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CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

RESOLUTION:

1) **AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO APPLY FOR TRANSFORMATIVE CLIMATE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION (TCC) GRANTS AS A CO-APPLICANT FOR UP TO AN AMOUNT OF FIFTY-FIVE MILLION DOLLARS ($55,000,000.00) TO IMPLEMENT TWO TCC IMPLEMENTATION PROJECTS, ADMINISTERED BY THE CALIFORNIA STRATEGIC GROWTH COUNCIL (SGC) THROUGH THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF LAND USE AND CLIMATE INNOVATION, FOR PROJECTS IN TWO SEPARATELY-DEFINED FRONTLINE COMMUNITIES IN WEST AND EAST OAKLAND; AND,**
2) **ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING TCC GRANT FUNDS A) FROM SGC IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWENTY-SEVEN MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS ($27,500,000) TO IMPLEMENT THE WEST OAKLAND TCC PROJECT (WOTCC) AND B) THROUGH A SUBGRANT FROM THE BLACK CULTURAL ZONE (BCZ) UP TO TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS ($270,000) FOR STAFF TIME TO SUPPORT THE OASIS ECOSYSTEM: LIFE TO LEGACY CLIMATE PROSPERITY ZONE PROJECT EAST OAKLAND TCC (EOTCC) PROJECT; AND,**
3) **AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO A) HIRE A PROJECT MANAGER I FUNDED ENTIRELY THROUGH THE WOTCC GRANT, IF AWARDED; AND B) COMMIT A MAXIMUM OF 20 HOURS OF CITY STAFF TIME PER MONTH TO ADVISE PROJECT CO-LEAD BCZ IN IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EOTCC GRANT, IF AWARDED**

WHEREAS, the California Strategic Growth Council (SGC) launched Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) in 2016 as part of California Climate Investments, a statewide initiative that uses Cap-and-Invest (also known as Cap-and-Trade) dollars to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, strengthen the economy, and improve public health outcomes, particularly in disadvantaged communities. Cap-and-Invest-funded TCC Rounds 1, 2, and 3. The California General Fund supported Rounds 4 and 5; and

WHEREAS, in November 2024, California voters approved the Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024 (Proposition 4), a $10 billion General Obligation Bond commonly known as the Climate Bond, which would fund

TCC Round 6 and support projects that strengthen community resilience and provide economic, environmental, and health benefits; and

WHEREAS, the TCC Round 6 Program will fund community-led projects that reduce GHG emissions while improving public health, economic opportunity, and environmental conditions – goals that align fully with the City of Oakland's (City's) goals as adopted in the Equitable Climate Action Plan (2020), Environmental Justice Element (2023), Urban Forest Plan (2024), and Economic Development Action Plan (2025); and

WHEREAS, in April 2026, SGC issued a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for TCC Round 6 projects, administered by the California Strategic Growth Council (SGC) in partnership with the California Department of Conservation (DOC), for implementation of grant-funded activities, up to twenty-seven million five hundred thousand dollars ($27,500,000) each, that include community engagement, achieve significant reductions in GHG emissions, improve public health and environmental benefits, and expand economic opportunity and shared prosperity through place-based approaches; and

WHEREAS, to qualify for the TCC Grant, at least 51 percent (51%) of the Project Area must be considered disadvantaged, by being comprised of census tracts with a CalEnviroScreen (CES) 4.0 score at or above the 75th percentile, or census tracts with CES pollution burden scores at or above the 95th percentile; and the remainder of the Project Area must include areas with low-income communities or households pursuant to section 39713 of the California Health and Safety Code (CHSC); and

WHEREAS, the proposed West Oakland Project Area is a designated Environmental Justice Community, and falls within census tracts that rank in the 75th percentile or higher of disadvantaged community according to CES 4.0 except for one, which is an official low-income community per section 39713 of CHSC, and the included census tracts range from 64 to 91 in pollution burden percentile per CES 4.0; and

WHEREAS, census tracts in the 2.3-square-mile proposed East Oakland Project Area, which centers on the 73rd Avenue, International Boulevard, Bancroft Avenue, and MacArthur Boulevard corridors, rank in the 80th to 97th CES 4.0 percentiles overall statewide, qualifying the area as a State-Designated Disadvantaged Community, and pollution burden percentiles range from 78 to 96, driven by elevated levels of Diesel Particulate Matter, PM2.5, Traffic Impacts, and Toxic Releases; and

WHEREAS, West Oakland community members, including residents and businesses, have robustly participated in multiple, intensive, and substantive planning processes that have generated community goals and strategic objectives that guide the selection and content of projects included in the West Oakland TCC (WOTCC) project, including the Equitable Climate Action Plan, Economic Development Action Plan, Environmental Justice Element of the General Plan Update, and the Bay Area Air District-funded West Oakland Community Action Plan (WOCAP); and

WHEREAS, a portion of the West Oakland community that is included in the WOTCC project area received a TCC Planning Grant in 2021 titled Adapt Oakland, a greening plan that identified environmental hazards and paired them with adaptation strategies to create a healthier,

more sustainable urban environment, focusing particularly on biological and ecological systems to provide vital ecosystem services including clean air, soil, and water; and

WHEREAS, the WOTCC project builds on the aforementioned planning processes and community engagement efforts by integrating investments in affordable housing, urban greening, clean mobility, electrification, and hyper-local economic development; and

WHEREAS, beginning in 2017, multiple East Oakland stakeholders, including organizations, community leaders, and residents developed the East Oakland Neighborhood Initiative (EONI) and subsequent Better Neighborhoods, Same Neighbors Initiative (BNSN), identifying five projects and four transformative plans that became Oakland's first TCC award in 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City implemented BNSN with multiple project partners including ACTS Community Development Corporation, Oakland Parks and Recreation Foundation (OPRF), Black Cultural Zone (BCZ), East Bay Permanent Real Estate Cooperative (EBPREC), Higher Ground Neighborhood Development Corporation, Planting Justice, and Related California, resulting in 1,800 new trees; a 55-unit affordable apartment building, Acts Cherry Hill, at 95th and International Blvd.; one of the nation's first urban aquaponics farms dedicated to community food security; a garden and food forest at the East Oakland Boxing Association; an afterschool bike enrichment program that served 295 students; a forthcoming bike shed at the Martin Luther King Jr. Library branch; a Displacement Avoidance Center; and the renovation and reopening of Tyrone Carney Park, which had been shuttered since 2002; and

WHEREAS, the BCZ-led Oasis Ecosystem: Life To Legacy Climate Prosperity Zone TCC project in East Oakland (EOTCC) would represent the direct synthesis of over a decade of community-led planning, organizing, and collaborative visioning, informed by foundational initiatives including EONI and BNSN, East Oakland Building Healthy Communities, East Oakland Congress of Neighborhoods, HOPE Collaborative, the 40x40 Council / RISE East, Recompete EO / Black Cultural & Commercial Corridors, the Bese Saka Initiative, East Oakland Promise Neighborhood, Healthy Havenscourt, Deeply Rooted Collaborative, Peoples Health Mobile / Oakland Frontline Healers, the East Oakland Black Cultural Zone Collaborative working networks (Cultural Arts, Strong Economy, Placekeeping, Quality of Life, and Education Networks), Oakland Collective, REVOak, and The Oakland Net; and

WHEREAS, the EOTCC project will build on these planning processes by advancing affordable housing for local residents and aligning active transportation safety infrastructure in the project area; and

WHEREAS, if the EOTCC project is awarded, SGC will enter into a grant agreement directly with BCZ to implement the projects for the six-year implementation period, with BCZ handling all administrative duties, receiving all funds directly from SGC and disbursing them as appropriate, and the City providing a liaison and advisory role of approximately 20 hours per month for the duration of the project, with that staff time fully compensated out of the EOTCC project through a subgrant from BCZ to the City of up to Forty-five Thousand dollars ($45,000) per year for the duration of the six-year project for a total not to exceed amount of two hundred seventy thousand dollars ($270,000); and

WHEREAS, if the WOTCC project is awarded, SGC will enter into grant agreements with both The Oakland Fund (TOF) and the City of Oakland as project co-leads, with a funding split of the twenty-seven million, five hundred thousand dollars ($27,500,000) to be determined, to implement the project for the six-year implementation period; and

WHEREAS, if the WOTCC project is awarded, the City will hire a full-time Project Manager 1, funded entirely from WOTCC grant funds, housed in either the Economic and Workforce Development Department (EWDD) or the City Administrator's Office (CAO), to support coordination among EWDD, CAO, the Housing and Community Development Department, Oakland Public Works, and Oakland Department of Transportation to advance policy and programmatic actions for preventing business and housing displacement in West Oakland, and for establishing a community partnership program for partner-led workforce development and stewardship activities on City-owned properties; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council hereby authorizes the City Administrator to: (1) apply for Transformative Climate Communities program implementation grants as co-applicant for up to an amount of fifty five million dollars ($55,000,000) to implement two TCC implementation projects administered by the California Strategic Growth Council (SGC) through the Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation, for Projects in two separately-defined frontline communities in West and East Oakland; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Council hereby authorizes the City Administrator to accept, appropriate and advance payments to project co-lead the Oakland Fund (TOF) in an amount not to exceed Twenty-Seven Million, Five Hundred Thousand Dollars ($27,500,000.00) to implement the West Oakland TCC Project (WOTCC); and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the WOTCC funds will be appropriated to California Department of Conservation Fund (2139), CAO Administration (02111), Project (TBD), State Grant Miscellaneous (46229), to implement the TCC Program, administered by SGC and Department Of Conservation, for projects within or contiguous to the West Oakland and BCZ Project areas; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That California Department of Conservation Fund (2139), CAO Administration (02111), Project (TBD), Third Party Grant Account (54912) will be used to provide payments to project co-lead The Oakland Fund totaling an amount not to exceed Twenty Seven Million, Five Hundred Thousand Dollars ($27,500,000), to implement the WOTCC project; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That if the WOTCC Reconnected project is awarded, the City Council hereby authorizes the expenditure of funds to hire a full-time Project Manager I, funded entirely from WOTCC grant funds, housed in either EWDD or CAO to advance policy and programmatic actions for preventing business and housing displacement in West Oakland, and for establishing a community partnership program for partner-led workforce development and stewardship activities on City-owned properties; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Council authorizes the commitment of a maximum of 20 hours of City staff time per month to advise project co-lead Black Cultural Zone (BCZ) in implementation of the Oasis Ecosystem: Life to Legacy Climate Prosperity Zone Project (Oasis TCC); and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City, upon receipt of the funding awards for staff capacity and hiring staff as appropriate via one or both TCC Round 6 projects, will possess sufficient administrative capacity to execute the appropriate duties needed to implement Oakland's funded TCC Round 6 Implementation project(s), including policy development, advice, oversight, inter-agency alignment, permitting coordination, and policy scopes outlined in the applications; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Administrator is authorized to negotiate and enter into further agreements with the Project Partners and/or the state SGC and Department of Conservation as the City Administrator or designee deems necessary to effectuate the purpose of this Resolution; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: that the City Administrator, or designee, is hereby authorized to complete all required negotiations, certifications, assurances and documentation required to accept, modify, extend and/or amend said agreements furthering the purpose of this Resolution.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROWN, FIFE, GALLO, HOUSTON, RAMACHANDRAN, UNGER, WANG, AND PRESIDENT JENKINS

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST:_____
ASHA REED
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the
City of Oakland, California

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