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Date: October 20, 2022
To: Members of City Council and Members of the Public
From: Vice Mayor Kaplan
Re: **Homekey Site Preparation Documentation**

Dear Colleagues on the City Council and Members of the Public,

In response to the mounting challenges around homelessness, in July 2020, California launched the State Homekey Program, which allocates funding to local public agencies to buy underused properties and develop a broad range of housing types for unhoused residents. To ensure Oakland is in the best position to secure funding in the next round of Homekey, this resolution appropriates and allocates up to \$45,000 from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund to assist co-applicants with the City in obtaining site preparation documentation for city-owned land at 9418 Edes Avenue and 606 Clara Street intended for a possible future project under the Homekey Program.

Oakland is among the jurisdictions facing multiple extraordinary challenges when meeting its housing needs, especially the need for deeply affordable housing. As of the most recent point-in-time count from February 2022, Oakland had 5,055 individuals experiencing homelessness, which represents approximately 52% of the total homeless population in Alameda County.

The City's top policy objective when surveying potential uses for city-owned land is utilizing land to address housing and shelter inequities. This resolution aims to meet that objective by taking an important step to use city-owned land in proposed Homekey projects to build homeless housing.

The Oakland City Council previously adopted Resolution No. 89087 C.M.S. which authorized the inclusion of the value of City-owned public land for the purpose of the local match as a part of Homekey applications. This resolution also outlined a number of steps the City Administrator may take in order to include that land value in Homekey applications such as conducting independent appraisals and dedicating parcels for deeply affordable housing. At the October 18th City Council meeting, the council allocated funding to retain an independent appraiser to conduct appraisals for specific city-owned parcels at 9418 Edes Avenue and 606 Clara Street. This resolution builds on that effort by allocating additional funds for site surveys at these same locations which will be used for a future Homekey project.

Thank you for your consideration,

Vice Mayor Rebecca Kaplan

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