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# REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND

## AGENDA REPORT

**TO:** Office of the Agency Administrator  
**ATTN:** Dan Lindheim  
**FROM:** Community and Economic Development Agency  
**DATE:** June 23, 2009

**RE:** **An Agency Resolution Authorizing The Purchase Of Real Property At 5835 Foothill Boulevard, in the Central City East Redevelopment Project Area From Carmen Sanchez For \$440,000, And Authorizing Up To \$60,000 for Demolition And Real Estate Closing Costs**

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### SUMMARY

Staff is requesting approval by the Oakland Redevelopment Agency (the "Agency") to purchase the property located at 5835 Foothill Boulevard, Oakland (Assessor's Parcel Numbers: 038-3182-024; the "Property"), through a negotiated sales agreement. The purchase will facilitate the improvement and future development of this location. The subject Property identified in Exhibit "A" to the proposed resolution is owned by Carmen Sanchez, and is located in the Central City East Redevelopment Project Area, in City Council District 6. The Agency has completed the purchase of seven other properties in the vicinity in order to create a suitable site for a future commercial development. The Agency issued and received Central City East Series 2006A Taxable Bonds for the acquisition of underutilized and blighted properties in the Central City East ("CCE") area. Staff recommends that the Oakland Redevelopment Agency adopt the attached resolution to authorize the acquisition of the subject Property. This item has been approved for acquisition by Project Area Committee (PAC) on June 2, 2008.

### FISCAL IMPACT

Community and Economic Development Agency staff propose the following Agency funding sources for this acquisition: \$440,000 plus an additional \$60,000 for demolition and customary real estate closing costs will be allocated from Central City East Tax Allocation Bond Series 2006A-T (Taxable) Bonds Fund (9543), Central City East Organization (88699), CCE Land Acquisition Project (S233351).

### BACKGROUND

The acquisition of the subject property is an opportunity purchase. The Property is located near an important commercial intersection of Foothill Boulevard and Seminary

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Avenue and covers a total of approximately 2,555 square feet. The Redevelopment Agency was contacted by the owner for possible acquisition. Through a negotiation process an option purchase agreement was negotiated to acquire the property at the appraised price of \$440,000.

### **KEY ISSUES AND IMPACTS**

The Property is located in East Oakland on Foothill Boulevard near Seminary Avenue. The immediate objectives of the acquisition are to: 1) acquire parcels at a critical commercial corner that needs improvement by new development and hold them for future planned redevelopment, and 2) work with the adjacent property owners on a strategic acquisition for a future redevelopment project. Thus far, the Agency has acquired seven other parcels adjacent to this location. Control of the Property is important to redevelopment efforts in the Central City East Redevelopment Project Area. All off-site improvements and public utilities are available at the location.

The Property was appraised by an independent contract appraiser and a Fair Market Value offer to purchase was made to the property owner. The property owner has agreed to enter into an option purchase agreement to sell the Property to the Agency for a total of \$440,000 plus demolition and closing costs which are estimated at approximately \$60,000. The negotiated sales price does include an additional non-refundable option fee of \$5,000, which will be credited toward the purchase price once the option is executed. The option agreement allows the Agency to control the site until the Agency can make a determination on the purchase of the Property. If the Agency approves the Resolution, after the completion of environmental investigation, the acquisition is expected to commence immediately and should be completed by the end of August of 2009. Staff has already completed a Phase I environmental investigation of the Property. The acquisition of the Property presents a unique opportunity to gain site control for the implementation of the Central City East Redevelopment Plan to reuse underutilized and blighted building sites and revitalize the surrounding community.

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The Property is located in the Foothill Boulevard/Seminary commercial area which has been targeted for community and economic development revitalization. The Property consists of an interior lot encompassing a total of  $\pm$  2,555 square feet, improved with a small commercial buildings with frontage on Foothill Boulevard. The topography is level and the frontage is improved with sidewalks, curbs, gutters, and a storm drain. The Property is zoned C-30 District Thoroughfare Commercial Zone. The zoning allows for a wide range of retail uses that are typically found along a major thoroughfare. The highest and best use for the Property at this time would be assemblage for a development project or a mixed-use project with a residential component on the site. The maximum Floor Area Ratio (FAR) is 4.0. A proposed mixed-use development would include the parcel

to be acquired in this transaction. Thus far, a total of seven parcels at this general location (Seminary and Foothill) have been acquired by the Agency. Upon completion of the assemblage of all the critical parcels, planning would commence on a development proposal. A potential development proposal could include a 15,000 square foot ground floor national retail anchor tenant as well as approximately 20,000 square feet of smaller retail space. In addition to the retail, the site would support up to 70 residential units at an average size of 1,100 square feet per unit. Parking for the development would include approximately 68 spaces for retail use and 104 residential spaces.

### **SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES**

***Economic:*** In its present condition the subject Property makes a minimal economic contribution to the area. The parcel provides a location for illegal dumping and other blight-related problems. Future projects at this location, such as a retail center and housing, will improve neighborhood conditions, address the needs of the residents and increase tax increments. Such projects will make the area more attractive to current and prospective residents, as well as businesses that can provide employment in the City of Oakland.

***Environmental:*** The acquisition of the subject Property and future development at this location is expected to create an attractive addition to the community, stimulating further neighborhood infill development. The contractors of all future infill projects will be required to make every effort to reuse clean fill materials and recyclable concrete and asphalt products.

***Social Equity:*** The proposed acquisition and potential development will provide further positive stimulus to the local neighborhoods. This future development will be a welcomed contribution to the continued safety, growth, and stability of the neighborhood.

### **DISABILITY AND SENIOR CITIZEN ACCESS**

There is no impact on access for senior citizens or the disabled from this proposed action.

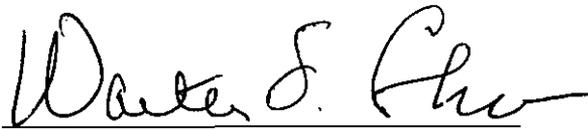
### **RECOMMENDATION AND RATIONALE**

Staff recommends that the Agency adopt the Resolution authorizing the purchase of real property at 5835 Foothill Boulevard, in the Central City East Redevelopment Project from Carmen Sanchez for \$440,000, and authorizing up to \$60,000 for demolition and real estate closing costs. Approving the Agency Resolution will further complete the objectives of the Central City East Redevelopment Plan to implement the process of improving the district with positive economic stimulus, thereby creating better communities for residents.

**ACTION REQUESTED OF CITY COUNCIL**

Council is requested to adopt the Resolution authorizing the purchase of real property at 5835 Foothill Boulevard, in the Central City East Redevelopment Project Area from Carmen Sanchez for \$440,000, and authorizing up to \$60,000 for demolition and real estate closing costs.

Respectfully submitted:



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Economic Development and Redevelopment

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Real Estate Services Division

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Real Estate Agent  
Real Estate Services Division

APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO  
THE COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:



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APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

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Agency Counsel

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

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**AN AGENCY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF  
REAL PROPERTY AT 5835 FOOTHILL BOULEVARD, IN THE  
CENTRAL CITY EAST REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA FROM  
CARMEN SANCHEZ FOR \$440,000 AND AUTHORIZING UP TO \$60,000  
FOR DEMOLITION AND REAL ESTATE CLOSING COSTS**

**WHEREAS**, the Central City East Redevelopment Plan adopted by the City Council on July 29, 2003, includes alleviation of general blight and unsafe conditions as a goal for the Central City East area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Oakland (the "Agency") is implementing projects in the Central City East Redevelopment Project Area as part of the Redevelopment Plan to improve the Redevelopment Area; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 33391 of the California Community Redevelopment Law (Health & Safety Code Sections 33000, et seq.) authorizes a redevelopment agency to purchase real property in a project area for purposes of redevelopment; and

**WHEREAS**, real property located at 5835 Foothill Boulevard, depicted on Exhibit "A" attached hereto (Oakland Assessor's Parcel Numbers: 038-3182-024), (the "Property") is within the Central City East Redevelopment Project Area in Oakland; and

**WHEREAS**, the Property, encompassing a total of approximately 2,555 square feet, is currently blighted and underutilized; and

**WHEREAS**, the Agency desires to acquire and hold the Property for future development, to rid the property of blight, and to redevelop the property in the future; and

**WHEREAS**, Carmen Sanchez, the owner, offered to sell the Properties to the Agency at fair market value of \$440,000 minus the cost of site remediation, to assist the Agency in its redevelopment efforts in the Central City East Redevelopment Project Area; and

**WHEREAS**, the sale by the owner was not induced, the sale price is at fair market value as established by an appraisal, and no federal funds will be used for acquisition of the Property; and

**WHEREAS**, the Property has been appraised, a Phase I environmental investigation has been completed and the Agency has executed an option contract to enter into a purchase and sale agreement with the owner of the Property, to acquire the Property rights for \$440,000, less any site remediation costs; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost of demolition and real estate closing is estimated to be \$60,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the Agency issued and received Series 2006-T bonds for the Central City East and Coliseum Redevelopment Project Areas to be used for, among other things, the acquisition of vacant, blighted, obsolete and/or underutilized properties; and

**WHEREAS**, the funding for the acquisition of the property is available from Central City East Tax Allocation Bond Series 2006A-T (Taxable) Bonds Fund (9543), Central City East Organization (88699), Central City East Land Acquisition Project (S233351); and

**WHEREAS**, the Central City East Redevelopment Project Area Committee has made a recommendation to the Agency to acquire the Property; and

**WHEREAS**, the requirements of 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 Agency hereby authorizes the Agency Administrator to negotiate and execute an Agreement for the purchase of Property located at 5835 Foothill Boulevard for an amount not exceed \$440,000, and authorizes \$60,000 for costs of demolition and real estate closing, and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the Agency hereby finds and determines as follows:

1. That the funding of the acquisition of 5835 Foothill Boulevard from redevelopment funds will benefit the Central City East Redevelopment Project Area by creating future development opportunities to better serve area residents and businesses and improve physical conditions in the Central City East Redevelopment Project Area;
2. That the use of tax increment funds from the Central City East Redevelopment Project Area for the purchase is consistent with the implementation plan adopted for the Central City East Project Area and will assist in the elimination of blight in the Project Area by redeveloping underutilized parcels; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That funds will be allocated from Central City East Tax Allocation Bond Series 2006A-T (Taxable) Bonds Fund (9543), Central City East Organization (88699), Central City East Land Acquisition Project (S233351); and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the Agency has independently reviewed and considered this environmental determination, and the Agency finds and determines that this action complies with CEQA because this action on the part of the Agency is exempt from CEQA under Section 15061(b)(3) (activity covered by the general rule, no significant effect on the environment) and Section 15183 (projects consistent with the General Plan), of the CEQA Guidelines, and directs the Agency Administrator to file a Notice of Exemption and an Environmental Declaration (under California Fish and Game Code section 711.4) with the County of Alameda; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the Agency Administrator or his designee is hereby authorized to negotiate and execute all agreements and to take whatever other action is necessary with respect to the Agency funding of the acquisition, consistent with this Resolution and its basic purposes; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That Agency Counsel shall review and approve all agreements and other documents related to this acquisition as to form and legality, and a copy shall be placed on file in the Office of the Agency Secretary.

IN AGENCY, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, \_\_\_\_\_, 2009

**PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

AYES-KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, DE LA FUENTE, BROOKS, REID, KAPLAN, AND  
CHAIRPERSON BRUNNER

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
LATONDA SIMMONS  
Secretary of the Redevelopment Agency  
of the City of Oakland, California

EXHIBIT A

