Meeting Date: July 14, 2015
Item Number: 54
Item Description: Establish A System for New Downtown Projects Over 75 Feet to Provide Significant Community Benefits
Submitted by: Councilmember Droste and Councilmember Moore

The following two amendments provide language clarifying that this resolution is responding to ZAB’s request for guidance and provide detail regarding the affordable housing requirement.
Amendment 1:

Under both Options A and B, a PLA shall entitle the applicant to a credit of 5% of the construction cost of the project against the total fee. After the Project Labor Agreement credit is applied, 60% of the remaining amount should be allocated to affordable housing units by making a payment to the City’s Housing Trust Fund or by providing the equivalent units on site for tenants with qualifying incomes. The remaining 40% should be allocated to fulfilling the other benefit categories described herein.

Amendment 2:
WHEREAS, the Zoning Adjustments Board has requested the Council to provide direction as to how it should evaluate significant community benefit proposals under Section 23E.68.090.E and

WHEREAS, the City Council understands the Zoning Adjustments Board’s request as a request for guidance as to how the Council believes Section 23E.68.090.E should be implemented; and

WHEREAS, the Council has considered this request and has agreed to provide guidance to the Zoning Adjustments Board in the form of this Resolution, which is intended solely to express how the Council would be inclined to address the issue of community benefits should a project subject to Berkeley Municipal Code Section 23E.68.090.E come before it.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Berkeley as follows:

The following description of how the City Council would be inclined to evaluate the finding required by Section 23E.68.090.E should a project subject to that section come before it, and requests that the Zoning Adjustments Board takes this into consideration when it evaluates such projects.