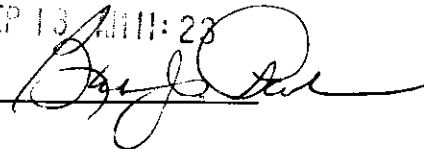


OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 78104 C.M.S.

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INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER Jane Brunner

**RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE CALIFORNIA STATE
LEGISLATURE'S CONCLUSION (SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
NO. 49) THAT THE PREVAILING WAGE LAW ADDRESSES STATEWIDE
CONCERNS**

WHEREAS, California adopted a prevailing wage law in 1931 to require contractors and subcontractors on public projects to pay construction workers wages at least equal to the wages prevailing in local labor markets;

WHEREAS, the prevailing wage law was later amended to require contractors and subcontractors on public projects to hire apprentices registered in state-approved apprenticeship programs, thereby providing training opportunities for the next generation of skilled workers;

WHEREAS, the prevailing wage law serves important public purposes including protecting workers from exploitation, allowing union contractors and non-union contractors to bid for public work on a level playing field, protecting the wage base in local labor markets, providing opportunities for training skilled workers, attracting the most skilled workers to public projects and avoiding the strain on public resources that occurs when workers are not provided health and pension benefits;

WHEREAS, the California Legislature has declared that the prevailing wage law is "a matter of statewide concern." (Stats 2002, chapter 892, section 1; Stats 2002, chapter 868, section 1).

WHEREAS, the California Court of Appeal recently ruled in *Department of Industrial Relations, et al, v. City of Long Beach*, 2d Civil No. B159333, that the prevailing wage law addresses statewide concerns, and therefore applies to construction projects subsidized by chartered cities, just as it does to projects subsidized by State and local public agencies and political subdivisions.

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland supports the goals of the State prevailing wage law; now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Oakland City Council endorses the California Legislature's conclusion that the prevailing wage law addresses statewide concerns and will not participate in efforts to overturn or depublish the *City of Long Beach* decision.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, SEP 30 2003, 19

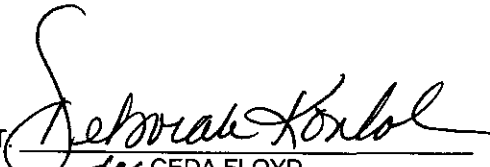
PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - ~~BROOKS~~, BRUNNER, CHANG, DE LA FUENTE, NADEL, QUAN, REID, WAN - 7

NOES - 0

ABSENT - 0

ABSTENTION - BROOKS - 1

ATTEST: 
for CEDRA FLOYD
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
Of the City of Oakland, California