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CITY OF SEATTLE

RESOLUTION _____

A RESOLUTION relating to the Equitable Development Implementation Plan and Equitable Development Financial Investment Strategy; voicing support for certain community-initiated projects contained in the Plan and identifying next steps for implementation of those projects.

WHEREAS, Race and Social Equity is one of the core value of Seattle 2035, Seattle's Comprehensive Plan for growth over the next 20 years; and

WHEREAS, in order to identify key steps in implementing that core value the City Council passed 2016 Statement of Legislative Intent 32-2-A-1 asking the Executive to prepare an equitable development implementation strategy for Seattle 2035; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Planning and Community Development and the Seattle Office for Civil Rights have worked closely with communities in the Central District, Chinatown/International District, and Rainier Valley to identify strategies to mitigate the impacts of growth on marginalized communities; and

WHEREAS, those communities have come together to identify specific projects that build on community assets to support jobs and economic development for marginalized community members; and

WHEREAS, implementing those projects can increase stability, cohesion, and affordability in communities that face a high risk of displacement; and

WHEREAS, the City Council seeks to endorse that work and to identify next steps to move those projects forward; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE THAT:

Section 1. The Equitable Development Implementation Plan contained in Clerk File 319789 and the Equitable Development Financial Investment Strategy contained in Clerk File 319828 identify the following six

community-initiated equitable development projects as priorities for mitigating further displacement and increasing access to opportunity in the Central Area, the Chinatown/International District and South Seattle:

- a. The Multicultural Community Center;
- b. The Rainier Beach Innovation District;
- c. The Southeast Economic Opportunity Center;
- d. The William Grose Center for Cultural Innovation;
- e. The Little Saigon Landmark Project; and
- f. The Equity Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) for Affordable Commercial Space strategy.

Section 2. The Council voices its support for the projects listed in Section 1 of this resolution and asks the Office of Planning and Community Development to work with the City Budget Office and the community sponsors of the projects listed in Section 1 of this resolution to continue to develop and identify resources to fully implement the projects, including City financial support for organizations sponsoring the projects listed above and a possible Equitable Development Implementation Fund. The Council acknowledges that a number of different funding sources will be required to implement these plans, but recognizes the City's key role as a funder, convener, and supporter of the projects. The Council asks the Office of Planning and Community Development to report annually on progress towards implementing the projects listed above.

Section 3. The Council also recognizes that additional work needs to be done to create the equitable city that the plan envisions. The Council requests that the Office of Planning and Community Development begin work with additional communities faced with a high risk of displacement and low access to opportunity to identify whether there are community-led strategies or projects that can support jobs and economic development and reduce the threat of displacement in those communities.

Adopted by the City Council the _____ day of _____, 2016, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this _____ day of _____, 2016.

President _____ of the City Council

Filed by me this _____ day of _____, 2016.

Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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