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AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Date: October 7, 2021
To: Oakland City Councilmembers
From: Councilmember Loren Taylor
Subject: Arroyo Viejo Commercial Kitchen Equipment

Colleagues on the Council:

The East Oakland neighborhood surrounding the Arroyo Viejo Recreation Center is a food desert where our residents do not have access to healthy and nutritious food. This area suffers from a lack of local businesses to provide healthy food and disproportionately suffers from the COVID-19 health emergency which is worsened by an individual's underlying health issues. The COVID-19 crisis has also exacerbated the unemployment problem in East Oakland. While we have multiple issues that deserve attention we also have a recreation center with a kitchen that is not being utilized to benefit the community and could address many of these issues. The space could be used for nutrition classes and as cooking space for food entrepreneurs.

Alameda County is currently considering adding Arroyo Viejo Rec Center to their healthy food support ecosystem which includes funding a commercial kitchen at Arroyo. I have consistently sought support for food entrepreneurs in Oakland and I am excited to join Google's effort to donate to their commercial kitchen equipment to the Arroyo Viejo Recreation Center. This Resolution would authorize the City to receive the commercial equipment and accept Google's offer to service and install the equipment.

I, respectfully request your support of this Resolution for the City of Oakland to accept the commercial equipment and service and installation support from Google for Arroyo Viejo Recreation Center.

Yours in service of Oakland,

Loren Taylor
Councilmember District 6