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CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER LOREN TAYLOR

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GIFT OF COMMERCIAL KITCHEN EQUIPMENT AND IN-KIND SERVICES FOR SAID EQUIPMENT VALUED IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000 FROM GOOGLE FOR THE ARROYO VIEJO RECREATION CENTER

WHEREAS, the Arroyo Viejo Recreation Center is located in the City of Oakland's District 6 in East Oakland; and

WHEREAS, the Arroyo Viejo Recreation Center has two kitchen spaces, one which is currently used for programming for recreation center activities and one that is not currently being used by the City of Oakland or the community; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 global health pandemic has had a devastating effect on the world economy with many people losing their jobs and experiencing economic hardship including those affected by layoffs and closures in the restaurant industry; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 global pandemic has had a disproportionate negative impact on residents in East Oakland who have suffered greater health and economic impacts; and

WHEREAS, East Oakland has long suffered from a lack of investment and the City Council recognizes that by growing businesses in East Oakland that the entire City will benefit from much needed jobs and increased revenue for the City; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic caused a greater emphasis on the need for access to fresh food and nutrition classes in East Oakland, which is a healthy food desert; and

WHEREAS, the City's Reimagining Public Safety Task Force uplifted the need for additional workforce opportunities for the City's most vulnerable residents; and

WHEREAS, the City's Reimagining Public Safety Task Force uplifted the need to activate the City's recreation centers to provide more opportunities for our community to engage in healthy and productive activities; and

WHEREAS, Alameda County and City officials have conducted a preliminary analysis of the Arroyo Viejo Recreation Center and provided feedback on the changes that would be necessary to create a commercial kitchen in the Recreation Center; and

WHEREAS, the City already has other commercial kitchens in recreation centers; and

WHEREAS, the City Council supports City staff working with Alameda County to secure additional funding for a commercial kitchen space in Arroyo Viejo Recreation Center; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that a commercial kitchen at Arroyo Viejo Recreation Center in East Oakland is part of a larger ecosystem of food economy that currently exists in Oakland; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that commercial kitchens help to remove barriers to culinary entrepreneurs building and growing their businesses and leads to wealth building and creation in area of the City in need of economic growth and development; and

WHEREAS, the commercial kitchen equipment will provide the necessary tools to enable nutrition and cooking classes to take place in the Recreation Center to benefit the East Oakland and greater City of Oakland community and spread the word about healthy food and healthy cooking techniques; and

WHEREAS, the City will explore using the commercial kitchen equipment to create a food entrepreneur program where local chefs can cook and prepare food for sale to the public; and

WHEREAS, the passage of the AB626, allowed for the permitted operation of Microenterprise Home Kitchen Operations, or MEHKOs and the City Council recognizes that it is in the best interests of the public to provide home cooks with a space to obtain proper health and safety information and certifications; and

WHEREAS, the COOK Alliance is a coalition aiming to pass policy support for home restaurants; and

WHEREAS, an internal 2018 COOK Alliance poll found that the microenterprises in its network kitchens are overwhelmingly run by people from marginalized populations. Eighty-five percent of the cooks were women, and about one-third were first-generation immigrants (many of whom COOK Alliance believes may be undocumented); and

WHEREAS, Alameda County is considering pilot programs to implement AB 626; and

WHEREAS, several local chefs and restaurants have agreed to act as mentors for food entrepreneurs; and

WHEREAS, Google has agreed to provide start up installation and service of the commercial kitchen equipment received by the City of Oakland; and

WHEREAS, City will be responsible for ongoing maintenance costs for equipment, if any; and

WHEREAS, the City has estimated the value of the industrial kitchen equipment and the in-kind services for the equipment to be about \$100,000; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: that the City Council hereby accepts the gift of commercial kitchen equipment, as described herein, and in-kind start up services for said equipment for the Arroyo Viejo Recreation Center in an estimated value not to exceed \$100,000 from Google.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - FIFE, GALLO, KALB, KAPLAN, REID, TAYLOR, THAO AND
PRESIDENT FORTUNATO BAS

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

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