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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 79379 C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT IGNACIO DE LA FUENTE

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING SUPPORT FOR AN EXPANSION OF PRE-SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES AS ENVISIONED BY THE "PRE-SCHOOL FOR ALL ACT," A PROPOSED BALLOT INITIATIVE FOR JUNE 2006 LED BY ROB REINER WHICH WOULD ESTABLISH FREE PRE-SCHOOL FOR ALL CHILDREN IN CALIFORNIA.

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland is committed to supporting the young residents of Oakland as articulated by the City Council goal of ensuring that all Oakland youth have the opportunity to be successful; and

WHEREAS, youth who receive a quality education have the greatest chance to be successful; and

WHEREAS, children who attend preschool are better prepared to learn during their K-12 school years and are more likely to graduate from high school; and

WHEREAS, there are numerous studies demonstrating the educational and economic benefits for children who attend preschool, such as a report by the RAND Corporation published on March 30, 2005 entitled "The Economics of Investing in Universal Preschool Education in California;" and

WHEREAS, there are 23,000 children ages 2, 3, and 4 residing in Oakland, according to the U.S. Census of 2000; and

WHEREAS, the resources available for public education are limited by existing state law; and

WHEREAS, a ballot initiative is a means by which citizens can increase the amount of resources invested in early childhood education; and

WHEREAS, the preschool opportunities made available by the proposed "Pre-School for All Act" would be voluntary and would adhere to high quality standards; now, therefore, be it

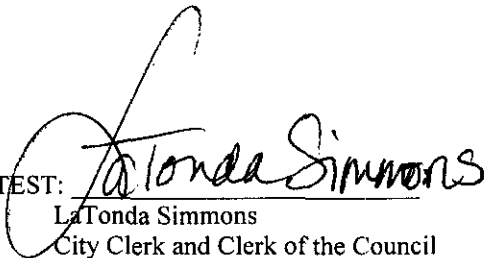
RESOLVED, that the Oakland City Council hereby proclaims its support for an expansion of preschool opportunities as envisioned by the "Pre-School For All Act," a proposed ballot initiative for June 2006 led by Rob Reiner which would establish free pre-school for all children in California.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, JUL 19 2005

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES- BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, REID, QUAN, AND PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE - 8

NOES- 0
ABSENT- 0
ABSENTION- 0

ATTEST: 
LaTonda Simmons
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California