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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Resolution No. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT LYNETTE GIBSON MCELHANEY AND
COUNCILMEMBER ANNIE CAMPBELL WASHINGTON

**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT ASSEMBLY BILL 43 WHICH
ESTABLISHES A REFUNDABLE CALIFORNIA EARNED INCOME
TAX CREDIT TO ACT AS A STIMULUS FOR WORKING LOW AND
MIDDLE-INCOME FAMILIES BY REDUCING POVERTY AND
REWARDING WORK**

WHEREAS, according to the Federal Supplemental Poverty Measure, California has the highest rate of poverty in the United States, with 23.4% of its residents living below the poverty line; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland takes great strides to address the needs of low-income individuals, through grants and programs for job training, social services for seniors, youth, health, and nutrition, however, such services are insufficient to meet the needs of our vulnerable populations; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Earned Income Tax Credit ("EITC") has raised 1.3 million Californians, including 629,000 children, above the federal poverty line; and

WHEREAS, twenty-five states have already established a state-level Earned Income Tax Credit to magnify the impact of the federal EITC; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that for every dollar received through the EITC, between \$1.50 - \$2.00 is generated in local economic activity; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 43, authored by Assemblymember Mark Stone, with support of Oakland representatives Rob Bonta and Tony Thurmond, establishes a refundable California Earned Income Tax Credit; and

WHEREAS, under Assembly Bill 43, all California households eligible for the federal EITC with at least one child under the age of five would receive a refundable credit of 35% of the federal credit amount, a childless EITC-eligible tax filer would receive a refundable credit of 60% of the federal credit amount, and all other federal EITC-eligible filers would receive a state credit of 15% of their federal credit; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council of Oakland strongly supports the passage of California Assembly Bill 43.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:
AYES - BROOKS, CAMPBELL-WASHINGTON, GALLO, GUILLEN, KALB, KAPLAN, REID AND PRESIDENT GIBSON MCELHANEY

NOES -
ABSENT -
ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: _____
LATONDA SIMMONS
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the
City of Oakland, California