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## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Resolution No. 84533 C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER KALB

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL (SB) 7 (STEINBERG) –  
STATE LEGISLATION THAT WILL REQUIRE CHARTER CITIES TO  
ADOPT LOCAL LEGISLATION ESTABLISHING PREVAILING WAGE  
REQUIREMENTS FOR LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS TO  
RECEIVE AND USE STATE FUNDING FOR SUCH PROJECTS**

WHEREAS, California adopted a prevailing wage law in 1931 to require contractors and subcontractors on public projects to pay construction workers wages at least equal to the wages prevailing in local labor markets; and

WHEREAS, prevailing wages promote good middle class jobs in our community and make it possible for workers to pay their mortgages, feed their families, and support local businesses in Oakland; and

WHEREAS, the economic activity generated by prevailing wage jobs, enriches our local tax base and makes it possible for our city to maintain vital services for residents; and

WHEREAS, studies have shown that when prevailing wage standards are removed substantial costs are shifted onto taxpayers in the form of public subsidies for housing, food, and healthcare; and

WHEREAS, the prevailing wage law allows contractors and subcontractors on public projects to pay a lower wage rate to apprentices registered in state-approved apprenticeship programs, thereby providing training opportunities for the next generation of skilled workers; and

WHEREAS, the prevailing wage law serves important public purposes, including protecting workers from exploitation, allowing all contractors to bid for public work on a level playing field, protecting the wage based in local labor markets, providing opportunities for training skilled workers, attracting the most skilled workers to public projects, and avoiding the strain on public resources that occurs when workers are not provided health and pension benefits; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland adopted a prevailing wage policy for its public works projects by resolution in 1978 that incorporated the state's prevailing wage requirements; and

WHEREAS, the California Legislature has introduced a bill, Senate Bill 7 (Steinberg) that would authorize charter cities to receive or use state funding or financial assistance if the city has adopted a local prevailing wage ordinance that includes requirements that are equal to or greater than the state's prevailing wage requirements, and prohibit a charter city from receiving or using state funding or state financial assistance for a construction project if the city has a charter provision or ordinance that authorizes a contractor not to comply with the state prevailing wage provisions; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council of the City of Oakland supports the California's Legislature's findings and declarations as stated in Section 1 of Senate Bill 7 (Steinberg) as articulated in this Resolution; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Council of the City of Oakland supports the passage of Senate Bill 7 Steinberg that would add Labor Code Section 1782 to the California Labor Code and thereby make charter cities whose legislative bodies adopt a prevailing wage policy by ordinance for their public works projects eligible to receive and use state funding and financial assistance for such construction projects; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That a copy of this Resolution shall be provided to the Governor, Assembly Speaker John Pérez, Senate President pro Tem Darrell Steinberg, State Senator Loni Hancock, Assemblymember Toni Atkins, Assemblymember Rob Bonta, and Assemblymember Nancy Skinner.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

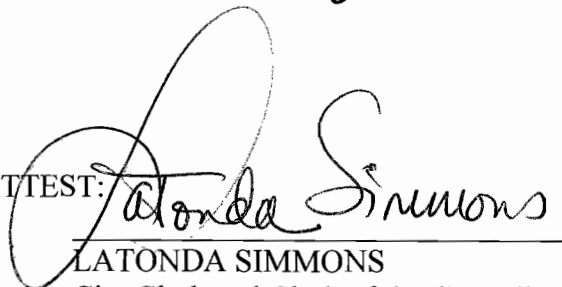
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PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, KALB, KAPLAN, REID,  
SCHAAF AND PRESIDENT KERNIGHAN - 8

NOES - 0  
ABSENT - 0  
ABSTENTION - 0

ATTEST:



LATONDA SIMMONS

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