

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT NIKKI FORTUNATO BAS

RESOLUTION APPOINTING COUNCILMEMBER NOEL GALLO TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ALAMEDA COUNTY LEAD POISONING PREVENTION PROGRAM JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY AND DIRECTOR WILLIAM GILCHRIST AS THE OFFICIAL ALTERNATE FOR COUNCILMEMBER GALLO FOR TERMS COMMENCING APRIL 20, 2021 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31ST, 2022

WHEREAS, lead poisoning can seriously affect a child's brain and nervous system and has been shown to cause learning and behavioral problems that impact a child for the rest of their life; and

WHEREAS, in California, children are exposed to lead through a number of pathways: by ingesting lead-contaminated dust, paint chips from deteriorating lead-based paint, lead-contaminated soil, traditional home remedies, and imported spices, candies, and other food products; from exposure to lead dust brought home on parents' work clothes, certain imported ceramic pottery, and painted objects; and through certain activities that involve lead products such as soldering, making stained glass, and handling bullets or fishing sinkers; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland has some of the highest rates of childhood lead exposure in the state of California; and

WHEREAS, City of Oakland zip code 94601 is "ground zero" for child lead poisoning, with a rate higher than Flint, Michigan, while there are other Oakland zip codes such as 94603 and 94621 that are also heavily laden with the risk factors for child lead poisoning, such as deteriorated housing and low income residents¹; and

WHEREAS, to begin addressing this crisis the Alameda County Board of Supervisors passed a resolution officially establishing the Alameda County Healthy Homes Department in 1991; and

¹Debolt, David, "Oakland: Child lead exposure in Fruitvale worse than Flint, Michigan, study finds," *The East Bay Times*, Dec. 28, 2016, available at: <https://www.eastbaytimes.com/2016/12/28/oakland-child-lead-exposure-in-fruitvale-worse-than-flint-michigan-study-finds/>.

WHEREAS, the resolution allowed cities in the County to participate in and support the Program by assessing an annual \$10 fee on all residential dwellings constructed before 1978, the first year that the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) banned lead in paint for residential use; and

WHEREAS, the Cities of Oakland, Berkeley, and Alameda were the first to participate in the program, and the city of Emeryville joined in 1992; and

WHEREAS, the program is governed by the Joint Powers Authority (JPA) which is composed of elected officials from each participating city, the County of Alameda and a community representative; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Lynette Gibson McElhaney was appointed in 2019 as Oakland’s representative to the Joint Powers Authority in a term ending 12/31/2020; and

WHEREAS, the City Council’s Rules of Procedures (Resolution No. 82580 C.M.S.) provide that “the President of the Council shall recommend appointments to regional and local boards and agencies, as appropriate, subject to confirmation by the Council”; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That Councilmember Noel Gallo is hereby appointed to Lead Poisoning Prevention Program Joint Powers Authority to complete a term commencing 4/20/2021 and ending 12/31/2022; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That Director of the Department of Building and Planning, William Gilchrist, is appointed to serve as alternate for Councilmember Noel Gallo, to complete a term commencing 4/20/2021 and ending 12/31/2022.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - FIFE, GALLO, KALB, KAPLAN, REID, TAYLOR, THAO AND PRESIDENT FORTUNATO BAS

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: _____

ASHA REED
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the
City of Oakland, California