

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 74678 C. M. S.



INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF OAKLAND TO ADOPT PART THREE OF THE "CITY OF OAKLAND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE"

WHEREAS, at the Earth Summit in 1992, the assembled nations of the world accepted the United Nations definition of sustainable development as meeting the current economic, social, and environmental needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs; and

WHEREAS, cities throughout the nation, in response to increasing pressures in maintaining a good quality of life, vibrant workforce and healthy environment for current and future residents, are taking leadership roles in encouraging sustainable development by implementing strategies that ensure both the long-term economic health and the environmental quality of their communities; and

WHEREAS, in July 1997, the City Council unanimously adopted a conceptual document called "Building the Sustainable Economy: An Opportunity for Oakland," which outlined a policy framework and timeline for the City to investigate sustainable development measures appropriate for Oakland and its communities; and

WHEREAS, the City Council subsequently established the Sustainable Community Development Working Group to transform this policy framework into a set of recommendations and action steps; and

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Community Development Working Group, which was composed of experts in various aspects of environmental, social and economic sustainable development, worked with City staff to formulate the Sustainable Community Development Initiative; and

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Community Development Initiative is a concept document, in which Part 3 makes the following fundamental policy recommendations: Implement a sustainable development strategy as an overarching principle guiding Oakland's economic development program; Link the sustainable economic development strategy to a comprehensive approach to job training and continuing education; Encourage affordable in-fill housing, mixed use development, and sustainable building practices; Make the City of Oakland operations and services a model of sustainable community development practices; Establish an on-going process of community participation/evaluation by community organizations, businesses, unions, and education institutions - using sustainable community development as a way to build the strengths of Oakland's people; and each recommendation is accompanied by action steps for implementation; and

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Community Development Initiative was presented and discussed at a public Sustainable Community Development Working Group hearing held on October 19, 1998; and

WHEREAS, on October 27, 1998 the Community and Economic Development Committee voted to recommend to the City Council the approval of the Sustainable Community Development Initiative; and

WHEREAS, City staff will analyze the action steps outlined in Part 3 of the Sustainable Community Development Initiative for fiscal impact and develop implementation alternatives for each action step for prioritization by City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds and determines that both the short-term and long-term public safety, health, prosperity, and general welfare will be furthered by the adoption of the Sustainable Community Development Initiative recommendations and action steps; therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council finds and determines the foregoing recitals to be true and correct and hereby make them a part of this Resolution; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Council hereby adopts Part 3 of the Sustainable Community Development Initiative as presented on November 10, 1998 and directs staff to initiate the analysis of fiscal impacts and implementation priorities; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Manager is authorized to adopt any amendments for the purposes of facilitating implementation of the Initiative to the extent that the amendments are consistent with the intent of the Initiative as presented to the Council on November 10, 1998.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, DEC - 1 1998, 19__

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

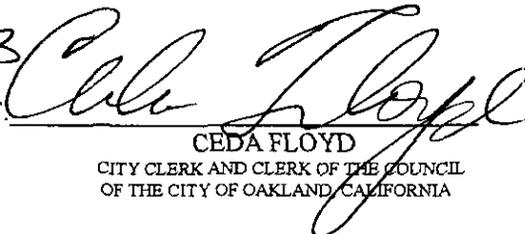
AYES- ~~BRUNNER, CHANG, DE LA FUENTE~~, MILEY, NADEL, REID, RUSSO, SPEES AND PRESIDENT HARRIS- 6

NOES- None

ABSENT- None

ABSTENTION- None

EXCUSED- Brunner / chang / De la fuente - 3

ATTEST: 
CEDA FLOYD
CITY CLERK AND CLERK OF THE COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA