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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEM DAN KALB

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 18 (SKINNER) THAT WOULD (1) REQUIRE THE REGULAR PUBLICATION OF A LANDLORD-TENANT LEGAL GUIDE; (2) EXTEND INDEFINITELY THE EXISTING STATE LAW PROTECTIONS FOR TENANTS WHOSE LANDLORD GOES INTO FORECLOSURE; AND (3) PROVIDE FUNDING FOR RENTAL ASSISTANCE AND LEGAL AID TO TENANTS THROUGH COMPETITIVE GRANTS TO STATEWIDE PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, California is experiencing a rental housing crisis that severely impacts the availability of affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, more than a quarter of California tenants, including about 1.3 million low-income residents, spend over half of their income on rent; and

WHEREAS, an unexpected financial hardship can lead to homeless for many residents; and

WHEREAS, becoming unhoused can set off a negative chain reaction that often includes job loss and health impacts, making it even harder to secure new housing; and

WHEREAS, California's homeless population rose 16 percent from 2015 to 2017, with many people becoming homeless for the first time; and

WHEREAS, providing services and emergency response to homeless individuals can cost taxpayers nearly \$35,000 per person per year; and

WHEREAS, an upfront investment in keeping families housed could save the state billions of dollars; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill (SB) 18 (Skinner) would help prevent Californians from becoming homeless by (1) providing additional funding to HCD for competitive grants for programs across the state that provide rental assistance and legal aid to renters facing eviction; by (2) requiring the Department of Consumer Affairs to post informational material on its website to help educate rental property owners and tenants; and by (3) deleting the December 31, 2019 repeal date associated with certain protections for tenants and subtenants of foreclosed properties; and

WHEREAS, SB 18 is supported by numerous groups and organizations, including BayLegal, CA Community Builders, California Rural Legal Assistance, and Central CA Legal Services, Inc.; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council hereby endorses SB 18 and urges the California State Legislature and Governor Gavin Newsom to support its enactment into law.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: _____
LATONDA SIMMONS
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the
City of Oakland, California