

RESOLUTION NO. 1999

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO PURCHASE 100 SETS OF SMARTBURNER STOVE TOP TEMPERATURE LIMITING HEATING ELEMENTS FROM PIONEERING TECHNOLOGY AT \$189.73 PER SET FOR THE NEVIN PLAZA PUBLIC HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000

WHEREAS, in recent months the Nevin Plaza Senior/Disabled public housing development located at 2400 Nevin Avenue has experienced a rash of cooking fires, and the Richmond Fire Department’s Fire Prevention Services Division met with the Richmond Housing Authority staff and members of the Nevin Plaza Resident Council to find ways to resolve this issue; and

WHEREAS, as a first step, the Fire Prevention Services Division held a fire safety community meeting, with the residents of Nevin Plaza, focused on “safe cooking” at the property, and as a next step the Richmond Fire Department proposed the utilization of the SmartBurner, a new technology which is an intelligent cooking system that electronically controls energy to burners, helping to prevent fires and save energy; and

WHEREAS, after the Fire Prevention Services Division researched the SmartBurner, and determined it would be a beneficial tool in significantly reducing kitchen fires, it was recommended that the Housing Authority install them at Nevin Plaza; and

WHEREAS, the SmartBurner is manufactured by Pioneering Technology Corporation, which owns the patent for the SmartBurner, and which is the only manufacturer of this product; and

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond Finance Department’s Purchasing Division confirmed that this would qualify as a Sole Source procurement, and the Sole Source Request was approved on March 25, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the SmartBurner is unique because it uses its patented temperature limiting controls that actually keeps the surface temperature of the stove below the auto-ignition point of most cooking oils and common combustible household items; and

WHEREAS, the first phase of this project included forty-six (46) units on Nevin Plaza’s 1st, 6th and 7th floors, and the first phase installation was completed on April 28, 2015, and the SmartBurners are working effectively; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Authority would like to install the SmartBurners in all of the 100 remaining units at Nevin Plaza for \$189.73 per set for a total cost not to exceed \$20,000;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, THAT:

The Executive Director is authorized to purchase of 100 sets of SmartBurner stove top temperature limiting heating elements from Pioneering Technology at \$189.73 per set, to significantly reduce the risk of kitchen fires at the Nevin Plaza Public Housing Development for a total amount not to exceed \$20,000. The Executive Director is hereby further authorized to take all actions necessary to implement the foregoing resolution.

The foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Richmond at a meeting thereof held on May 19, 2015, by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Bates, McLaughlin, Pimplé, Vice Chairperson Myrick, Chairperson Butt, and Housing Authority Tenant Commissioners Johnson and Sutton.

NOES: Commissioner Martinez.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

ABSENT: Commissioner Beckles.

TOM BUTT
Chairperson

[SEAL]

ATTEST:

PAMELA CHRISTIAN
Secretary

Approved as to form:

BRUCE GOODMILLER
Attorney

State of California }
County of Contra Costa : ss.
City of Richmond }

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of **Resolution No. 1999** finally passed and adopted at a Special Housing Authority Meeting held on May 19, 2015.