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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Resolution No. 85170 C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT PATRICIA KERNIGHAN

RESOLUTION STATING THE INTENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND TO SUPPORT THE GOALS OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND/EMPLOYEE UNION HEALTH CARE TASK FORCE, WHICH SEEKS TO REDUCE HEALTH COSTS WHILE IMPROVING QUALITY BY ESTABLISHING TRANSPARENCY AND HOLDING HEALTH PLANS AND PROVIDERS ACCOUNTABLE FOR DELIVERING SAFE, EFFECTIVE, AND FAIRLY PRICED HEALTH CARE SERVICES TO OAKLAND EMPLOYEES, RESIDENTS, AND TAXPAYERS

WHEREAS, An employer/employee Health Care Task Force, including representatives of the City administration and the unions representing City employees, was amicably established to jointly work toward improving quality and reducing health and insurance costs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland and its employees share an interest in reducing health and insurance costs by promoting high quality, prevention-oriented, efficient, and fairly priced health care services; and

WHEREAS, the Health Care Task Force is concerned about health care costs that may result from "unnecessary services, excessive administrative costs, inefficiently delivered services, prices that are too high, fraud, and missed prevention opportunities," which the Institute of Medicine (an arm of the National Academy of Sciences) calls "waste" and estimates is 30 percent of U.S. health care spending (<http://resources.iom.edu/widgets/vsrt/healthcare-waste.html>); and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland and its employees currently do not know what percentage of its premium or out of pocket health care costs are "waste" and the goal of the City Council is to reduce both for City workers, residents, and taxpayers by establishing transparency and holding plans and providers financially accountable for performance; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council does hereby give notice of intention to support the efforts of the Health Care Task Force to encourage CalPERS, other public payers of health benefits, State policymakers, and commercial health plans and providers to establish transparency and improve the safety, quality, efficiency, and affordability of the health care services that the City, its employees, residents and taxpayers pay for and receive.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

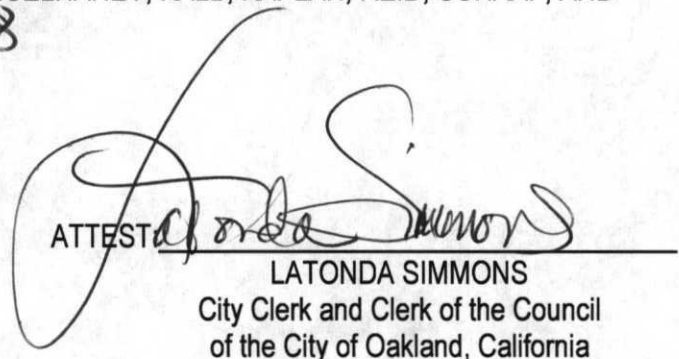
PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: **SEP 23 2014**

AYES - BROOKS, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, KALB, KAPLAN, REID, SCHAAF, AND PRESIDENT KERNIGHAN - 8

NOES - 0

ABSENT - 0

ABSTENTION - 0

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