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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Resolution No. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT LYNETTE GIBSON MCELHANEY

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO VOTE IN ORDER TO PROMOTE DEMOCRACY, PREVENT POLITICAL, RACIAL, AND DISCRIMINATORY LIMITATIONS ON VOTING ACCESS.

WHEREAS, United States Representatives Mark Pocan and Keith Ellison introduced House Joint Resolution ("HJR") 25 in May 2013; and

WHEREAS, HJR 25 states every United States citizen of legal voting age has the constitutional right to vote; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court struck down Section 4 of the Voting Rights Act, stripping the Justice Department of the power to curb racial discrimination in voting; and

WHEREAS, every American citizen should be able to express their vision for the country and needs through voting; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council of Oakland strongly supports the passage of House Joint Resolution 25.

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