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# OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Resolution No. 84966 C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER LYNETTE GIBSON MCELHANEY

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CALIFORNIA WELFARE DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION'S BUDGET PROPOSAL TO DEDICATE \$20.3 MILLION OF GENERAL FUNDS FOR PREVENTION, INTERVENTION, AND SUPPORT SERVICES FOR VICTIMS OF COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN AND WOULD RECOMMEND \$14.3 MILLION IN GENERAL FUNDS FOR SUCCESSIVE YEARS**

**WHEREAS**, Commercial sexual exploitation of children is a serious problem in the City of Oakland, with an estimated 100 children per day trapped in sexual exploitation on a daily basis; and

**WHEREAS**, children who are forced to do sex work are rape victims who require comprehensive services in order to re-enter into society in order to address their trauma with mental health services, to reintegrate them into the workforce or an education setting, as well as to reunify them with their families or to relocate them to a safer environment; and

**WHEREAS**, there is strong belief that child welfare should have primary responsibility for protecting and serving these children, as well as coordinating services, however, these agencies needs additional funding for the strategic development and coordination of services, as well as system-wide training; and

**WHEREAS**, the California Welfare Directors Association (CWDA) proposes that social workers must be able to identify commercially sexually exploited child victims they must receive training in order to more appropriately recognize risk factors, warning signs that a child that is being trafficked and in intervention strategies; and

**WHEREAS**, counties lack the capacity to provide enhanced supervision and support to protect victims through the regular foster care program, thus new services must be identified or developed to provide safe and supportive immediate and long-term shelter to child victims of commercial sexual exploitation; and

**WHEREAS**, the California Welfare Directors Association submitted a budget proposal, which would allow for California child welfare agencies to build capacity in local communities to serve child victims of commercial sexual exploitation, as a means to target the resources needed to combat this heinous crime; and

**WHEREAS**, the CWDA proposal would allocate \$20.3 million dollars in Fiscal Year 2014-2015 for enhanced development of prevention, intervention, and support services as well as necessary trainings; and

**WHEREAS**, the CWDA would propose \$14.3 million dollars for successive years for continued prevention, intervention, and support services; and

**WHEREAS**, this proposal is supported by several government agencies and other organizations that provide services to child victims of commercial sexual exploitation, many prominent children's policy organizations, the Service Employees Union International (SEIU), the California State Association of Counties, the Alameda County Social Service Agency, and the Counties of Napa, San Francisco, and Orange; and

**WHEREAS**, the California State Budget's General Fund is over \$96 billion dollars, of which, the funds proposed by CWDA for CSEC services merely represent .02% of the general fund; and therefore be it

**RESOLVED:** That the Oakland City Council endorses the budget proposal made by the California Welfare Directors Association to allocate \$20.3 million dollars in FY 14-15 and \$14.3 million dollars in successive years to support child victims of commercial sexual exploitation.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

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PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

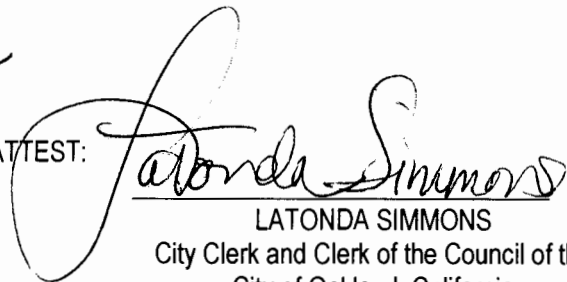
AYES - BROOKS, GALLO, ~~GIBSON MCELHANEY~~, KALB, KAPLAN, ~~REID~~, SCHAAF AND PRESIDENT KERNIGHAN - 6

NOES - 0

ABSENT - Reid, Gibson McElhaneey

ABSTENTION - 0

ATTEST:

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