

RESOLUTION NO. _____ (CM)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE SELECTING A DONOR CATEGORY AND NAMING OPPORTUNITY, AND AUTHORIZE THE CORRESPONDING ONE TIME CONTRIBUTION OF \$ _____ TO THE PAJARO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT TO PARTIALLY FUND THE CONSTRUCTION OF EMERIL’S CULINARY GARDEN AND TEACHING KITCHEN AT STARLIGHT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

WHEREAS, the Emeril Lagasse Foundation, funds programs that integrate culinary gardens and teaching kitchen in schools to create interactive learning environments centered on food; and

WHEREAS, on August 2019, the Board of Trustees of the Pajaro Valley Unified School District (PVUSD) applied for and received a grant for \$500,000 in funding to partially fund the construction of the Starlight Elementary School Emeril’s Culinary Garden and Teaching Kitchen; and

WHEREAS, the overall cost of building the kitchen/garden learning space exceeds \$2.5 million and PVUSD has been actively seeking donations to fully fund the construction of this ambitious project in our local school; and

WHEREAS, the impact of this project is far-reaching and it expands beyond the Starlight School grounds and those children that attend this school and will also serve as a community resource open to others in our community who desire to learn about garden education, healthy nutrition, or cooking classes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE, CALIFORNIA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. This action is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”). This action is not a project within the meaning of the CEQA Guidelines Section 15378 and 15061(b)(3) as it has no potential for physical effects on the environment.

2. That the Council hereby selects the _____ tier and _____ (naming opportunity) outlined in the attachments to the staff report.

3. That the one-time funding contribution of \$_____ to the Pajaro Valley Unified School District to partially fund the construction of the Starlight Elementary School Emeril's Culinary Garden and Teaching Kitchen Project is hereby authorized.
