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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Resolution No. 86132 C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY VICE MAYOR ANNIE CAMPBELL WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AB 2200 (THURMOND) THE SCHOOL EMPLOYEE HOUSING ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM WHICH WOULD CREATE A \$100 MILLION GRANT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE DEVELOPMENT FINANCING ASSISTANCE TO QUALIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING FOR SCHOOL EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING TEACHERS

WHEREAS, the current housing crisis combined with the nationwide teacher shortage is negatively impacting the recruitment and retention of teachers for the City of Oakland; and

WHEREAS, the starting annual salary for a teacher in Oakland is a little over \$42,000 and the average monthly apartment rent in the area is \$2,803; and

WHEREAS, Oakland is now the fourth most expensive rental market in the United States, as median rents for a one bedroom home increased 19% over calendar year 2015 rents; and

WHEREAS, median income required to purchase a home in Oakland is \$150,000 which is not affordable to educators, or many others; and

WHEREAS, school districts in California have begun to increase teacher retention by providing housing to teachers; and

WHEREAS, AB 2200 (the "Bill") creates a \$100 million grant program which will provide development financing assistance to qualified school districts who cannot fund housing for school employees, including teachers; and

WHEREAS, the Bill requires the qualified school district to use five percent (5%) of the moneys appropriated to it for predevelopment grants to be used for predevelopment costs, excluding land acquisition costs; and

WHEREAS, the Oakland Unified School District has established recruiting, hiring and retaining great educators as one of its top priorities; and

WHEREAS, Oakland families desire educators for their students who were born in Oakland and reside in Oakland, and they desire that these educators reflect the race and ethnicity of the students they teach; and

WHEREAS, teacher turnover has a significant and negative impact on the achievement of students in schools with large populations of low-performing and minority students; and

WHEREAS, there is an inadequate supply of housing in Oakland to meet the growing demand, and many current tenants are increasingly vulnerable to displacement; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City of Oakland supports AB 2200 to create a development financing assistance to qualified school districts for the creation of affordable rental housing for school employees, including teachers.

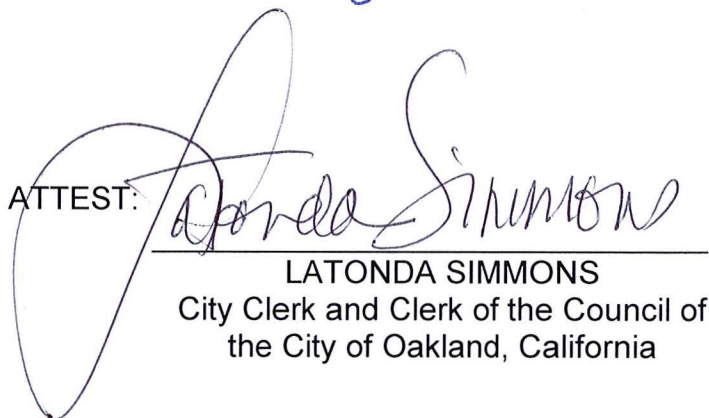
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IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, CAMPBELL WASHINGTON, GALLO, GUILLÉN, KALB, KAPLAN, REID AND PRESIDENT GIBSON MCELHANEY - 8

NOES - 0
ABSENT - 0
ABSTENTION - 0

ATTEST: 

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