

## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

### RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.

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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE CITY COUNCIL CONTINGENCY FUND FOR TRAVEL COSTS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,500 EACH FOR COUNCILMEMBERS KEVIN JENKINS AND JANANI RAMACHANDRAN TO TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON, D.C. FOR FEDERAL ADVOCACY**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Oakland, encourages and supports participation by Councilmembers in activities that advance the City's legislative priorities and strengthen relationships with federal partners and agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, Councilmember Janani Ramchandran and Council President Kevin Jenkins plan to travel to Washington, D.C. from March 17 through March 20, 2026, to conduct federal advocacy on behalf of the City of Oakland; and

**WHEREAS**, this travel provides opportunities to engage with federal officials, advocate for Oakland's interests, and secure support for City initiatives and funding priorities; and

**WHEREAS**, City Council Resolution No. 82800 C.M.S approved by the City Council on June 1, 2010, requires that, when Councilmembers seek Council approval for using City funds for travel, their agenda materials shall indicate whether travel involves airline transportation and lodging and shall provide the cost of airline, lodging, per diem and conference fees and the source of City funding that will be used to cover the travel cost; and

**WHEREAS**, the City aligns its travel reimbursement policies with the General Services Administration (GSA) per diem, lodging, transportation and travel expense limits to ensure accountability, transparency, and compliance with government standards; and

**WHEREAS**, the total estimated cost per person for Councilmember Ramachandran and Councilmember Jenkins's travel to Washington DC based on GSA standards, is approximately \$2472.00, which includes airfare of approximately \$641.00, per diem expenses of up to \$92.00 per day, \$1275.44 for lodging, and \$150 for ground transportation costs; and

**WHEREAS**, the source of City funding that will be used to cover these travel costs is the Council Contingency Fund; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED:** That the City Council hereby authorizes the reimbursement of eligible travel expenses from the City Council Contingency Fund in an amount not to exceed \$2,500 incurred by Councilmember Janani Ramchandran and \$2,500 incurred by Council President Kevin Jenkins while representing the City of Oakland in Washington, D.C., for federal advocacy from March 17 through March 20, 2026.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROWN, FIFE, GALLO, HOUSTON, RAMACHANDRAN, UNGER, WANG, AND  
PRESIDENT JENKINS

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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