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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION No. 83375 C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER IGNACIO DE LA FUENTE

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SENATE BILL 48 (LENO) "FAIR, ACCURATE, INCLUSIVE AND RESPECTFUL (FAIR) EDUCATION ACT " THAT WOULD 1) AMEND THE EDUCATION CODE TO INCLUDE SOCIAL SCIENCES INSTRUCTION ON THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDER (LGBT) PEOPLE AND 2) PROHIBIT DISCRIMINATORY INSTRUCTION AND DISCRIMINATORY MATERIALS FROM BEING ADOPTED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

WHEREAS, The FAIR Education Act would ensure that lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) people are included in instructional materials, which studies have shown is linked to greater student safety and lower rates of bullying; and

WHEREAS, The FAIR Education Act would require that LGBT Americans are included and recognized for their important historical contributions to the economic, political, and social development of California; and

WHEREAS, Specifically, this legislation would add LGBT to the existing list of underrepresented cultural and ethnic groups, which are covered by current law related to inclusion in textbooks and other instructional materials in schools; and

WHEREAS, This inclusion will help to ensure that students get a fair and accurate picture of all the people and events that have shaped our society, and that fair and accurate portrayals of LGBT people are no longer excluded from classroom discussions; and

WHEREAS, The FAIR Education Act will bring classroom instruction into alignment with non-discrimination laws passed by the California Legislature and adopted by the State Board of Education a decade ago, by prohibiting the adoption of discriminatory instructional materials and textbooks; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: The City of Oakland declares its support for SB 84 (Leno); and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Council hereby directs the City Administrator and the City's legislative lobbyist to advocate for the above position in the California State Legislature.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, JUN 7 2011, 2011

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES- BRUNNER, BROOKS, DE LA FUENTE, KAPLAN, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, SCHAFF, and PRESIDENT REID - 8

NOES- 0

ABSENT- 0

ABSTENTION- 0

ATTEST: *[Signature]*
LATONDA SIMMONS
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California