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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY
COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEM SHENG THAO & VICE MAYOR REBECCA
KAPLAN

**RESOLUTION URGING THE CALIFORNIA STATE LEGISLATURE TO DEFEND
MARRIAGE EQUALITY BY PUTTING A MEASURE TO RESCIND ARTICLE I
SECTION 7.5 OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION, ALSO KNOWN AS PROPOSITION 8,
ONTO THE BALLOT**

WHEREAS, the path to full marriage equality in the United States has been one of the most affirmative social movements fought by the lesbian, gay, bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ+) community over the past century; and

WHEREAS, according to estimates from the 2019 Current Population Survey Annual Social and Economic Supplement (CPS ASEC), there are 543,000 same-sex married couple households across the US; and

WHEREAS, based on Census Bureau's data in 2020, about 85,100 same-sex couples are married in California; and

WHEREAS, in California, even with officially legalizing same-sex marriage on May 2008, the ruling faced an objection through Proposition 8; a state ballot initiative that was approved by 52% of the voters on November 4, 2008; meant to add a new section to the state Constitution that "Only marriage between a man and a woman is valid or recognized in California."; and

WHEREAS, when Proposition 8 passed in 2008, the State of California reported an increase in depression, anxiety, and suicide in th LGBTQ+ community and in children with LGBTQ+ parents; and

WHEREAS, in the recent wake of the Roe v Wade overturn, US Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas in an opinion, wants to also open up new legal challenges on same-sex marriage rights; and

WHEREAS, the fight for equal marriage rights by the LGBTQ community continues to be under threat; and

Whereas; the California state Constitution, though not perfect, needs to be fine-tuned to ensure the rights of same-sex couples; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: the City of Oakland reaffirms its support of marriage equality for the LGBTQ+ community; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City of Oakland urges the California State Legislature to heed our growing call of protecting marriage equality by putting a measure to repeal Article I Section 7.5 of the state Constitution, similarly known as Proposition 8, onto the ballot; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: that a copy of this Resolution shall be submitted to our state representatives, the Senate Speaker Pro Tem, Assembly Speaker, and Governor.

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