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RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRUNNER

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PROPOSITION 98, THE CALIFORNIA CLEAN MONEY AND FAIR ELECTIONS ACT OF 2006, ON THE NOVEMBER 7, 2006 BALLOT

WHEREAS it is the goal of every government to enact the best public policies, and to be able to do so without unduly considering the interests of large contributors and other special interest; and

WHEREAS the perception and reality of a "pay to play" system in Sacramento has undermined the confidence of Californians in their legislature and has resulted in a government that continues to leave important problems unsolved while providing other interests with favorable treatment based on their contributions to campaigns; and

WHEREAS so many of our public servants and officeholders spend too many hours raising the money necessary to run election campaigns – hours that, otherwise, could be spent on passing legislation beneficial to Californians; and

WHEREAS many states, including Arizona, Maine and Connecticut, as well as cities like Oakland, have attempted to address this problem by passing laws limiting campaign contributions and instituting publicly-financed elections;

WHEREAS Prop. 89 on this November ballot strives to create a level and fair playing field for California elections and reduces the influence of lobbyists and special interests in our state. It:

1. Bans contributions to candidates by lobbyists and contractors.
2. Restricts contributions by corporations, unions, and individuals to candidates and to outside groups running negative ads.
3. Lets candidates who reject contributions from big money donors run for office using "clean money" public grants which can range from \$250,000 for Assembly candidates to as much as \$15 million for Governor candidates, all funded by a 0.2% increase in the corporate tax rate; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Oakland supports the passage of **Proposition 89**, the California Clean Money and Fair Elections Act of 2006, which will appear on California's statewide ballot this November.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, OCTOBER 3, 2006

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

ATTEST:

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