Brownfields Remediation Job Training grant and determined that the City did not have the programming infrastructure needed to deliver immediate job training services on brownfields remediation, due mainly to ARRA requirements and short-term funding availability. Instead, staff determined that the best use of these funds would be to support existing brownfields remediation job training programs in Oakland. Staff has been in contact with community-based job training providers and will support their grant applications, if appropriate.

The City has applied for brownfields assessment and remediation grants to the US Environmental Protection Agency under ARRA—\$600,000 for Community-Wide Brownfields Assessment and \$1 million for the Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund (BCRLF) Supplemental request.

Respectfully submitted,

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