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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL
Resolution No. 79871 C.M.S.

Introduced by Councilmembers Jane Brunner, Nancy Nadel and Jean Quan

RESOLUTION PROVIDING, AS OFFICIAL CITY REFERENCE DOCUMENTS, THE ALAMEDA COUNTY RESIDENTIAL GREEN BUILDING GUIDELINES [FOR NEW HOME CONSTRUCTION, HOME RE-MODELING AND MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT], U.S. GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL'S LEED™ RATING SYSTEMS [FOR NEW COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION AND REMODELING], AND BAY-FRIENDLY LANDSCAPE GUIDELINES, AND RECOMMENDING THEIR USE IN THE CITY OF OAKLAND.

WHEREAS, one of the adopted goals of the Oakland City Council is to “Develop a Sustainable City” and to “maximize socially and environmentally sustainable economic growth, including conserving natural resources;” and

WHEREAS, green building and sustainable landscape design, construction, operation and maintenance can have a significant positive effect on energy, water and resource efficiency, waste and pollution generation, wildlife habitat and the health and productivity of a property's occupants over the life of the building and/or landscape; and

WHEREAS, green buildings and sustainable landscapes benefit building industry professionals, residents and communities by improving construction quality, increasing building durability, reducing utility, maintenance, water and energy costs, creating healthier buildings and landscapes, and enhancing comfort and livability; and

WHEREAS, in recent years, green building and sustainable landscaping design, construction, and operational techniques have become increasingly widespread in California and the nation, with many homeowners, businesses, and building professionals voluntarily seeking to incorporate green building and sustainable landscaping techniques into their projects; and

WHEREAS, in May 2005, the Oakland City Council unanimously adopted a Green Building Ordinance, joining numerous other cities in requiring that City owned or occupied buildings meet specific green building standards set by the U.S. Green Building Council's (USGBC) Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) rating system; and,

WHEREAS, StopWaste.Org has developed a series of voluntary guidelines designed specifically for the residential building industry for New Home Construction, Home Remodeling and Multifamily (“Alameda County Residential Green Building Guidelines”) that provide helpful and valuable guidance for applying these techniques to residential building projects; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Green Building Council has developed a series of guidelines designed specifically for the commercial building industry, including LEED™ (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Rating Systems, such as LEED™ NC 2.2 for new construction and major renovations and LEED™ CI for commercial interiors renovation; and

WHEREAS, StopWaste.Org has developed the Bay-Friendly Landscape Guidelines and Bay Friendly Gardening Guide designed specifically for landscape professionals and homeowners; and

WHEREAS, the practices contained in the Alameda County Residential Green Building Guidelines, U.S. Green Building Council's LEED™ Rating Systems, and the Bay-Friendly Landscape Guidelines were selected for their viability in today's market and their ability to promote sustainable buildings, landscapes and communities; and

WHEREAS, it is critical to both the economic and environmental health of the City that the City provide leadership and support to both the private and public sectors in the area of green building and sustainable landscaping; and

WHEREAS, a number of cities and counties throughout California are promoting the use of these guidelines and rating systems and,

WHEREAS, making these guidelines and rating systems easily available as reference documents and recommending their use would not constitute a "project" within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"); now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that private residential and commercial developers in the City of Oakland are encouraged to use green building and sustainable landscape design, construction and operation whenever feasible; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Oakland provides, as official city reference documents, the Alameda County Residential Green Building Guidelines, the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED™ Rating Systems, and the Bay-Friendly Guidelines as they may be amended from time to time, and ensures their availability at accessible locations including the Planning Counter, public libraries, and through website links, and recommends their use on new development projects and retrofits, and directs City staff to explore incentives to encourage the use of the guidelines and rating systems by private developers and builders of residential and commercial construction and landscaping projects within the City.

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IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 2006

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

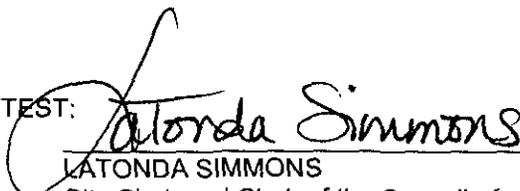
AYES - BRUNNER, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, BROOKS, REID, CHANG, AND
PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE — 8

NOES — 0

ABSENT — 0

ABSTENTION — 0

ATTEST:


LATONDA SIMMONS

City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of
the City of Oakland, California