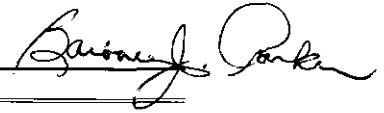


**OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL**

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RESOLUTION No. 77734 C. M. S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER PRESIDENT IGNACIO DE LA FUENTE



**A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE CITY COUNCIL'S SUPPORT FOR THE  
SMALL SCHOOL REFORM MOVEMENT IN OAKLAND**

WHEREAS, the Small School Reform Movement in Oakland has offered new hope for quality education through a partnership of parents, teachers and the school district; and

WHEREAS, the reform begun by this partnership has resulted in formation of nine new small, autonomous schools, with eleven more to open in the coming year, and up to forty-five being designed to open over the next three years; and

WHEREAS, the results from these small schools have produced strong outcomes including:

- Increased student test scores
- Increased student attendance
- Reduced student drop out and suspension rates
- Increased parent participation in all aspects of community life
- Improved teacher morale demonstrated by increased teacher attendance, hours of service and recruitment of new teachers to the district; and

WHEREAS, the Small School Movement in Oakland provides a powerful model for district-wide change whereby every family may have access to good small schools to choose from and the central administrations of school districts may be improved to better serve this network of schools; and

WHEREAS, Oakland's Small School Movement is so successful and promising it is currently being studied by numerous other urban districts and school reform organizations across the Nation; and

WHEREAS, the budget crisis at every level of government and especially the budget deficit in the Oakland Unified School District requires all government entities to work together to deliver services to our residents. Now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED:** that the Oakland City Council supports the new small autonomous school reform effort in Oakland and urges the Oakland Unified School District, its employees and the State of California to work together in support of this reform; and be it further

RESOLVED: that the Oakland City Council urges the school board and administration to make necessary budget adjustments consistent with protecting small school reform efforts in Oakland; to make rapid resolution of district-union contract negotiations in support of reform; and to develop and advance specific proposals for city-school district linked services including after-school and enrichment programs, police and other safety services.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, APR 15 2003, 2003

**PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

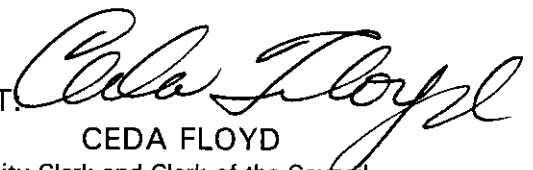
AYES- BRUNNER, ~~CHANG, BROOKS~~, NADEL, REID, WAN, QUAN AND  
PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE - 6

NOES- 0

ABSENT- Chang, BROOKS - 2

ABSTENTION- 0

ATTEST



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