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Date: March 28, 2018
To: City Council
From: Councilmember Kaplan
Re: Resolution To Help Protect Our Youth, And Improve Pedestrian Safety In And Around Our Schools, By Allocating \$320,000 In Fiscal Year 2018-2019 City Of Oakland Measure BB Funds, To Increase Crossing Guards To 16 Additional Oakland Schools

Dear Colleagues on the City Council and Members of the Public,

Walking or biking to school has many benefits, such as encouraging physical fitness and alleviating traffic congestion and air pollution. However, many Oakland schools lack crossing guards, which poses a risk to student safety, and contributes to many families feeling uncomfortable allowing their children to walk or bike to school. In addition, poor conditions for walking and biking, including insufficient sidewalks, unsafe crossings, and speeding cars, are more prevalent in low-income neighborhoods.

Measure BB, approved by Alameda County voters on November 4, 2014, allocates funds for bicycle and pedestrian safety and improvements, including for projects and programs that "support school crossing guards."

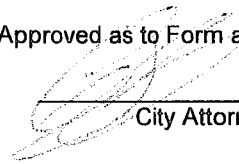
In order to improve the safety of students and their families as they commute to school, I have authored this Resolution to allocate \$320,000 in fiscal year 2018-2019 City of Oakland Measure BB Funds, to increase crossing guards to 16 additional schools. Upon passage of this Resolution, each City Councilmember may submit to the City Administrator the names of two schools to receive crossing guards with these funds.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rebecca Kaplan".

Councilmember At-Large Rebecca Kaplan

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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBERS REBECCA KAPLAN, NOEL GALLO AND
ANNIE CAMPBELL WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION TO HELP PROTECT OUR YOUTH, AND IMPROVE
PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IN AND AROUND OUR SCHOOLS, BY
ALLOCATING \$320,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 CITY OF OAKLAND
MEASURE BB FUNDS, TO INCREASE CROSSING GUARDS TO 16
ADDITIONAL OAKLAND SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, traffic concerns pose health and safety risks to students who walk or bike to school; and

WHEREAS, poor conditions for walking and biking, including insufficient sidewalks, unsafe crossings, and speeding cars, are more prevalent in low-income neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, crossing guards can help mitigate these risks, by helping students and their families get to and from school safely; and

WHEREAS, crossing guards can also provide students mentorship and support, and have been shown to impact attendance of both school and out-of-school programs; and

WHEREAS, many Oakland schools are without crossing guards, which poses an additional risk to student safety, and contributes to many families feeling uncomfortable allowing their children to walk or bike to school; and

WHEREAS, walking or biking to school encourages physical fitness and helps alleviate traffic congestion and air pollution; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland wishes to ensure the safety of students and their families as they walk to and from school; and

WHEREAS, Measure BB, approved by Alameda County voters on November 4, 2014, allocates funds for bicycle and pedestrian safety and improvements, including for projects and programs that "support school crossing guards"; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City of Oakland shall allocate \$320,000 in fiscal year 2018-2019 City of Oakland Measure BB Funds, to increase crossing guards to 16 additional schools; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That each City Councilmember shall submit to the City Administrator or her designee the names of two schools to receive crossing guards with these funds, within 30 days of the passage of this Resolution.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, CAMPBELL WASHINGTON, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, GUILLÉN, KALB,
KAPLAN AND PRESIDENT REID

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

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