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To: City Council and Members of the Public

From: Councilmembers Kaplan, Campbell-Washington, and Brooks

Re: RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT WORK OF CAUSA JUSTA: JUST CAUSE, COMMUNITIES FOR A BETTER ENVIRONMENT, EAST BAY HOUSING ORGANIZATIONS, EAST OAKLAND BUILDING HEALTHY COMMUNITIES, HOPE COLLABORATIVE AND ALAMEDA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO DEVELOP THE HEALTHY DEVELOPMENT GUIDELINES, A FRAMEWORK TO PROMOTE HEALTH AND EQUITY FOR NEW DEVELOPMENT, AND COMMENDING THE COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIP WITH THE PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Dear Colleagues on the City Council and Members of the Public,

The health and well-being of all residents of Oakland are critical for an equitable and sustainable Oakland. Low-income communities of color bear disproportionate health risks and burden of diseases and illnesses compared to affluent communities, known as health inequities; and health disparities have a cumulative health impact over the life course.

The City of Oakland recognizes that community engagement and inclusion of affected residents and communities can lead to better decision-making processes and outcomes that address existing community needs. The Planning and Building Department partnered with the Alameda County Public Health Department and community-based organizations East Oakland Building Healthy Communities, Causa Justa: Just Cause, Communities for a Better Environment, East Bay Housing Organizations, and HOPE Collaborative to develop a framework for new development, called the Healthy Development Guidelines, that can be incorporated into the City's planning and development review process to advance health equity in Oakland.

With this Resolution, please join us in recognizing these organizations for the collaborative process to develop the Healthy Development Guidelines, a framework to promote health and equity for new development in the City of Oakland that models robust community engagement.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

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CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY VICE MAYOR CAMPBELL-WASHINGTON,
COUNCILMEMBER AT-LARGE KAPLAN, COUNCILMEMBER BROOKS

RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT WORK OF CAUSA JUSTA::JUST CAUSE, COMMUNITIES FOR A BETTER ENVIRONMENT, EAST BAY HOUSING ORGANIZATIONS, EAST OAKLAND BUILDING HEALTHY COMMUNITIES, HOPE COLLABORATIVE AND ALAMEDA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO DEVELOP THE HEALTHY DEVELOPMENT GUIDELINES, A FRAMEWORK TO PROMOTE HEALTH AND EQUITY FOR NEW DEVELOPMENT, AND COMMENDING THE COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIP WITH THE PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the health and well-being of all residents of Oakland are critical for an equitable and sustainable Oakland; and,

WHEREAS, in Oakland, low-income communities of color bear disproportionate health risks and burden of diseases and illnesses compared to affluent communities, known as health inequities; and,

WHEREAS, health disparities have a cumulative health impact over the life course; and,

WHEREAS, in Oakland, data from the Alameda County Public Health Department show that the average life expectancy at birth in 2013-2015 was 72.0 years for African Americans living in the Oakland Flatlands, compared to 85 years for Whites living in the Oakland Hills, a difference of 13 years; and,

WHEREAS, the overall rate of asthma hospitalizations for East and West Oakland exceed the rates for the City and Alameda County. East and West Oakland children under five years of age are hospitalized for asthma at a rate twice as much as children under five in the County, resulting in missed school and work days; and,

WHEREAS, more than 42% of Oakland adolescents are overweight or obese, which puts them at risk of developing diabetes and other chronic diseases; and,

WHEREAS, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District includes East and West Oakland in the Community Air Risk Evaluation program for being a community with the highest health risks in the Nine-Bay Area counties; the Metropolitan Transportation Commission includes East and West Oakland as a Community of Concern; and, the Cal EnviroScreen 3.0 maps most of West and East Oakland within the top 25% of disproportionately burdened communities in the State of California, and,

WHEREAS, there is a growing understanding that health is influenced much more than genetics, individual behavior, or access to health care. It is widely accepted that the social and environmental conditions in which people live, work, and play, known as the social determinants of health, have a greater influence on health outcomes; and,

WHEREAS, the social determinants of health affect chronic disease rates, mental illness, life expectancy, as well as injuries caused by accidents and violence. They also influence the adoption of healthy lifestyles by making it more or less difficult for individuals to choose healthy behaviors; and,

WHEREAS, in Oakland, low-income communities of color are overburdened with barriers to health from a lack of access, including, but not limited to, the following: affordable and healthy housing, good paying jobs, safe neighborhoods, reliable and affordable transportation, healthy foods, and safe places for community and art activities and to be active and exercise; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland recognized that racial inequities permeate all City services and that government has an obligation to address these inequities by establishing a Department of Race and Equity; and,

WHEREAS, policies and practices implemented by the City of Oakland Planning and Building Department outside of the traditional public health sector significantly affect the social determinants of health, including policies, requirements and actions related to environmental health, economic opportunity, community, culture and safety, healthy food, transportation, housing and recreation and active design; and,

WHEREAS, interagency collaboration to address the social determinants of health can lead to improved decision-making and health outcomes, greater efficiencies in service delivery and reduced health care costs; and,

WHEREAS, addressing the social determinants of health recognizes the role of government in achieving health equity; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland, including the Planning and Building Department has a role to play in improving health outcomes and reducing health and racial inequities of its residents; and

WHEREAS, community engagement and inclusion of affected residents and communities can lead to better decision-making processes and outcomes that address existing community needs; and,

WHEREAS, the Planning and Building Department partnered with the Alameda County Public Health Department and community-based organizations East Oakland Building Healthy Communities, Causa Justa::Just Cause, Communities for a Better Environment, East Bay Housing Organizations, and HOPE Collaborative to develop a framework for new development, called the Healthy Development Guidelines, that can be incorporated into the City's planning and development review process to advance health equity in Oakland; and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Building Department has modified its administrative procedures to require trash and blight removal and water conservation in new developments, promote compliance with employee and tenant protection laws, enhance access to recreational and open space, and enhance community engagement in the planning and development process; and

WHEREAS, that the collaborative process to develop the Healthy Development Guidelines is a framework to promote health and equity for new development in the City of Oakland that models robust community engagement; and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Building Department is taking further measures to institutionalize elements of the Healthy Development Guidelines in the planning and development review process to collect data on housing units lost and tenant evictions and to provide guidelines to developers on community engagement early in the development process; now, therefore be it;

RESOLVED, that the City Council commends the community engagement work of Causa Justa::Just Cause, Communities for a Better Environment, East Bay Housing Organizations, East Oakland Building Healthy Communities, and HOPE Collaborative and Alameda County Public Health Department to develop the Healthy Development Guidelines, a framework to promote health and equity for new development, and commends the collaborative partnership with the Planning and Building department; and be it,

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council acknowledges the collaborative process to develop the Healthy Development Guidelines, a framework to promote health and equity for new development in the City of Oakland that models robust community engagement.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, CAMPBELL-WASHINGTON, GALLO, GUILLEN, KALB, KAPLAN,
GIBSON MCELHANEY AND PRESIDENT REID

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST:

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