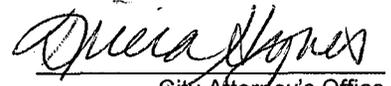


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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBERS DAN KALB AND ABEL GUILLÉN AND VICE
MAYOR ANNIE CAMPBELL WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CALIFORNIA PROPOSITION 55 THAT WOULD CONTINUE INCREASED TAXES ON PERSONAL INCOMES OVER \$250,000

WHEREAS, Sufficient funding being available to the Oakland Unified School District and Peralta Community College District to enable providing quality educational programs and services is of vital importance to the City of Oakland; and

WHEREAS, During the recent recession, the state cut more than \$56 billion from education, healthcare and other critical services and California public schools experienced unprecedented funding reductions and apportionment deferrals, losing more than 30,000 certificated employees, and thousands of classified employees, to layoffs due to revenue losses; and

WHEREAS, California public schools rank 42nd out of the 50 states in per-pupil spending, California public schools are the most crowded in the nation, and California provides fewer guidance counselors and librarians per student than any other state in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Many of California's schoolchildren come from low-income families that lack access to the health care services needed to keep those children in school and learning; and

WHEREAS, California Proposition 30, passed in 2012, increased the personal income tax of the 1.5% of Californians with a single income filing of at least \$263,000 or a joint income filing of at least \$526,000 by 1% to 3% for three different tiers of high incomes, raising billions of dollars in additional revenue each year for education; and

WHEREAS, Many of the lost personnel and programs have been restored through Proposition 30; which made an enormous difference on the massive layoffs and program cuts in public education suffered between 2008-2011 and supported the growth of programs since its passage; and

WHEREAS, The revenues from Proposition 30 will decline after 2016 and will disappear completely after 2018, the last year its provisions will be in effect; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 55 would extend only Proposition 30's temporary, progressive income tax rates, not Proposition 30's sales tax provisions, adding an additional 12 years to the income tax rates to continue funding education as well as boost spending on health care for low income families, including 89% of revenues going to K-12 schools and 11% going to community colleges, and allocating up to \$2 billion per year in certain years for healthcare programs; and

WHEREAS, Unless Californians extend Proposition 30's temporary tax increases, the state's schools most likely will receive relatively fewer dollars in the years ahead, raising the prospect that California's school spending will fall even further behind the nation; and

WHEREAS, If Proposition 30 revenues are all allowed to expire, the loss of funding support for public education that will occur, even in a recovering economy, will likely return schools and colleges to pre-Proposition 30 conditions, forcing layoffs, furloughs, pay cuts and program cuts once more; and

WHEREAS, The state's Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance estimate that Proposition 55 would raise an additional \$4 to \$9 billion per year during 2019 to 2030; and

WHEREAS, No public funds shall be used in the campaign for or against Proposition 55; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 55 is supported by a wide array of state elected officials, school districts, labor unions, and organizations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council hereby supports the passage of Proposition 55 because it provides needed revenue for public schools.

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