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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER DAN KALB

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SB 272 (LAIRD), TO ENSURE
CONSISTENT, COMPERHENSIVE LOCAL PLANNING FOR SEA
LEVEL RISE IN CALIFORNIA.**

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland has been on the forefront of climate policy for decades;
and

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Bay area is a vibrant, diverse, ecologically unique,
innovative, and pioneering region that will be deeply and deleteriously affected by climate change
without tremendous effort and investments to adapt to a constantly changing shoreline; and

WHEREAS, flood damage to vital shoreline development, public infrastructure,
neighborhoods, and contaminated lands absent adaptation will harm vulnerable communities and
degrade environmental quality; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland has 19 miles of shoreline and its LHMP estimates that
there are approximately 14,600 structures in the 100-year Flood Zone; and

WHEREAS, sea levels in the Bay Area are projected to rise by up to 1.9 feet by 2050 and
up to 6.9 feet by 2100, which will expose even more of the city's shoreline to flooding; and

WHEREAS, according to a report prepared by the Pathways Climate Institute and SFEI,
“low-lying inland areas could flood from below by emergent groundwater long before coastal
floodwaters overtop the shoreline”; and

WHEREAS, to properly address this challenge, local governments in the Bay Area need
to create consistent and coordinated sea level rise resiliency plans; and

WHEREAS, SB 272 would require local governments within the Bay Conservation and Development Commission's (BCDC) jurisdiction to create a sea level rise shoreline resiliency plan by January 1, 2034, contingent on the state providing financial support through existing or future appropriations; and

WHEREAS, SB 272 directs BCDC to establish guidelines for the local resiliency plans and gives BCDC new authority to review and approve the plans to ensure consistency with the best available science; and

WHEREAS, SB 272 further incentivizes timely sea level rise planning by giving funding priority to local governments that receive BCDC approval for their plans by January 1, 2029; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City of Oakland endorses SB 272 and urges the California State Legislature and Governor Gavin Newsom to support its enactment into law; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Council directs the City Administrator or his designee to immediately distribute this Resolution upon its adoption to Governor Gavin Newsom and State Senator Laird

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - FIFE, GALLO, JENKINS, KALB, KAPLAN, RAMACHANDRAN, REID, AND
PRESIDENT FORTUNATO BAS

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ATTEST: _____

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