

  
CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

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

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**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND AUTHORIZING THREE-YEAR MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR THE RECEIPT OF IN-KIND SERVICES FROM JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY, THROUGH ITS BLOOMBERG CENTER FOR PUBLIC INNOVATION, TO IMPLEMENT POLICIES AND PROGRAMS THAT SET A NEW STANDARD FOR INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS IN CLIMATE AND EQUITY IN COMMUNITIES HISTORICALLY OVERBURDENED BY POLLUTION, VALUED IN A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWO MILLION DOLLARS (\$2,000,000)**

**WHEREAS**, Bloomberg Philanthropies launched Bloomberg American Sustainable Cities (“BASC”) to turbocharge 25 U.S. cities to proactively build low-carbon, resilient, and economically thriving communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Oakland (“City”) has been selected to participate in the BASC program and, like each participating city in Bloomberg American Sustainable Cities, will receive multi-year deep and tailored support and technical assistance to design, develop, and implement solutions to address climate change and inequity, informed by robust collaboration between city halls and community partners; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bloomberg Center for Public Innovation (“BCPI”) at Johns Hopkins University will provide technical assistance and support to the City to enhance its ability to pursue transformative solutions, including through collaboration with BASC Program partners: PolicyLink, Natural Resources Defense Council, Delivery Associates, and Sustainable Cities Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to the multi-year tailored support and technical assistance, the BASC program will fund up to three dedicated innovation staff (“i-teams”) with specific skills, including data analysis, policy development, community engagement, human-centered design, systems thinking, and project management to act at the behest of the Mayor and City Administrator, and to support city hall and community partners to design, test, launch, and establish effective delivery routines around ambitious new interventions to drive climate mitigation progress and more equitable outcomes; and

**WHEREAS**, Oakland’s three-person i-team will enable it to advance transformational solutions to address climate change and racial wealth equity; and

**WHEREAS**, the i-team individuals will not be City employees, but will be employed by Johns Hopkins University and receive supportive funding as needed externally; and

**WHEREAS**, the Oakland i-team will drive progress on priorities and recommendations laid out in the Equitable Climate Action Plan and Urban Forestry Plan, identify opportunities for improvement in procurement, permitting, and process reform in city hall, and collaborate with communities on the co-creation and delivery of BASC projects; and

**WHEREAS**, the in-kind value of the i-team members combined with the other in-kind assistance and support is \$2,000,000; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That the City Council hereby authorizes the City Administrator or designee to accept and enter into a three-year memorandum of understanding for the receipt of in-kind services from Johns Hopkins University, on behalf of its Bloomberg Center for Public Innovation, to implement policies and programs that set a new standard for innovative solutions in climate and equity in communities historically overburdened by pollution, valued in a total amount not to exceed two million dollars (\$2,000,000); and

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the City Administrator is authorized to take all actions necessary to fulfill the obligations under the agreement, including amendments in furtherance of this Resolution and extensions for additional time.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - FIFE, GALLO, JENKINS, KALB, KAPLAN, RAMACHANDRAN, REID, AND  
PRESIDENT FORTUNATO BAS

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

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ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
ASHA REED  
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the  
City of Oakland, California