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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Resolution No. **80109** C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER NANCY NADEL

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2006,
AS THE CITY OF OAKLAND'S THIRD ANNUAL CARFREE DAY
TO ENCOURAGE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, BICYCLING,
AND WALKING AS ALTERNATIVES TO DRIVING**

WHEREAS, gasoline-powered motor vehicles are responsible for approximately 40% of California's emissions of carbon dioxide (CO2, the primary global-warming gas), a percentage that does not include emissions from diesel powered trucks, trains, buses or airplanes; and

WHEREAS, CO2 emissions are steadily rising, and Americans are becoming aware that automobile dependency is a major contributing factor, causing global warming as well as other damage to our planet and our health; and

WHEREAS, every year, approximately 40,000 Americans and 4,000 Californians are killed each year in motor vehicle crashes, yet, nationwide, investments in automobile infrastructure outpace investments in other transportation modes, compounding safety and environmental problems; and

WHEREAS, surveys indicate that 30 percent of Americans would prefer a less auto-dependent lifestyle; and

WHEREAS, decreased auto dependence can also reduce obesity and associated health problems, blunt the impact of high gas prices, and save lives, among other benefits to Oakland's residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, walking, bicycling, and public transit, on their own or in combination, are convenient alternatives to driving in Oakland and the Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, CarFree Day provides the opportunity for the City of Oakland to promote its goals of developing a sustainable City and supporting social equity for all Oakland residents, and to bring Bay Area residents back to the premier transit-friendly hub city of the East Bay, improving Oakland's economic and community vitality; and

WHEREAS, Oakland's Transit First Policy, adopted in 1996, resolved to encourage and promote the use of public transit, bicycle and pedestrian travel; and

WHEREAS, Oakland will celebrate its third year of participation in International CarFree Day, making Oakland one of over 800 cities observing this event around the world; now, therefore be it,

RESOLVED: the City of Oakland hereby proclaims Friday, September 22, 2006, as Oakland CarFree Day to encourage residents and visitors to try available alternatives to driving, and to provide visibility to the widespread public desire for the benefits of reduced auto dependence; and

FURTHER RESOLVED: the City will observe CarFree Day by sponsoring a transportation fair from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm in Frank Ogawa Plaza featuring informational displays that promote available and creative alternatives to driving alone; and

FURTHER RESOLVED: the City encourages all employers, employees, businesses, public agencies, nonprofit groups, and residents to participate in Oakland CarFree Day 2006.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, SEP 19 2006, 2006

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

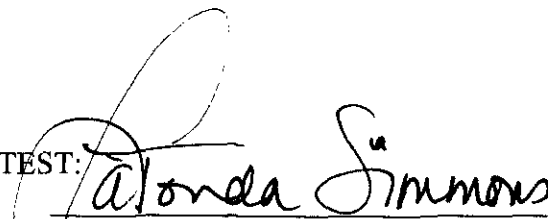
AYES - BRUNNER, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, BROOKS, REID, CHANG, AND
PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE - 8

NOES - 0

ABSENT - 0

ABSTENTION - 0

ATTEST:


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