

behind San Francisco, New York, and Boston, and with rising rents outpacing the increase in incomes faster than any other place in the country, protecting Oakland residents from displacement and providing affordable housing opportunities is necessary to preserve the quality of life for all City residents, to protect the City's low-income families, seniors and persons with disabilities, and to ensure the City's long-term economic vitality; and

WHEREAS, in the 2022 Oakland Point-In-Time Count, 5,055 individuals were counted in the City as experiencing homelessness accounting for more than 50% of the homeless population in Alameda County, and of the 5,055 individuals, 3,337 were unsheltered with the remaining 1,718 individuals identified as living in a tent, car, RV, on the street, or in an abandoned building; and

WHEREAS, Oakland has identified critically needed investment in anti-displacement, interim, temporary, and affordable housing, streets and roads, public facilities, parks and open spaces, and technological infrastructure as integral to protecting the quality of life for all Oaklanders and the City's long-term economic vitality; and

WHEREAS, as a more robust process is being undertaken to formulate and identify new projects able to be funded by Measure U, this Resolution takes immediate action to allocate a small fraction of the eligible funds, which will allow an existing project in our pipeline to be funded and built; and

WHEREAS, allocating a small portion of funds upfront will help remedy substantial racial inequities in how funding is awarded in other existing programs and grants; and

WHEREAS, the Mandela Station Affordable Development in West Oakland is a visionary mixed-use, mixed-income transit-oriented development - with a proposed 240-unit mix-use transit-oriented affordable rental housing project with approximately 16,000 square feet of neighborhood retail space - at the heart of the most visible and accessible historic black commercial corridor of the Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, adjacent to the affordable project will be two additional development projects as part of a larger masterplan sponsored by the affiliated Mandela Station Partners, LLC; the two other projects will contain 300,000 square feet of office and life science space, 522 market-rate rental apartments, 37,000 square feet of retail space, and 1.7 acres of public plazas and paseos; and

WHEREAS, the Mandela Station Affordable Development is working with the Oakland Housing Authority (OHA) which will provide Project Based Vouchers and a financial contribution in exchange for participating in the development, management, and oversight of the project; they will also have the right to acquire the leasehold interest at the end of the 15-year tax credit participation period; and

WHEREAS, investing in the Mandela Station Affordable Development will help Oakland reach its Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) numbers by building a 240-unit affordable housing project that sets aside over one-third of the units for extremely low-income families (30% of AMI), as well as, help create quality local jobs, and reduce congestion by developing a housing project near the West Oakland BART station; and

WHEREAS, the [Bay Area Black Housing Advisory Taskforce](#), a coalition of Black housing developers, Black housing advocates, and community-based organizations, identified the Mandela Station Affordable Development as a priority local investment that will serve Black communities that need immediate investment from local, regional, and federal sources; and

WHEREAS, Section 5 of Measure U provides that “[t]he net proceeds of the bonds shall be deposited into a special trust account with or established by the Treasury of the City of Oakland and shall be allocated and expended at the direction of the City Council for purposes set forth in Section 1 of this Ordinance”; and

WHEREAS, Section 3(C) of Measure U provides that “[p]rojects will be completed as needed according to City Council established priorities, including those set forth within the City’s Capital Improvement Plan which incorporates the Capital Improvement Plan Prioritization Process”; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 3(C) of Measure U, prior to issuance of the bonds, the City Council shall identify the specific projects to be funded in such issuance and disclose, to the extent applicable, 1) how the projects address improvements to the City's existing core capital assets, 2) how the projects maintain or decrease the City's existing operations and maintenance costs, and 3) how the projects address social and geographic equity and provide greater benefit to underserved populations and geographic areas of greatest need; and

WHEREAS, in compliance with Section 3(C) of Measure U, Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, reflects how the Mandela Station Affordable Development project addresses improvements to the City's existing core capital assets, maintains or decreases the City's existing operations and maintenance costs, and addresses social and geographic equity and provides greater benefit to underserved populations and geographic areas of greatest need; and

WHEREAS, the final allocation of Measure U bond funding for the Mandela Station Affordable Development project, as described herein, is conditioned on subsequent review and approval of bond counsel; and

WHEREAS, Oakland has received a State pro-housing designation due to the City’s continued efforts to support projects on public lands, private lands, and faith-based properties that substantially expand the affordable housing supply, including projects that further transit-oriented development in priority-development areas; the Mandela Station Affordable development builds on this vital work to increase our affordable housing supply; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council hereby allocates funds in an amount not to exceed eighteen million dollars (\$18,000,000) of the 2022 Affordable Housing and Infrastructure Bond (Measure U) funds for the Mandela Station Affordable Development in West Oakland to address racial inequities, and expeditiously respond to the housing crisis.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: _____

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