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Presented by Ms. Rudiak

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Finance to enter into a Fellowship Participation Agreement with Code for America Labs, Inc.

Whereas, Code For America Labs, Inc. ("CFA") is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation that assists local governments in implementing code-based technology solutions to improve municipal services through its competitive CFA Fellowship Program (the "Program"); and

Whereas, the City of Pittsburgh was selected to participate in the 2015 program through and competitive process, winning a place in the program over dozens of other cities based on our record of investment in technology, commitment to innovation and citizen engagement, and goal of improving our procurement process.

Whereas, the Program involves a one-of-a-kind opportunity that places developers, designers, and researchers within local governments to collaborate with government officials, partners, and citizens to develop innovative solutions, often including computer applications, for selected problems; and

Whereas, the Program selects its fellows through a rigorous recruiting program, and the Fellows' specialized expertise has been recognized by cities that have previously participated in and benefitted from the program; and

Whereas, in the Program's 5th year of operation, participation in the Program has proven itself to be a unique and valuable experience for local governments, providing each City partner with a specially designed application as well as training, exposure to new technology, research techniques, and networks.

Whereas, the total cost for the City to participate in the Program is Four Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$440,000.00); and

Whereas, based on the expected public benefit to the residents of the City of Pittsburgh, the City has received grant commitments from our local foundation community partners to cover Three Hundred and Forty Thousand Dollars (\$340,000.00) of this total; and

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Whereas, the City will be responsible for paying the balance of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00).

Be it resolved by the Council of the City of Pittsburgh as follows:

Section 1. The Mayor and the Director of the Department of Finance are hereby authorized to enter into a Fellowship Participation Agreement with Code for America Labs, Inc. at a cost not to exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00), which shall be payable out of the following account: 0726739310.53509.00.. The Fellowship Participation Agreement shall be approved by the City Solicitor as to form and substance.