


Office of the City Manager

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To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Christine Daniel, City Manager 

Subject: City of Berkeley selected for the Rockefeller Foundation's  
100 Resilient Cities Initiative

We are pleased to inform you that the Rockefeller Foundation announced today that they have selected the City of Berkeley to be an inaugural member of the 100 Resilient Cities Network. The 100 Resilient Cities Network is the product of a \$100 million commitment made by the Rockefeller Foundation to build resilience in 100 cities around the world. Nearly 400 cities across six continents applied to participate in the 100 Resilient Cities Network; 33 cities were selected this year and the remaining 67 will be selected over the next two years.

The Rockefeller Foundation defines resilience as “the ability of a community to withstand shocks while still maintaining its essential functions and to recover quickly and effectively.” Berkeley will be awarded at least two years of funding for the purpose of covering the cost of a full-time staff person dedicated to coordinating the City’s resilience efforts. The staff person will coordinate implementation of the draft Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, advancement of local climate adaptation strategies, and other efforts related to disaster preparedness and response.

Awardees also gain access to a range of technical assistance and financing designed to advance local resilience planning and action. In addition, Berkeley will benefit from the best practices and lessons learned associated with participating in a global network of cities working to improve urban resilience. We are extremely proud that the Foundation chose to acknowledge Berkeley’s commitment to emergency preparedness in this important way.

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