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# OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION No. 84043 C.M.S.

Introduced by Councilmember ignacio De La Fuente

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SENATE BILL 1172 (LIEU), WHICH LIMITS SEXUAL ORIENTATION CONVERSION "TREATMENTS" BY PROHIBITING MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDERS FROM ENGAGING IN SEXUAL ORIENTATION CHANGE EFFORTS WITH A MINOR PATIENT, REGARDLESS OF A PARENT'S WILLINGNESS OR DESIRE TO AUTHORIZE SUCH "TREATMENTS"**

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 1172, Sexual Orientation Change Efforts, Introduced by California Senator Ted Lieu (D-Torrance), would prohibit a mental health provider from engaging in sexual orientation change efforts with a patient under 18 years of age, regardless of the willingness of a patient, patient's parent, guardian, conservator, or other person to authorize such efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, for decades, gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people—particularly youth—have suffered psychological abuse by those who are entrusted to care for their emotional and psychological well-being; and

**WHEREAS**, specifically, this legislation would prohibit mental health providers from engaging in sexual orientation change treatments or efforts with a minor patient, regardless of a parent's willingness or desire to authorize such "treatments; and

**WHEREAS**, such sexual orientation change treatments or therapies pose critical health risks to lesbian, gay, and bisexual people, including depression, shame, decreased self-esteem, social withdrawal, substance abuse, risky behavior, and suicidal tendencies; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**: That the City of Oakland declares its support for Senate Bill 1172, Sexual Orientation Change Efforts (Lieu); and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**: That the City Council hereby directs the City Administrator and the City's legislative lobbyist to advocate for the above position in the California State Legislature.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, = **OCT 02 2012**

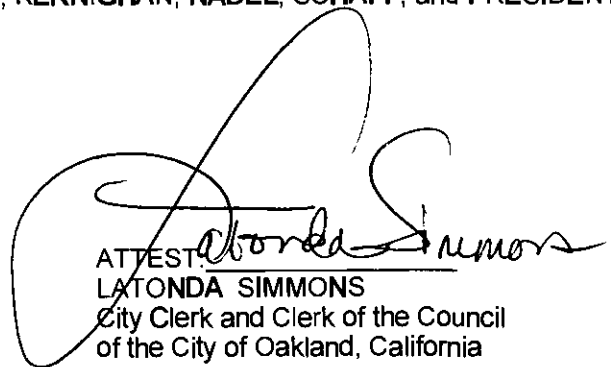
**PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

**AYES-** BRUNNER, BROOKS, DE LA FUENTE, KAPLAN, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, SCHAFF, and PRESIDENT REID 8

**NOES-** 0

**ABSENT-** 0

**ABSTENTION-** 0

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