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## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY MAYOR SCHAAF, COUNCIL PRESIDENT FORTUNATO BAS,  
PRO TEMPORE THAO AND COUNCILMEMBER TAYLOR

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### RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AB 71 (RIVAS) TO ESTABLISH A PERMANENT SOURCE OF FUNDING TO REVERSE THE CYCLE OF HOMELESSNESS IN CALIFORNIA

**WHEREAS**, in January 2019, over 151,278 people experienced homelessness in California, representing a 17-percent increase since 2018; and experts predict significant increases in homelessness in 2021 resulting from the COVID-19 economic downturn; and

**WHEREAS**, African Americans are disproportionately represented among California's homeless population; while 6.5 percent of Californians identify as Black or African-American, almost 40 percent of the state's homeless population is African-American; indigenous populations are over six times more likely to experience homelessness than the general population; and Latino Californians are least likely to access housing and services available in their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, homeless populations are at far greater risk for consequences of COVID-19; they are two to three times as likely to die from COVID-19 than the general population and COVID-19 is putting pressure on local homeless systems to safely shelter and permanently house people experiencing homelessness to avoid the spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, homelessness is a statewide crisis which requires a statewide, comprehensive solution; the state must lead in coordinating with local governments and the private sector to solve homelessness and to prevent discharges from institutional settings into homelessness; and

**WHEREAS**, currently pending in the California Legislature is a bill, AB 71 (Rivas-Chiu), Homelessness funding: Bring California Home Act, which would create the Bring California Home plan to provide at least \$2.4 billion annually to fund comprehensive, statewide homeless solutions funded by revenues derived from specified changes to California tax law; now, therefore be it;

**RESOLVED:** That the Oakland City Council and Mayor Schaaf hereby endorse AB 71(Rivas-Chiu) and urge the California State Legislature and Governor Gavin Newsom to support its enactment into law.

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  
Acting City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of  
the City of Oakland, California