

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

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RESOLUTION No. 80466 C.M.S.

Barbara J. O'Neil
City Attorney

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RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED CUTS IN THE 2007-2008 STATE BUDGET OF \$324.4 MILLION IN CALWORKS CASH ASSISTANCE BENEFITS TO LOW-INCOME FAMILIES

WHEREAS, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's proposed State Budget for 2007-2008 includes a \$324.4 million cut and a projected \$426 million cut for 2008-2009 for families on CalWORKs, the state's version of the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the CalWORKS program is to reduce child poverty and increase family self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's proposed 2007-2008 budget clearly does not support the goal of reducing child poverty and increasing family self-sufficiency; and

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WHEREAS, the State Department of Social Services projects that 36,000 of the 90,000 children whose families now receive CalWORKS benefits would lose cash assistance on July 1, 2007 if the Governor's proposed budget is approved; and

WHEREAS, this change in the CalWORKs program would cause undo suffering among low-income children and the families who care for them; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: that the City of Oakland opposes the Governor's proposed cuts in the 2007-2008 State Budget of \$324.4 million in CalWORKs cash assistance, which includes the termination of CalWORKs cash assistance for some child-only cases, the elimination of the post 5-year safety net for children when the parent is not employed, and full family sanctions; and be it

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IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, MAR 20 2007, 20

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, REID, and PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE - 8

NOES - 0

ABSENT - 0

ABSTENTION - 0

ATTEST: *LaTonda Simmons*
LaTonda Simmons
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California

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Approved as to Form and Legality

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