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City Attorney

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RESOLUTION NO. 83378 C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER IGNACIO DE LA FUENTE

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ASSEMBLY BILLS 130 AND 131 (CEDILLO) "CALIFORNIA DREAM ACT OF 2011" AB 130 WHICH WOULD OPEN ACCESS TO INSTITUTIONAL AID TO ALL ELIGIBLE AB 540 UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS AND AB 131 WOULD ALLOW ELIGIBLE AB 540 UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS ACCESS TO ANY FINANCIAL AID PROGRAM RUN BY THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

WHEREAS, each year an estimated 24,000 undocumented students prepare to graduate from high school in California; and

WHEREAS, many of these students, defying the odds that predicted their failure, achieved academic excellence and gained admission to the best public universities and colleges of our nation; and

WHEREAS, their ineligibility for financial aid and inability to seek employment precludes them from affording the one opportunity to earn a college degree and fulfill a dream; and

WHEREAS, University of California student fees have increased from \$3,429 in 2000 to \$10,302 in 2010; and

WHEREAS, AB 130 would allow students that meet the in-state tuition requirements to apply for and receive specified financial aid programs administered by California's public colleges and universities; and

WHEREAS, AB 130 would open access to institutional aid to all eligible AB 540 undocumented students; and

WHEREAS, AB 131 would allow eligible AB 540 undocumented students access to any financial aid program run by the State of California; and

WHEREAS, in order to be eligible, an undocumented student would need to have attended a California high school for three or more years, graduated from a California high school or obtained a G.E.D., currently attend a California public institution of higher education and have signed an affidavit with his or her university; and

WHEREAS, in the event that the State of California passes the bills and that Governor Brown signs them, the Regents of the University of California will still need to approve the provision in order for it to take effect in their system; and

WHEREAS, as these students graduate and integrate into our society as educated professionals, they will contribute to California's economy and strengthen our tax base; and

WHEREAS, AB 130 and AB 131 would directly benefit thousands of Oakland students and their families by providing them the financial support to pursue a higher education; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED: The City of Oakland declares its support for AB 130 & AB 131; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Council hereby directs the City Administrator and the City's legislative lobbyist to advocate for the above position in the California State Legislature.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, JUN 7 2011, 2011 PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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AYES - BROOKS, BRUNNER, DE LA FUENTE, KAPLAN, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, SCHAAF, AND PRESIDENT REID ~ 7

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LATONDA SIMMONS

City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the City of Oakland, California