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To: Council President Brunner and Councilmembers
From: Miguel Bustos, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, Mayor's Office and Elinor Buchen, Legislative Analyst for the Rules Committee
Date: November 19, 2009
Re: Report on 2010 Federal Legislative Priorities and 2011 Appropriations Requests

SUMMARY

Attached for the City Council's review is a report on the City's Federal Legislative Agenda for 2010 including appropriations requests for FY 2011. This report summarizes the City's federal legislative priorities, activities and appropriations requests in 2011.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff is requesting that the City Council accept the report.

PROPOSED FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA FOR 2010

The Oakland Federal Government Affairs team has prepared the following report outlining the 2010 federal government advocacy priorities for the City of Oakland. In developing the agenda, the federal Government Affairs team has included input from the Office of the Mayor, City Departments and the City Council.

The City of Oakland's federal legislative agenda for 2010 will reflect the priorities of the City Council and the Mayor's vision of Oakland as a Model City. The strategic agenda includes advocating for legislation, regulations, and funding that are consistent with the City's adopted goals; Public Safety, Sustainable and Healthy Environment, Economic Development, Community Involvement and Empowerment, Public-Private Partnerships, and Government Solvency and Transparency

As the year progresses, the Federal Government Affairs Team will work to identify legislation and funding opportunities that address these priorities.

The City's federal lobbyist, Polsinelli-Shughart, will continue to provide guidance regarding opportunities in the appropriations process, the federal authorizations, and competitive grants.

Federal Legislative priorities may be pursued in FY 2010 if the Workforce Investment Act, No Child Left Behind, Cap-and-Trade, WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT (WRDA) and Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act (SAFETEA-LU) are authorized.

Polsinelli-Shughart will provide an updated report on their activities in March.

In order to help further Oakland's federal agenda, the Federal Government Affairs Team will help to facilitate meetings and briefings between the Mayor's Officer, City staff, Councilmembers and members of the federal delegation both in Oakland and in Washington, DC.

Public Safety

Policy/Programmatic Priorities:

- Support legislation to increase our officers
- Increase funding for prevention programs
- Support legislation and funding to expand the Restorative Justice program
- Legislation to mandate seismic retrofitting standards

Projects:

- Oakland CompStat: to develop, design and deploy a centralized and consolidated data repository to implement the CompStat management system \$1.3 million
- Restorative Justice: \$35 Million to implement the program city-wide
- Preventable Disaster Loan Fund: Launch a pilot program to allow property owners to finance seismic retrofits and pay the funds back over a number of years through an addition to their property taxes. \$5 million
- Police Administration Building: Replace seismically vulnerable and obsolete Administration Building. \$300 million
- Police Ballistic Helmets for the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) \$6.5 million.
- Upgrade and Enhance Fire Stations: This project provides major upgrades and enhancements to multiple fire stations throughout the city of Oakland. \$7 million
- Joint Fire and Police Training Facility: This project builds a comprehensive joint training facility for Fire and Police training programs. \$40 million
- Apparatus and Equipment Purchases: This project purchases fire engines, trucks and crew cabs that are overdue for replacement. \$5.1 million
- Fireboat: This project puts the City of Oakland's fireboat into active service and re-staffs a closed fire station. \$4 million
- Preparedness Initial Training: This project provides advanced training to emergency response and fire support personnel. \$1,7 million
- Emergency Services Facility and Program Enhancements: This project allows for completion of the alternate Emergency Operations Center as well as provides for enhancement to the current center and funds materials and staffing for the Citizens of Oakland Respond to Emergencies Program (CORE) and Medical Reserve Corps (MRC). \$500,000
- Firefighter Rehabilitation: The program promotes a healthy lifestyle for our Firefighters and potentially reduces the incidence of line-of-duty deaths due to sudden cardiac death. This program includes equipment which adheres to the standards set forth in NFPA 1584: Standard on the Rehabilitation Process for Members during Emergency Operations and Training Exercises. \$350,000
- No Turning Back- Case Management for Oakland Gun Shot Victims: Becoming critically injured by a gun shot wound often serves as a wake up call to young people living in Oakland but they have no one supporting their hope and efforts to turn around their lives. No Turning Back Case management services can be the support they need to leave gang life, get a job, return to work and become productive members of society. \$500,000

Sustainable and Healthy Environment

Policy/Programmatic Priorities:

- Support increased funding for Transit-Oriented Development, include funding as part of the transportation and energy authorizing legislation.
- Support transportation funding formulas that are per-capita in order to support the development of infrastructure in urban areas that have traditionally been underfunded
- Support increased funding for pedestrian and bike safety, prioritizing projects contained in bike and pedestrian plans.
- Support the removal of the exemption that allows the Metropolitan Transportation Committee to operate without equitable representation.
- Enact Metro Economies Green Act (MEGA) either as stand-alone legislation or through an attachment to a larger legislative vehicle.
- Support legislation and funding to help property owners to install solar energy systems and energy efficiency upgrades to their homes.

Projects:

- Continue to identify funding opportunities for transit-oriented developments such as Coliseum Transit Village, West Oakland transit village, Fruitvale Phase II, 19th Street BART area improvements, MacArthur Transit Village.
- Cryer Boatworks Public Beach Access: Support beach clean up, including dredging and disposal of hydrocarbons and heavy metals. \$3.8 million
- New Connections (Network of Services for Aging and Adults with Disabilities) The development of a network system to support and connect aging and disabled adults to services in the community will address the needs of the isolated, frail, vulnerable and monolingual populations. \$ 587,202
- Lake Merritt Improvement Project: Construction of a direct connection for bicycles, pedestrians, and small boats from Lake Merritt to the regional Bay Trail and San Francisco Bay. \$13 million

Economic Development

Policy/Programmatic Priorities:

- Support linkages between job training programs and actual job opportunities.
- Continue to advocate for legislation appropriating funds to allow homeowners, rental property owners and commercial property owners to restructure loans and for the rehabilitation of foreclosed homes, rental properties and commercial properties.

Projects

- Downtown Trolley (cost estimate to be provided)

Community Involvement and Empowerment

Policy/Programmatic Priorities:

- Continue to work on a legislative proposal to create a nexus between community colleges and Historically Black Colleges and Universities and other Minority Servicing Institutions.

Projects:

- West Oakland Teen Center: Funds for the construction of a teen center for underserved youth. \$3.9 million
- East Oakland Sports Center Phase II: Phase II includes a two-basketball court gymnasium with an indoor elevated running track, an outdoor competitive swimming pool, soccer/baseball fields and additional parking facilities. \$31 million
- Oakland Center for Arts and Technology: The Oakland Center on Arts and Technology (OCAT) will be a replication of a model created by Bill Strickland in Pittsburg and is now being replicated nationally. This effort will be led by the City of Oakland, Department of Human Services. This model is an innovative social enterprise that inspires and provides at-risk youth and adults to improve the quality of their lives and that of their communities. \$1,000,000
- Malonga Casquelourd Center for the Arts: The upgrades needed at Malonga include the abatement of the mold, the replacement of HVAC system and boilers, replace elevators, and upgrade of artist studios and ceiling repair, replacement of bathroom sinks, removal of water stains, buckling plaster, and peeling paint. \$500,000
- Sports Field Renovation Project (Oak Port Field, Otis Spunkmeyer Field, Curt Flood Field, Bushrod Field): This proposal requests federal funding to design, and renovate (4) of the existing ball fields in Oakland to provide enhanced open ball field playing space for safe, inclusive recreation; that will enhance existing programming and expand the use by regional and national sports leagues and competitions. The project will include design, survey, excavation, grading, sod/ turf, score board and goal installation, and irrigation and will observe sustainable design and construction practices and materials. \$4,000,000
- Defremery House Renovation Project: The Defremery House project includes roof repair, dry-rot repair, interior and exterior paint, electrical repair, new flooring, and structural repair. \$1,000,000
- Mosshouse Improvement Project: The Mosshouse project will provide an architectural assessment and rehabilitation of the approx. 4,400 s.f. wood frame building; to pursue LEED certification. The project will provide ADA accessibility for inclusive programming. \$2,000,000

- Mosswood Green Teen Center: This proposal seeks funding to complete the project and implement several "Green" demonstration practices to engage youth in the process and benefits of sustainable design and building maintenance. \$300,000
- Rainbow Green Teen Center Renovation Project: Expansion of the existing Rainbow Recreation Center will include renovation of some existing structure and construction of additional classroom and outdoor classroom space. This includes ADA access, and outdoor plaza, and building extension for additional lab space. \$4,000,000
- East Oakland Sports Complex Completion: Furnishings for the East Oakland Sports Complex include: Recumbent bicycles, weight room instruments, aquatic amenities, track operation and maintenance supplies, all building furnishings, fixtures and technology infrastructure. \$700,000
- Restoration of Cryer Boatworks building as waterfront recreation programming and amenity. \$5 million
- Fruitvale Teen Center/Masonic Temple restoration and/or program support. \$6 million

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