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RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

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Resolution in Support of Alameda County Measure A

(an increase in sales tax to support the Alameda County Medical Center)

Whereas, the Alameda County Medical Center, also known as Highland Hospital, was opened in Oakland in the 1920s; and

Whereas, the Medical Center provides the main Trauma Center in Alameda County, saving thousands of lives from every neighborhood and social status, and also provides essential health care services to the uninsured in the County, which comprise 12-16% of the County's residents, and has served generations of uninsured patients, guaranteeing health care for all; and

Whereas, the Medical Center is an important economic resource employing hundreds of Oakland residents; and

Whereas, cuts at the Federal and State governments, a higher number of uninsured and underinsured patients, and higher cost of doing business have combined to place the Alameda County Medical Center at risk of having to cut essential services to eliminate such a deficit; and the Medical Center has a \$71.6 million deficit in this fiscal year alone, and the County has spent more than \$308 million to support the Alameda County Medical Center over the past five years and the County's budget can no longer continue subsidizing the Medical Center in such a fashion; and

Whereas, the closure of the Medical Center would lead to disastrous overload at private hospitals and emergency rooms in Oakland and Berkeley; and

Whereas, the community clinics, private hospitals and emergency rooms also must be supported in their care of the uninsured; and

Whereas, Measure A, a .5% increase in the County's sales tax for a 15 year term to support the Alameda County Medical Center, is on the March 2, 2004 ballot and was unanimously approved by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors; and

Whereas, Measure A has been endorsed by the Alameda Contra Costa Medical Association; the California Physicians Alliance; the Taxpayers Association; the Sinkler-Miller Medical Association; and the Alameda Health Consortium; and be it

Therefore be it resolved, that the Oakland City Council endorses Measure A and encourages the voters of Oakland to vote for Measure A to ensure health care for all in Oakland and Alameda County.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 20____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES- BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, NADEL, QUAN, REID, WAN and PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE
NOES-
ABSENT-
ABSTENTION-

ATTEST: _____

CEDA FLOYD
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California

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