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City Attorney's Office

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR OR
DESIGNEE TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE GRANT FUNDS FROM
THE SAN FRANCISCO FOUNDATION IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF TEN
THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) FOR THE OAKLAND CITY
ATTORNEY TO DEVELOP INFRASTRUCTURE AND OUTREACH FOR
CITY ENFORCEMENT OF THE TENANT PROTECTION ORDINANCE**

WHEREAS, in November 2014, the Oakland City Council enacted the Tenant Protection Ordinance (Oakland Municipal Code (OMC) section 8.22.600 *et seq.*) to stop harassing behavior by landlords, to encourage landlords to follow the law and uphold their responsibility to provide habitable rental properties, to hold accountable landlords who violate the ordinance, and to provide tenants legal recourse when they are subjected to harassing behavior by landlords; and

WHEREAS, the majority of Oakland residents are renters; and

WHEREAS, the imbalance between supply and demand of rental housing has created an imbalance of bargaining power between landlords and tenants so that many tenants are unwilling or unable to assert their legal rights, which is detrimental to the health, safety and general welfare of Oakland because the stability, security and quality of housing opportunities are reduced; and

WHEREAS, seventy-five percent (75%) of respondents in the 2018 City of Oakland Budget Priorities Survey consider homelessness or housing one of the top two issues they would like to see addressed in the City's next budget; and

WHEREAS, sixty-three percent (63%) of respondents in the 2018 City of Oakland Budget Priorities Survey are willing to pay more for rent control enforcement and tenant protection; and

WHEREAS, seventy-one (71%) of respondents in the 2018 City of Oakland Budget Priorities Survey believe addressing housing displacement among people of color to be extremely important or very important; and

WHEREAS, the July 2018 Oakland's Equity Indicators Project revealed deep inequities in housing, with an overall score of 36.8 on a spectrum of 0 (total inequity) to 100 (total equity); and

WHEREAS, African American, Latino, Asian and other people of color in Oakland disproportionately rent, are rent burdened, live in overcrowded conditions, are homeless, and receive eviction notices; and

WHEREAS, the Oakland City Council recognizes that displacement of tenants is a major and critical concern and the Council is interested in establishing and implementing laws and policies that will help to maintain the ability of people in all income categories to live in our fabulous city; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognized the need for strong City Attorney enforcement of the Tenant Protection Ordinance when it was first enacted (OMC section 8.22.670(A)(2)), and that need remains as great as ever; and

WHEREAS, the City Attorney is committed to enforcing tenant rights under the Tenant Protection Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, City Attorney enforcement will be more efficient and effective with investments in data infrastructure that will allow the City to maximize limited resources; and

WHEREAS, outreach is critical to ensuring that tenants are aware of their rights and also identifying circumstances that require City Attorney enforcement; and

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Foundation is committed to a bold equity agenda that advances greater racial and economic inclusion for everyone in the Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Foundation's Place (Anchoring Communities) Pathway is working to prevent the displacement of low-income people and communities of color so that the Bay Area's neighborhoods are places where all residents can live, work, thrive and be creative; and

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Foundation has committed \$10,000.00 to the City Attorney to develop infrastructure and outreach that will support the City Attorney's enforcement of the Tenant Protection Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the grant funds will be deposited in a project designated for the City Attorney's use, namely Project No. 1004867; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City Administrator or her designee hereby is authorized to accept and appropriate grant funds from the San Francisco Foundation in the amount of \$10,000.00 to be used by the Oakland City Attorney to develop infrastructure and outreach for city enforcement of the Tenant Protection Ordinance; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the \$10,000.00 in grant funds shall be deposited in a project designated for the City Attorney's use namely Project No. 1004867; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Oakland City Attorney and the City Council acknowledge and express the City's deep gratitude to the San Francisco Foundation for the Foundation's vision and support for tenants and further, specifically thank Fred Blackwell, the Foundation's Chief Executive Officer and Landon R. Williams, the Foundation's Senior Director, Anchoring Communities, for their support and vision; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Administrator hereby is authorized to execute a grant agreement with the San Francisco Foundation to accept and appropriate funds in the amount of \$10,000.00 to the Oakland City Attorney to develop infrastructure and outreach for city enforcement of the Tenant Protection Ordinance.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - FORTUNATO BAS, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, KALB, REID, TAYLOR, THAO AND
PRESIDENT KAPLAN

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: _____

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