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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

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Resolution No. _____ C.M.S.

Introduced by Councilmember _____

A REPORT AND RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ALLOCATE \$50,000 FROM THE WILLIAMS ENERGY SETTLEMENT WITHIN THE CITY FACILITIES ENERGY CONSERVATION FUND (4450) TO PROVIDE STARTUP FUNDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FOOD POLICY COUNCIL FOR OAKLAND.

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland (City) is committed to policies that promote the health and well-being of our community and of our environment; and

WHEREAS 29% of the low-income adult population of Alameda County are food insecure, meaning they lack reliable access to healthy foods, which can cause malnutrition and hunger; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland can eliminate these conditions through policies and programs that promote community food security, such that all residents are able obtain a safe, culturally acceptable, nutritionally adequate diet while maximizing community self-reliance and social justice; and

WHEREAS, schools should serve fresh, locally produced foods that are organic or sustainably produced using least-toxic means wherever possible; and

WHEREAS, community and school gardens provide hands-on entrepreneur opportunities by fostering business, academic, and life skills that can help Oakland's youth become more self sufficient and productive adults; and

WHEREAS, jobs in Oakland's food distribution and processing sector are approximately 4,000, and given the potential strength of that sector in Oakland, increasing value-added production of local foods could create a major competitive advantage for Oakland and significantly contribute to the City's job growth; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland can take the lead in supporting the preservation of the region's foodshed by supporting Smart Growth policies that direct urban growth away from prime agricultural land; and

WHEREAS, local food production for local consumption reduces the need for transportation and thus the rate of atmospheric CO₂ accumulation; and

WHEREAS, food policy councils established in other counties, cities, and states have provided government officials and stakeholders with a forum to identify policies that harness

the potential of the food system to foster economic development, provide children and those in need greater access to fresh and nutritious foods, and support stewardship of finite land and water resources; and

WHEREAS, a community-based food policy council that engages public and private entities and citizens in the discussion of food and agricultural issues, identification of priority policies and actions and the education of public and private sectors about food issues can provide significant improvement to Oakland's food system; and

WHEREAS, funding is available within the City Facilities Energy Conservation Fund (4450), City Attorney's Organization (04111), Williams Settlement Energy Savings Project (C256510); now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the City of Oakland allocate \$50,000 from the Williams Energy Settlement for start up funding for the FPC; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that City Administrator or her designee is authorized to transfer \$50,000 from the City Attorney's Organization (04111) to the Non-Departmental City-wide Activities Organization (90591) within the City Facilities Energy Conservation Fund (4450) to be managed by the Mayor's Office of Sustainability; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council directs applicable City departments and agencies to collaborate and sit on the Food Policy Council; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor's Office of Sustainability receive proposals from qualified individuals or entities describing how they would staff and form the FPC; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor's Office of Sustainability will report back to Council within one year on the progress of the Food Policy Council.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, DEC 19 2006, 2006

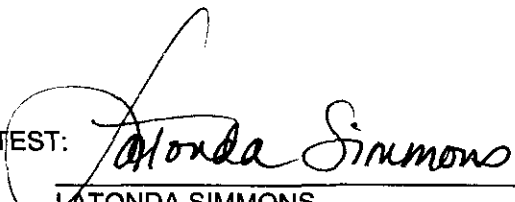
PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - **BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, KERNIGHAN, NADEL,**
REID, QUAN, AND PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE - 8

NOES - 0

ABSENT - 0

ABSTENTION - 0

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