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RESOLUTION No. 82349 C.M.S.

Introduced by Council President Brunner

Resolution to Accept an Invitation to Participate in the United States China Low-Carbon Cities, Communities, and Regions Program

WHEREAS, Low Carbon Cities, Communities, and Regions (Low Carbon Cities) is one of 5 programs included in a major U.S./China climate initiative called U.S. China Cooperation on Energy and Climate; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Low Carbon Cities program is to demonstrate successful strategies for addressing the challenges of climate change in ways that save money, produce sustainable business and community development, and generate substantial economic and employment growth; and

WHEREAS, the Low-Carbon Cities program will include 6 U.S. and 6 Chinese cities/communities/ regions. The proposed U.S. participants are: 1) Metropolitan Atlanta, GA; 2) Research Triangle Park, NC; 3) San Antonio, TX; 4) Greensburg, KS; 5) Oakland/Berkeley/East Bay Green Corridor, CA; and 6) Palo Alto, CA; and

WHEREAS, the Low-Carbon Cities program will establish a process for sharing information, ideas, and best practices among the participants in the program to encourage each city to learn from and contribute to the accomplishments of all the other cities; and

WHEREAS, participants in the Low-Carbon Cities program will be able to work with a team of globally respected experts in climate action and sustainable economic development to obtain assistance in establishing 2020 greenhouse gas reduction targets of their choice (if they have not already done so), tracking their greenhouse gas emissions, and implementing greenhouse gas reduction plans.

WHEREAS, the Low Carbon Cities team will work with participants to develop Climate Prosperity Strategies to strengthen their local economies; and

WHEREAS, eventually the U.S. and China will scale up this initiative by including many more cities, communities, and regions in the U.S. and China, as well as in other countries throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, this is an opportunity to share best practices in carbon reduction and sustainable economic development with other cities and to learn about best practices from around the world, to engage with a team of globally respected experts who will assist participants with their carbon reduction and Climate Prosperity strategies; and

WHEREAS, this program will encourage Green and Clean Tech businesses located in the U.S. cities to initiate or expand markets in China and encourage Chinese businesses to locate in participating U.S. cities and will provide opportunity for publicity, in the U.S., China, and around the world, for the accomplishments of the participating cities; and

WHEREAS, the formal announcement of the Low-Carbon Cities program will be made in Beijing in November, 2009 during the summit between U.S. President Barack Obama and Chinese President Hu Jintao; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Oakland City Council hereby accepts an invitation to participate in the United States China Low-Carbon Cities, Communities, and Regions Program.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, OCT 20 2009, 20

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, DE LA FUENTE, KAPLAN, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, REID, and PRESIDENT BRUNNER - 8

NOES - 0

ABSENT - 0

ABSTENTION - 0

ATTEST: _____



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