

ORDINANCE NO. 7,543-N.S.

AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1001, 1007, AND 1011 UNIVERSITY AVENUE, AND 1925 NINTH STREET FOR \$6,650,000

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Berkeley as follows:

Section 1. Findings.

A. That Council hereby finds and declares that there continues to be a shortage of shelter and services for homeless residents of Berkeley. As a result, several hundred Berkeley residents are without shelter, and in many cases, needed services. This results not only in human suffering – and in some cases death – but also in an increased and unsustainable demand for emergency response from the Police and Fire Departments, extraordinary demands on the Departments of Public Works and Parks Recreation and Waterfront, and avoidable impacts on emergency services at local hospitals and clinics.

B. It is therefore essential for the life, health, and well-being of homeless residents, as well as to reduce unsustainable demands on City services, to provide, as soon as possible, a navigation center or other facility that will provide wraparound services leading to permanent housing. Unfortunately, the City does not currently own any property suitable for this purpose.

C. The real property at 1001, 1007, and 1011 University Avenue, and 1925 Ninth Street constitutes a rare opportunity to acquire property that can be used for an interim navigation center or other facility to provide shelter and services to homeless residents.

Section 2. Exemption from Environmental Review Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"; Public Resources Code §21000 et seq.) and City Council findings that the project described herein is exempt from environmental review pursuant to Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Article 5. *Review for Exemption*, Section 15061 (b)(3) and Article 19. *Categorical Exemptions*, Sections 15301 and/or 15332.

Section 3. Acquisition of Property. The City Manager is hereby authorized to acquire on behalf of the City of Berkeley, the real property located at 1001, 1007, and 1011 University Avenue, and 1925 Ninth Street (APNs 057-208901401, 057-208901201, and 057-208901500), for the price of \$6,650,000, and to execute all contracts and other documents necessary to complete the acquisition.

Section 4. Posting. Copies of this Ordinance shall be posted for two days prior to adoption in the display case located near the walkway in front of Old City Hall, 2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way. Within fifteen days of adoption, copies of this Ordinance shall be filed at each branch of the Berkeley Public Library and the title shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation.

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At a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Berkeley held on March 28, 2017, this Ordinance was passed to print and ordered published by posting by the following vote:

Ayes: Bartlett, Davila, Droste, Hahn, Harrison, Maio, Wengraf, Worthington and Arreguin.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.