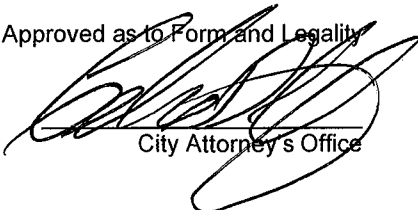


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## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

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

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE DAN KALB

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**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ASSEMBLY BILL 836 (WICKS) THAT WOULD ESTABLISH A GRANT PROGRAM, TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD (ARB), TO CREATE A NETWORK OF CLEAN AIR CENTERS TO MITIGATE ADVERSE HEALTH IMPACTS DUE TO WILDFIRES AND OTHER SMOKE EVENTS, PRIORITIZING AREAS WITH A HIGH CUMULATIVE SMOKE EXPOSURE BURDEN**

**WHEREAS**, in the past few years, wildfires in California have burned over 1.5 million acres of public and private forest land and destroyed over 24,000 homes; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2017 and 2018 wildfires demonstrated how catastrophic wildfire events impact the quality of air for residents, even those who live hundreds of miles away from the burned area, including here in Oakland; and

**WHEREAS**, this toxic air often contains elevated levels of wood smoke and contaminants from burned structures, vehicles, and consumer products, causing negative health impacts especially among children, the elderly, and individuals with existing respiratory problems; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), people who have heart or lung diseases, chest pain, or asthma are at higher risk from wildfire smoke, and older adults are more likely to be affected by smoke due to their increased risk of heart and lung diseases; and

**WHEREAS**, children are more likely to be affected by smoke because their airways are still developing, and they breathe more air per pound of body weight than adults; and

**WHEREAS**, Assembly Bill (AB) 836 (Wicks) was introduced to create a network of clean air centers to mitigate adverse health impacts due to wildfires and other smoke events; and

**WHEREAS**, AB 836 would direct the California Air Resources Board (ARB) to develop guidelines, in consultation with air districts, cities, counties, public health agencies, school districts, and other stakeholders, to identify clean air centers for the public to access during emergency air quality events; and

**WHEREAS**, AB 836 would establish a grant program to retrofit ventilation systems to create the network of clean air centers, prioritizing applicants located in communities with high cumulative exposure burden; and

**WHEREAS**, AB 836 would provide better coordination in local communities and healthier indoor environments during emergency smoke events, filling a gap in the current wildfire smoke response efforts in affected communities and help mitigate adverse health effects from air pollution; and

**WHEREAS**, AB 836 is sponsored by Bay Area Air Quality Management District and supported by the American Lung Association and the American Academy of Pediatrics; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That the Oakland City Council hereby endorses AB 836 and urges the California State Legislature and Governor Gavin Newsom to support its enactment into law.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

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