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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER DAN KALB

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 822 (WIENER) THAT WOULD REINSTATE NET NEUTRALITY PROTECTIONS IN CALIFORNIA AND PROHIBIT INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS FROM ENGAGING IN PRACTICES THAT ARE INCONSISTENT WITH A FREE AND FAIR INTERNET

WHEREAS, Net Neutrality refers to the principle that consumers, not Internet Service Providers (ISPs), should decide which applications, content and services to use and access; and

WHEREAS, On December 14, 2017, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) voted to abolish Net Neutrality protections, reversing more than 15 years of careful, bi-partisan work to keep the internet open for free speech, entrepreneurship and innovation.; and

WHEREAS, Under the new FCC order, ISPs are now free to charge "access fees" to sites and services simply to load for users, create fast and slow "lanes" that advantage deep-pocketed incumbents and an ISPs' own content, and even block legal content that ISPs finds objectionable; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill (SB) 822 (Wiener) would reinstate Net Neutrality protections in California and prevent ISPs from engaging in practices that are inconsistent with a free and fair internet, including ensuring that consumers can choose which Internet content, applications, and services they can access and use through their broadband internet access provider, prohibiting ISPs from engaging in blocking, speeding up, or slowing down applications or classes of applications, or charging websites a fee for access to the ISPs' subscribers or a fast "lane" to those subscribers, and related provisions; and

WHEREAS, SB 822 is endorsed by numerous groups and organizations including Common Cause, CALPIRG, Electronic Frontier Foundation, Oakland Privacy, Greenlining Institute, and many others; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council hereby endorses SB 822 and urges the California State Legislature and Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. to support its enactment into law.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: _____

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