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## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT LYNETTE GIBSON MCELHANEY  
AND COUNCILMEMBER ANNIE CAMPBELL WASHINGTON

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**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT ASSEMBLY BILL 43 WHICH  
ESTABLISHES A REFUNDABLE CALIFORNIA EARNED INCOME  
TAX CREDIT TO ACT AS A STIMULUS FOR WORKING LOW AND  
MIDDLE-INCOME FAMILIES BY REDUCING POVERTY AND  
REWARDING WORK**

**WHEREAS**, according to the Federal Supplemental Poverty Measure, California has the highest rate of poverty in the United States, with 23.4% of its residents living below the poverty line; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Oakland takes great strides to address the needs of low-income individuals, through grants and programs for job training, social services for seniors, youth, health, and nutrition, however, such services are insufficient to meet the needs of our vulnerable populations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Earned Income Tax Credit ("EITC") has raised 1.3 million Californians, including 629,000 children, above the federal poverty line; and

**WHEREAS**, twenty-five states have already established a state-level Earned Income Tax Credit to magnify the impact of the federal EITC; and

**WHEREAS**, it is estimated that for every dollar received through the EITC, between \$1.50 - \$2.00 is generated in local economic activity; and

**WHEREAS**, Assembly Bill 43, authored by Assemblymembers Stone, Eggman, Levine, McCarty, and Thurmond, establishes a refundable California Earned Income Tax Credit; and

**WHEREAS**, under Assembly Bill 43, all California households eligible for the federal EITC with at least one child under the age of five would receive a refundable credit of 35% of the federal credit amount, a childless EITC-eligible tax filer would receive a refundable credit of 60% of the federal credit amount, and all other federal EITC-eligible filers would receive a state credit of 15% of their federal credit; and

**WHEREAS**, since 2003, the City of Oakland's Alameda County – Oakland Community Action Partnership (AC-OCAP), in collaboration with the Alameda County Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) Coalition, has been educating and informing Oakland's low-wage earners about the benefits of claiming the Earned Income Tax Credit; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2014 City of Oakland awareness campaign about the Federal Earned Income Tax Credit helped prepare a total of 11,156 free tax returns at 24 community based Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites located throughout the City of Oakland, including senior centers and libraries; and

**WHEREAS**, the net results of the 2014 awareness campaign netted \$4,954,217 in Earned Income Tax Credits (EITC), in addition to \$1,711,338 captured in Child Tax Credits (CTC), and over \$11,910,363 captured in total refunds; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That the City Council of Oakland strongly supports the passage of California Assembly Bill 43.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, CAMPBELL-WASHINGTON, GALLO, GUILLEN, KALB, KAPLAN, REID AND PRESIDENT GIBSON MCELHANEY

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

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