

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

RESOLUTION:

1. ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING MEASURE AA EARLY EDUCATION FUNDS FROM FIRST 5 ALAMEDA COUNTY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FOUR MILLION NINE HUNDRED TWENTY SIX THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED EIGHTY SIX DOLLARS (\$4,926,986) FOR OAKLAND HEAD START PROGRAMMING FROM JANUARY 1, 2023-JUNE 30, 2023, AND AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT FOR RECEIPT OF SAID FUNDS; AND

2. ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL EARLY EDUCATION FUNDS IF THEY BECOME AVAILABLE FROM FIRST 5 ALAMEDA COUNTY FOR OAKLAND HEAD START PROGRAMMING AND AUTHORIZING EXTENSION OF THE AGREEMENT THROUGH JUNE 30, 2027, PURSUANT TO MEASURE AA, **SUBJECT TO COUNCIL APPROVAL.**

WHEREAS, the Oakland Children's Initiative (Measure AA, codified at Oakland City Charter, Art. XVI) is a 2018 Charter Amendment passed by the citizens of Oakland establishing the Early Education Fund to deepen the early investment in children by dramatically expanding access to high quality preschool; and

WHEREAS, Measure AA established the Oakland Early Education Fund, funded by 62% of the parcel tax proceeds, to support programs to expand access to, or to enhance the quality of, early care and education and preschool for children and parents who reside in Oakland; and

WHEREAS, on December 6, 2022, pursuant to Resolution No. 89517 C.M.S., the City Council approved First 5 Alameda County as the Early Education Implementation Partner, as the entity responsible for implementing the Early Education Fund, for a five-year term; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland federal grant award for the Head Start in FY2021-22 was \$4,926,986 less than what was previously awarded in FY2020-21, and has not been replaced by other external sources; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland costs for Head Start have grown by \$9,473,229 since the loss of federal grant award funding; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland desires to apply for, accept and appropriate an estimated sum of four million nine hundred twenty six thousand nine hundred eighty six dollars (\$4,926,986) from the Oakland Children’s Initiative (Measure AA) Early Education Fund through the implementation partner, First 5 Alameda County, to operate program services from January 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 1606(b)(2) of the Charter states that for the first five years of the Early Education Fund, first funding priority shall be given to public agencies to expand public programs in all areas of the City that meet a baseline quality level and can accommodate more children using empty classrooms and/or filling vacancies, particularly programs at Oakland Unified School District and City of Oakland Head Start; and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 1606(a) provides Early Education Guidelines for the first five years of the Early Education Fund, including prioritized outcome and funding measures, such that plans to fund a lower priority outcome may only be implemented if the Early Education Implementation Partner has determined that the next highest priority goal is reasonably achievable within the five-year period; and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 1604(d) provides that moneys in the Early Education Fund shall only be used to expand access to, or enhance the quality of, early care and education, provided, however, that if federal, state, non-City, or restricted Oakland Unified School District funding was committed for the purpose of providing such services and subsequently ceases to be provided and is not replaced by other federal, state, non-City, or restricted Oakland Unified School District funding committed for that same purpose, then moneys in the Early Education Fund may be expended to the extent necessary for such services to continue; and

WHEREAS, on September 1, 2021, the Oakland City Council passed Resolution No. 88801 C.M.S. to amend the City of Oakland Fiscal Year 2021-2023 Biennial budget to reallocate up to \$1,836,000 million in onetime funding from the General-Purpose Fund to keep Arroyo Viejo, Tassafaronga and Franklin Head Start sites open and prevent families from being forced to travel to another location or lose services altogether for FY 2021-2022; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland Budget for FY2022-23 had budgeted a negative \$6,083,360 in the General Purpose Fund (1010), HS Classroom and Seasonal Organization (78231), DP900 Administrative Project (1000021), Placeholder – Budget Only Program (PH01) in anticipation that costs would get reimbursed by Measure AA, due to the growing costs of the Head Start program coupled with prior loss of federal funding; and

WHEREAS, approval of this resolution will likely fund free full-day Center-based early childhood education and development services at Arroyo Viejo, Tassafaronga and Franklin Head Start centers for January 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023 to serve children from ages 3 to 5 years old and prepare them for transition to Kindergarten and Transitional Kindergarten classrooms, subject to approval by First 5 Alameda County as Implementation Partner, and may cover reimbursement of additional services or expenses allowed under Measure AA; and

WHEREAS, the City Head Start program will work with First 5 Alameda County to submit additional funding applications pursuant to Measure AA priorities over the five-year term of First 5 Alameda County as the Early Education Implementation Partner, and this Resolution

will authorize the City Administrator to extend the agreement with First 5 Alameda County as needed and to receive additional funds for the City’s Head Start/Early Head Start programs as they become available; and

WHEREAS, the funding will allow the Oakland Head Start Program to continue providing free, high-quality, comprehensive early education programming to low-income children and families in the learning dimension areas of physical health and development; approaches toward learning; communication, language usage, and literacy, and cognition and general knowledge; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council hereby accepts and appropriates Measure AA Early Education Funds from First 5 Alameda County in an amount not to exceed four million nine hundred twenty six thousand nine hundred eighty six dollars (\$4,926,986) for Oakland Head Start/Early Head Start programming from January 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023, and authorizes an agreement with First 5 Alameda County to accept said funds; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That funds from First 5 Alameda County shall be appropriated to project and fund numbers to be determined; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That if additional Early Education Funds become available for Measure AA implementation from First 5 Alameda County, the City Administrator or their designee is authorized to accept and appropriate these funds to fund the Head Start/Early Head Start Program and amend the agreement accordingly to extend the agreement through June 30, 2027, pursuant to Measure AA, **following presentation and acceptance of the recommendations by City Council, including through annual Head Start reports.**

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - FIFE, GALLO, JENKINS, KALB, KAPLAN, RAMACHANDRAN, REID, AND
PRESIDENT FORTUNATO BAS

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: _____
ASHA REED
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the
City of Oakland, California