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RESOLUTION NO. 81384 C.M.S.

Introduced by Councilmembers Jane Brunner and Nancy J. Nadel

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF (1) THE INTERNET RADIO EQUALITY ACT (House Resolution (H.R.) 2060, Senate Resolution (S.) 1353), WHICH WOULD NULLIFY A 2007 RULING OF THE COPYRIGHT ROYALTY BOARD (CRB) TO INCREASE THE ROYALTIES AND FEES PAID BY RADIO INTERNET PROVIDERS AND RETURN THE INTERNET RADIO INDUSTRY TO A PERCENTAGE-OF-REVENUE MODEL AND (2) PANDORA, A FREE ONLINE RADIO STATION LOCATED IN OAKLAND'S UPTOWN AREA ENTERPRISE ZONE**

**WHEREAS,** Pandora is a young company located in the Oakland Enterprise zone; and

**WHEREAS,** Pandora now employs more than 100 people in Uptown Oakland, and has become the most popular Internet radio service in the country; and

**WHEREAS,** Pandora's continued existence and ability to contribute to the revitalization of Uptown Oakland are threatened by music royalty rates 3-5 times greater than those paid by other forms of radio; and

**WHEREAS,** Pandora and other internet radio services offer a free, legal alternative to piracy and further benefit artists by allowing consumers to discover new music; and

**WHEREAS,** the Internet Radio Equality Act (H.R. 2060, S. 1353) has been introduced in both Houses of Congress to establish a level playing field for all internet radio services, including Pandora, so that internet radio services will be charged royalty rates that are competitive with the rates that are charged to satellite and cable radio stations; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED:** that the Oakland City Council expresses its support for the Internet Radio Equality Act and calls on Congress to pass this legislation.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, JUN 17 2008, 20

**PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

AYES - BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, REID, and PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE - 8

NOES - 0

ABSENT - 0

ABSTENTION - 0

ATTEST: *LaTonda Simmons*  
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City Clerk and Clerk of the Council  
of the City of Oakland, California