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CITY OF OAKLAND

RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER LARRY REID AND VICE MAYOR JEAN QUAN

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING
THE GOVERNOR'S CURRENT PROPOSED STATE BUDGET CUTS OF \$114
MILLION DOLLARS TO CHILD CARE FOR CALIFORNIA'S CHILDREN AND
FAMILIES**

WHEREAS, Low-income parents who are working or participating in Welfare-to-Work programs must have support to access safe, high quality, culturally and developmentally appropriate early care and education and after school programs for their children; and

WHEREAS, 12,520 children in Oakland are receiving CalWORKS assistance; and

WHEREAS, the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Reauthorization will mean an estimated 40,000 to 50,000 families (with an estimated 72,000- 90,000 children) will need to participate in approved work activities – many will need child care; and

WHEREAS, two-parent families will be under greater pressure to have both parents working in order to meet the 55 hour per week requirement; and

WHEREAS, the new federal proposals mandate a participation rate of 90 percent for these families, and this will increase the need for out of home care for their children; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's proposed budget reduces current year CalWORKS funding by \$114 million; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's budget fails to restore the 2005-06 cost of-living adjustment for CalWORKS families and eliminates the cost of-living adjustment for 2006-07; and

WHEREAS, these cuts will have serious impacts on families and children in the CalWORKS system; and

WHEREAS, reductions in resources for counties serving low income families are always troubling, since many families still struggle to find work and child care, and need a variety of supportive services to reach financial independence; and

WHEREAS, according to the County Welfare Directors Association, this is an unprecedented current year reduction and threatens significant disruptions to local welfare-to-work programs; and

WHEREAS, our subsidized child care system, under-funded and with a fragile infrastructure, already has an estimated 200,000 children not receiving the care for which they are eligible, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council hereby opposes the Governor's proposed state budget cuts of \$114 million dollars to child care for California's children and families; and be it further

RESOLVED: That copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and all representatives of the City of Oakland in the State Legislature.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 20____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES- BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, NADEL, REID, QUAN, KERNIGHAN and PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

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