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TO: City Councilmembers, City Administrator
FROM: Nancy Nadel, Council District 3
DATE: October 31, 2006
RE: Resolution Authorizing Immediate Allocation of \$100,000 Of Councilmember Nancy J. Nadel's Priority Project Funds To Mandela Foods Cooperative for Tenant/Building Improvements

SUMMARY

Each Councilmember has been allocated \$250,000 in Councilmember Priority Funds as one of the amendments to the Fiscal Year 2006-07 Mid-Cycle Budget. I would like to allocate \$100,000 of District 3 Priority funds to Mandela Foods Cooperative for tenant and building improvements.

FISCAL IMPACT

The \$250,000 is in the Mid-Cycle Budget that was approved at the June 8, 2006, City Council Special Session. Releasing these funds will have no negative impact on this Budget.

BACKGROUND

During discussions of the 2006-2007 Mid-Cycle Budget, Councilmembers requested funds for projects and/or institutions they felt particularly worthy of support. To accommodate these requests, the Council allocated \$2,000,000, or \$250,000 to each Council District plus the At-Large seat. The allocation of these funds would be at the discretion of each individual Councilmember, but subject to overall Council approval.

DISCUSSION

Currently, there is only one grocery store in West Oakland, while there are dozens of liquor stores and numerous fast-food and take-out restaurants. Residents in West Oakland have limited access to healthy food since many of them live below the poverty level and/or do not have access to transportation to reach full-service grocery stores in other areas.

The Mandela Foods Cooperative seeks to build a worker-owned grocery store and nutrition education center in West Oakland, to offer community members fresh, nutritious foods and other products produced by local artisans. Through this cooperative business model, Mandela Foods seeks to recycle profits back into the hands of local residents, improving the lives of community members in a sustainable manner and deepening their participation in the economic growth of their neighborhoods.

Above all, the Mandela Foods Cooperative will create enterprise, jobs, and business ownership for low-income community members in West Oakland.

The allocation of \$100,000 from District 3's Priority funds will be used for building and tenant improvements at its West Oakland site in order to prepare the site for use as a worker-owned grocery store and nutrition education center.

RECOMMENDATION(S) AND RATIONALE


Council approval is requested for allocation of \$100,000 to Mandela Foods Cooperative.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Nadel

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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Resolution No. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER NANCY NADEL

Adopt A Resolution Authorizing Immediate Allocation of \$100,000 Of Councilmember Nancy J. Nadel's Priority Project Funds To Mandela Foods Cooperative for Tenant/Building Improvements

WHEREAS, on June 8, 2006 the City Council did amend the 2005-2007 Policy Budget for the City of Oakland to include \$250,000 apiece for each Councilmember to use as priority funds for projects at each councilmember's discretion but subject to City Council approval; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Nancy J. Nadel has identified Mandela Foods Cooperative in West Oakland as a recipient for \$100,000 of these funds; and

WHEREAS, in West Oakland there is only one grocery store, while there are dozens of liquor stores and numerous fast food and take out restaurants, limiting access to healthy food for West Oakland residents, many of whom live below the poverty level and/or do not have access to transportation to reach full-service grocery stores in other areas;

WHEREAS, Mandela Foods Cooperative serves a public purpose by providing healthful food to an underserved community and by providing worker-ownership in an under-employed community; and

WHEREAS, Mandela Foods Cooperative will use these funds for building/tenant improvements at its West Oakland site in order to prepare the site for use as a worker-owned grocery store and nutrition education center, which will offer West Oakland residents fresh, nutritious foods and other products produced by local artisans; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That \$100,000 of Councilmember Nancy J. Nadel's priority purpose funds be apportioned to Mandela Foods Cooperative at the earliest possible time.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 2006

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST:

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