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CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

### RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY VICE MAYOR KAPLAN, COUNCIL PRESIDENT FORTUNATO  
BAS, AND COUNCILMEMBER FIFE

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**RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 88174, WHICH ADOPTED  
THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-21 MID-CYCLE AMENDMENTS, TO AMONG  
OTHER THINGS, PREVENT CUTS TO FIRE SERVICES.**

**WHEREAS**, in December 2020, Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf and City Administrator Ed Reiskin publicly stated that to save money, they intend to close fire stations, which would significantly cut fire and emergency medical services in Oakland; and

**WHEREAS**, numerous community members and other officials have joined together in denouncing the plan, from Oakland's Mayor and City Administrator, to cut Fire Stations in Oakland; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has neither approved, nor voted for, the closure of fire stations; and

**WHEREAS**, The Oakland Mayor and City Administrator have not presented their intended fire station closures at any public meeting, as it is normally done in a democratic budget process. Oakland community members have not had an opportunity to offer their comments; and

**WHEREAS**, the high risk for wildfires is no longer restricted to a few months, due to climate change, fire season has become a year-round fight; and

**WHEREAS**, these cuts are a danger to not only thousands of Oakland residents living in our high wildfire risk areas, but to the safety of all Oaklanders and our neighboring cities; and

**WHEREAS**, The Oakland Fire Department was not over budget and had no part whatsoever in causing the current budget gap; and

**WHEREAS**, during this pandemic, Firefighter Paramedics and Emergency Medical Technicians have provided essential front-line services to our community, facing great personal risk to protect us all. They are often first on scene in any emergency, including gun violence; and

**WHEREAS**, these closures, significantly endangering the health and safety of Oakland residents in the middle of a devastating pandemic; now, therefore, be it:

**RESOLVED:** That the City Council amend Resolution No. 88174, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2020-21 Mid-Cycle Amendments, to among other things, prevent cuts to fire services.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - FIFE, GALLO, KALB, KAPLAN, REID, TAYLOR, THAO AND PRESIDENT  
FORTUNATO BAS

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
ASHA REED  
Acting City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of  
the City of Oakland, California