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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Resolution No. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER ABEL J. GUILLEN

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL (SB) 548
RAISING CHILD CARE QUALITY & ACCESSIBILITY ACT (DE LEON
AND ATKINS), WHICH WOULD EXPAND ACCESS TO QUALITY
CHILD CARE THAT SUPPORTS THE DEVELOPMENT OF VERY LOW
INCOME CHILDREN**

WHEREAS, women are a driving force in our economy, and without ensuring their economic success, the State's economy will struggle to grow; and

WHEREAS, too many families, particularly those headed by single working women, are living in poverty, including one in four Californians; and

WHEREAS, approximately 350,000 low-income children in California benefit from the State's subsidized child care system, equaling less than 10 percent of the infants and toddlers whose families are low-income enough to qualify for assistance; and

WHEREAS, without access to reliable child care, too many families face impossible choices between working and providing for their families, and keeping their children safe; and

WHEREAS, child care workers, also struggling with low wages and rising costs that make their take-home pay less than minimum wage, lack the ability to collectively bargain over issues that would improve child care quality and access, and stability in the system; and

WHEREAS, SB 548 would, among other things, authorize family child care providers to form, join, and participate in the activities of provider organizations and to seek certification of provider organizations to act as the representative for family child care providers on matters related to state-funded child care programs; and

WHEREAS, SB 548 would require that the State perform a study of best practices for engaging families in their children's early care and education in family child care settings, and develop priorities in which to invest; and

WHEREAS, SB 548 would require the formation of a Committee to, among other things, issue recommendations to improve the quality of care offered by family child care providers and identify gaps in the training available to family child care providers; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council endorses SB 548, Raising Child Care Quality & Accessibility Act, to benefit the state by helping working parents lift their families out of poverty and support the development of their children, as well as strengthening jobs in the child care and development sector; and be it

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

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, CAMPBELL WASHINGTON, GALLO, GUILLÉN, KALB, KAPLAN, REID AND
 PRESIDENT GIBSON MCELHANEY

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST:

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