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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Resolution No. 85 452 C.M.S.

Introduced by Vice Mayor Kaplan, Councilmember Kalb, Council President McElhanev

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A REQUEST TO THE GOVERNOR TO ADOPT A MORATORIUM ON FRACKING IN CALIFORNIA

WHEREAS, California is suffering from a record-breaking drought and cannot afford to add any more risks to our already limited safe drinking water supply; and

WHEREAS, California regularly suffers from earthquakes which can cause severe harm and loss of life and we cannot afford to increase the risk of earthquakes in our State; and

WHEREAS, hydraulic fracturing, aka 'fracking', has now been demonstrated to increase the risk of earthquakes; and

WHEREAS, the process of fracking routinely includes the use of many toxic chemicals, and has been demonstrated to cause risk of poisoning drinking water supplies; and

WHEREAS, it was recently disclosed that California regulators have been improperly allowing the injection of toxic chemicals into our scarce drinking water supplies; and

WHEREAS, the State of New York, after extensive investigation of potential costs and benefits, has implemented a moratorium on fracking; and

WHEREAS, global climate change threatens our future locally and throughout our planet; and

WHEREAS, increasing the use of fracked fuels increases risks to human health, air quality, wildlife, and global environmental sustainability; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City of Oakland hereby calls for a moratorium on fracking in California; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City of Oakland urges that the State complete a comprehensive health impact assessment of the fracking extraction process, along with independent analyses of negative socioeconomic impacts of fracking to local communities and local governments; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Oakland administration shall communicate with Governor Jerry Brown, our delegation in the State Legislature, and all relevant State agencies regarding the importance of implementing a moratorium on fracking; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That seeking a moratorium on fracking in California shall be part of the City of Oakland's State advocacy agenda, including that it shall be advanced by our State lobbying team; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That within 90 days the administration shall report back to the City Council on the progress of efforts to seek a fracking moratorium in California; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City of Oakland urges other cities and counties and community-based organizations in California to urge a moratorium on fracking.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

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PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, CAMPBELL-WASHINGTON, ~~WATSON~~, GUILLEN, KALB, KAPLAN, REID AND PRESIDENT GIBSON MCELHANEY -7

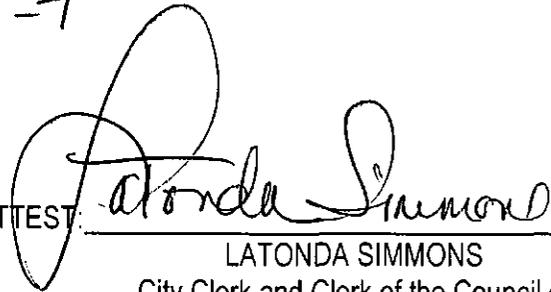
NOES - 0

ABSENT - 0

ABSTENTION - 0

Excused - Gallo - 1

ATTEST



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