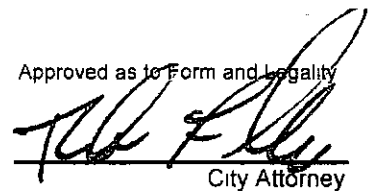


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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

Introduced by Councilmember Libby Schaaf

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ASSEMBLY BILL 2591 (WEBER & SKINNER), BASIC MATERIAL NEEDS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN

WHEREAS, during the 2012-2013 school year there were nearly 270,000 homeless children and youth identified in California public schools under the definition provided by the United States McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act; and

WHEREAS, during the 2012-2013 school year there were more than 650 homeless children and youth identified in the Oakland Unified School District; and

WHEREAS, according to government data, academic research, a survey of more than 200 homeless liaisons and various other sources, these students have poorer academic and life outcomes when compared to their affluent peers; and

WHEREAS, a significant hardship that contributes to these poor outcomes as identified by many of these sources is an absence of access to basic material needs such as school supplies, toiletries, shoes, clothes, dental supplies and other materials; and

WHEREAS, K to College is a California nonprofit that operates the largest charitable school and dental supply program for under-resourced students in the state, serving more than 34,000 Oakland children and youth since 2010; and

WHEREAS, K to College began in Oakland, Berkeley and Richmond, and maintains offices in Oakland as an Oakland employer; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, the Oakland Unified School District established a Memorandum of Understanding with K to College to address the material needs of homeless and other low-income children and youth; and

WHEREAS, K to College has distributed more than \$2.2 million dollars of materials to Oakland school-children, making Oakland children the largest beneficiary of their work in the state; and

RESOLVED: That K to College continues to assist several Oakland back-to-school efforts each year, including churches, nonprofits and community service groups; and

FURTHER RESOLVED: That K to College has sponsored Assembly Bill 2591, the *Basic Material Needs for Homeless Children Act*, authored by Assemblymember Shirley Weber and coauthored by Assemblymember Nancy Skinner; and

FURTHER RESOLVED: That AB 2591 would replicate the successful model generated in the City of Oakland to meet the basic material needs of homeless children throughout California.

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council supports AB 2591.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, KALB, KAPLAN, REID, SCHAAF and PRESIDENT
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NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: _____

LaTonda Simmons
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California