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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Resolution No. 80359 C.M.S.

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**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN ADDITIONAL \$120,000 FOR A TOTAL OF \$420,000 FOR ON CALL DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL REVITALIZATION FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2007 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2007; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO AMEND EXISTING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS FOR ON CALL DESIGN SERVICES.**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council approved Resolution No. 79386 C.M.S. which authorized the City Administrator to negotiate and enter into design contracts for the Neighborhood Commercial Revitalization ("NCR") Façade Improvement Program in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 for the period of July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2009, without returning to the City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the \$300,000 funding level anticipated design services for approximately 50 projects per year at the cost of \$3,000 per project, whereas to date, the actual number of projects that utilized design assistance was approximately 70; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to a Request for Qualification process conducted in 2005, six architectural firms were selected and hired to provide on-call design services for the NCR Façade Improvement Program with contract amounts ranging from \$25,000 to \$50,000 each; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has executed contracts with three of the six selected architectural firms, and plans to contract with the remaining three architectural firms to provide additional design services for façade improvement projects in NCR target areas citywide; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council previously authorized the City Administrator to approve and execute all third-party design contracts within the available budget for the Façade Improvement Program (Resolution No. 73818 C.M.S.) without returning to the Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the Façade Improvement Program provides incentives for property owners and business owners to rehabilitate and revitalize commercial buildings and storefronts in targeted commercial districts of the City located in eligible Community Development Districts and;

**WHEREAS**, such rehabilitation and revitalization assists in the elimination of blight in the target districts and assists with retaining and attracting businesses, increasing job opportunities and sales tax revenues for the City of Oakland; and

**WHEREAS**, the City finds that these services are of a professional nature and will be temporary in duration; and

**WHEREAS**, the City finds that these contracts will not result in the loss of employment or salary by any person having permanent status in the competitive services; and

**WHEREAS**, the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 ("CEQA"), the CEQA Guidelines as prescribed by the Secretary for Resources, and the provisions of the Environmental Review Regulations of the City of Oakland have been satisfied; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED:** That the City Council hereby authorizes an additional \$120,000, for a total amount of \$420,000, for design services for the Neighborhood Commercial Revitalization Façade Improvement Program to be funded from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development-Community Development Block Grant Program Fund (2108), Neighborhood Commercial Revitalization Project Development (G83200); and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the City Council independently finds and determines that this Resolution complies with CEQA as the project is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (existing facilities), and the City Administrator or her designee is directed to cause to be filed a Notice of Exemption with the appropriate governmental agencies; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the City Council authorizes the City Administrator or her designee to negotiate and execute, amend, modify and extend all third-party design contracts necessary to carry out the Neighborhood Commercial Revitalization Façade Improvement Program for an additional amount not to exceed \$120,000; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That all agreements executed pursuant to the Resolution be approved as to form and legality by the Office of the City Attorney and be filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, JAN 16 2007, 2006

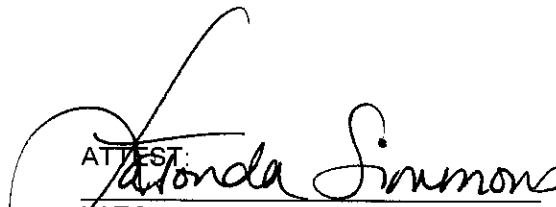
**PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

AYES - BRUNNER, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, BROOKS, REID, CHANG, AND  
PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE - 8

NOES - 0

ABSENT - 0

ABSTENTION - 0

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