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## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

### RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER DAN KALB

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL (SB) 379 (HANNAH-BETH JACKSON) – STATE LEGISLATION THAT WOULD UPON THE NEXT REVISION BY A CITY OR COUNTY OF THEIR HOUSING ELEMENT ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2017, REQUIRE THE SAFETY ELEMENT TO BE REVIEWED AND UPDATED AS NECESSARY TO ADDRESS CLIMATE ADAPTATION AND RESILIENCY STRATEGIES APPLICABLE TO THAT CITY OR COUNTY, AND INCLUDE A SET OF GOALS, POLICIES, AND OBJECTIVES BASED ON THE MOST CURRENT INFORMATION AVAILABLE REGARDING CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION AND RESILIENCY.**

**WHEREAS,** The consequences of Climate Change are recognized by scientists as a major threat to the current way of life around the world, with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Climate Change 2014 Synthesis Report (SYR)<sup>i</sup> stating that human activities are a major factor in climate change, their impact is obvious and is seen worldwide. Many of the observed changes since the 1950s are unprecedented including ocean rise, flooding, and drought; and

**WHEREAS,** The SYR calls for the urgent attention of both policymakers and citizens of the world to tackle this challenge; and

**WHEREAS,** Oakland has large portion of its assets and major developments right next to the water's edge and, according to the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC),<sup>ii</sup> considerable strategic areas of Oakland might be under as much as six feet of water by 2050 and will undoubtedly be affected by sea-level rise ranging from 3 to 6 feet in the next 50 years; and

**WHEREAS,** Governor Brown declared a drought State of Emergency in January, 2015 in California, and on April 1, 2015 outlined the actions designed to prepare local and state municipalities for water shortages<sup>iii</sup>; and

**WHEREAS,** Oakland was chosen as one of 100 Resilient Cities, initiated and funded by the Rockefeller foundation, to participate in development of a comprehensive resiliency strategy; and

**WHEREAS,** As part of the 100 Resilient Cities effort, Oakland already has a team that is working on developing Oakland’s resiliency strategy and has an opportunity to benefit from these efforts; and

**WHEREAS,** Oakland has an opportunity to proactively prepare for upcoming challenges by strategically planning for them, thereby minimizing financial and other risks in the future; and

**WHEREAS,** Major land use decisions should be made with full awareness of the various changes caused by Climate Change while also understanding the role that land use itself plays in Climate Change; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That the Oakland City Council supports Senate Bill (SB) 379 (Hannah-Beth Jackson) – state legislation that would upon the next revision by a city or county of their housing element on or after January 1, 2017, require the safety element to be reviewed and updated as necessary to address climate adaptation and resiliency strategies applicable to that city or county, and include a set of goals, policies, and objectives based on the most current information available regarding climate change adaptation and resiliency; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the City Administrator is directed to forward a copy of this enacted Resolution to state legislative elected officials representing Oakland and to the lobbyist for the City of Oakland to advocate for passage of this legislation.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

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

<sup>i</sup> Climate Change 2014 Synthesis Report [http://www.ipcc.ch/pdf/assessment-report/ar5/syr/SYR\\_AR5\\_FINAL\\_full.pdf](http://www.ipcc.ch/pdf/assessment-report/ar5/syr/SYR_AR5_FINAL_full.pdf)

<sup>ii</sup> Areas Vulnerable to Sea Level Rise in San Francisco Bay <http://www.bcdc.ca.gov/slr.shtml>

<sup>iii</sup> <http://ca.gov/drought/>