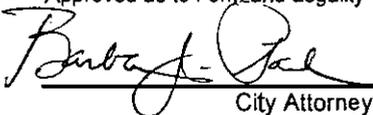


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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

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RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

Introduced by Councilmembers Brunner and Schaaf

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING WISCONSIN WORKERS AND CALLING UPON THE WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE AND ALL STATE LEGISLATORS TO RESPECT PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' COLLECTIVE BARGAINING RIGHTS

WHEREAS, Oakland values America's public employees who teach our children, provide healthcare, fight fires, protect our communities, keep our roads safe, and care for our elderly and disabled; and

WHEREAS, all workers should have the right to bargain collectively to ensure they have a voice on the job and can work to improve their lives and provide for their families; and

WHEREAS, collective bargaining has a long tradition of bringing workers and management together to resolve problems peacefully and avert labor disputes; and

WHEREAS, both private and public sector workers have benefited from the hard-fought gains of the labor movement, including the eight hour day, the weekend to rest, the lunch break, child labor laws and health and safety protection; and

WHEREAS, labor unions helped build the middle class in this country and continue to lead in the fight to keep and create good jobs; and

WHEREAS, the right to organize is essential to a democracy; and

WHEREAS, legislation has been introduced in several states to strip workers of the right to organize; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker is attacking the rights of public workers and teachers to engage in collective bargaining, while other states are trying to attack the rights of construction workers and to weaken unions by banning the union shop; and

WHEREAS, these attacks are an attack on the American middle class and the bedrock of American democratic values; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: that the Oakland City Council supports Wisconsin workers, and calls upon the Wisconsin Legislature and all state legislators to respect public employees' collective bargaining rights, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Oakland City Council reaffirms the legitimacy of every workers' right to sit down with their employer in an atmosphere of mutual respect; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: that the City Administrator is directed to send a copy of this resolution to Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker, and to all affiliated unions in California.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 20_____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, BRUNNER, DE LA FUENTE , KAPLAN, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, SCHAAF, and PRESIDENT REID

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: _____
LaTonda Simmons
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California