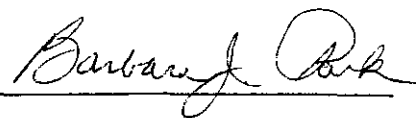


OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION No. _____ C. M. S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER Nancy J. Nadel



Resolution in Support of Teach-ins and Day of Action to support Education

WHEREAS, California public schools have faced devastating budget cuts, forcing the Oakland School District to lay off hundreds of teachers, paraprofessionals, counselors, and other staff, which further undermines equity in education for all students; and

WHEREAS, the slashing of education budgets extends to higher education, with the state's community college and university systems taking huge budgetary hits, which has led to hundreds of thousands of lower income college students being turned away from campuses across the state; and

WHEREAS, these budget cuts mean that future higher education opportunities for urban low income students are disproportionately hindered compared with other districts in California; and

WHEREAS, the continual dismantling of public education translates into more under-prepared youth with fewer future options and put at greater risk of entering a highly funded incarceration system; and

WHEREAS, these massive education spending reductions reinforce the state's lack of commitment to public school students while at the same time the state increases the rate at which it invests in the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, a state's budget acts as a reflection of its values and priorities; and

WHEREAS, the Oakland City Council supported the May 8th, 2003, day of action, when more than 1,000 students, teachers, parents, union activists, and prison/community activists converged on Sacramento to meet with lawmakers and rally support for the idea of education not incarceration; and

WHEREAS, the abovementioned public school advocates continue to organize for statewide actions and teach-ins under the umbrella organization of the Education not Incarceration Coalition; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Oakland City Council endorses and supports broad-based involvement in age appropriate teach-ins beginning Wednesday, November 12, 2003, as well as in a statewide day of action on November 19, 2003, to demand a reduction in the state's prison construction and population, saving the state money and resources that can be restored to public education in the upcoming budget cycle, and restoration of funds for public education.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 20 __

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES- BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, NADEL, QUAN, REID, WAN AND
PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE,

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