

RESOLUTION NO. 21-_____

Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Emeryville In Support Of The Waterfront Ballpark District At Howard Terminal Project In The City Of Oakland

WHEREAS, Alameda County has an opportunity to support a major project of regional significance that will transform an underutilized portion of Oakland's waterfront, create thousands of good-paying union jobs and keep the Oakland A's baseball team in the East Bay; and

WHEREAS, the Waterfront Ballpark District at Howard Terminal will transform an underutilized, functionally obsolete cargo terminal into a vibrant new neighborhood of 3,000 homes and nearly two million square feet of new office, retail, dining, and performing arts spaces, with great union jobs and almost 20 acres of new public parks on the Oakland estuary; and

WHEREAS, the project will open up 55 acres of currently inaccessible waterfront property for all of our residents and create a long-awaited connection for the Bay Trail; and

WHEREAS, the project is strongly supported by labor, including the Alameda County Building Trades and the Alameda Labor Council, and is expected to create 25,000 construction and over 7,000 permanent jobs at full build-out; and

WHEREAS, the City of Emeryville is home to many Oakland A's fans and stands to benefit from the public infrastructure, jobs, housing and amenities at the proposed Waterfront Ballpark District; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland, together with its state and federal partners, will be investing in offsite infrastructure to enhance the safe, equitable and sustainable movement of goods and people to and around the Oakland waterfront, and ensure that the Port of Oakland remains a vibrant economic engine for the region for years to come; and

WHEREAS, a project of this size and scope cannot happen unless it receives support from all our regional partners who stand to benefit from this historic project, including Alameda County; and

WHEREAS, the Enhanced Infrastructure Finance District (EIFD) that the County is being asked to join would finance much-needed affordable housing, parks and infrastructure of community-wide significance, would only capture property taxes that are generated by the project itself and would not put the County's general fund or taxpayers at risk; and

WHEREAS, the Waterfront Ballpark District is projected to create millions of dollars per year in sales and transfer taxes to support essential healthcare, homelessness, and early childhood education that would not be created without the project; and

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WHEREAS, the City of Emeryville finds that the economic interests of its residents and the public health, safety and welfare will be best served by the County indicating its intent to opt-in to the Waterfront Ballpark District EIFD; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Emeryville that the City of Emeryville supports the Alameda County Board of Supervisors taking action to declare its intent to “opt-in” to the proposed Waterfront Ballpark District EIFD to be formed over the project site for the purpose of financing critically needed affordable housing, parks and other infrastructure of community-wide significance.

ADOPTED, by the City Council of the City of Emeryville at a regular meeting held Tuesday, November 2, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES: _____
NOES: _____
ABSTAIN: _____
ABSENT: _____

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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