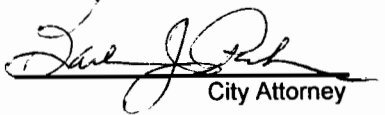


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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 82984 C.M.S

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER NADEL

Adopt a Resolution Opposing Proposition 23, a Ballot Initiative to Suspend the Clean Energy and Air Pollution Control Standards of the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (AB32)

WHEREAS, in 2006 the State of California passed the Global Warming Solutions Act (AB 32), a clean air law that holds polluters accountable for their emissions and requires them to reduce air pollution that threatens human health and contributes to climate change; and

WHEREAS, AB 32 requires that greenhouse emission levels in the state be cut to 1990 levels by 2020, through a gradual process that is slated to begin in 2012; and

WHEREAS, AB 32 builds on decades of state policies on green energy, and has launched California to the forefront of the clean technology industry - sparking innovation and clean energy businesses that are creating new green jobs in California; and

WHEREAS, groups opposed to AB 32 have placed a proposition on the November 2, 2010 ballot that would suspend the implementation of AB 32 until California's unemployment rate drops to 5.5 percent for four consecutive quarters, a rate that has rarely been achieved; and

WHEREAS, suspending AB 32 would create more air pollution in California and threaten public health, including instances of asthma, lung disease, and premature deaths; and

WHEREAS, suspending AB 32 would also devastate California's emerging clean energy industry that currently provides new green jobs to the state while developing wind, solar, and other renewable energies and clean technologies that will reduce energy costs and dependence on non-renewable and polluting fossil fuels; and

WHEREAS, two Texas-based oil companies, Valero Energy Corporation and Tesoro Corporation, provided the initial funding for this proposition effort; and

WHEREAS suspending AB 32's clean energy and air pollution control standards are opposed by a broad coalition of businesses and environmental organizations, public health advocates and politicians; and

WHEREAS opposing the suspension of AB 32's clean energy and air pollution control standards is consistent with the goals and policies of Oakland's draft Energy and Climate Action Plan; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the City of Oakland strongly opposes Proposition 23 which would suspend AB 32's air pollution control standards requiring reduced greenhouse gas emissions that cause global warming, and would require the state to abandon implementation of comprehensive greenhouse gas reduction programs that include increased renewable energy requirements and mandatory emission reporting and fee requirements for major polluters.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, SEP 21 2010, 20

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, DE LA FUENTE, KAPLAN, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, ~~REED~~, and PRESIDENT BRUNNER - 7
NOES - 0
ABSENT - *Reid - 1*
ABSTENTION - 0

ATTEST.



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