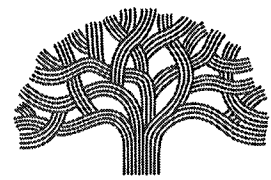


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Date: April, 27th, 2017

To: Members of the City Council

Cc: LaTonda Simmons, City Clerk
Barbara Parker, City Attorney

From: Councilmembers Lynette Gibson McElhaney & Dan Kalb

Re: Support for the National Endowments of the Arts and Humanities

Dear Members of the City Council:

I urge your support for the attached resolution. It is essential that we send a strong signal to the Trump Administration and Congress that the Arts and Humanities are essential to our welfare and economy of Oakland and that eliminating their funding would be penny-wise and pound-foolish.

Signed,

Councilmember Lynette Gibson McElhaney

Councilmember Dan Kalb



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Approved as to Form and Legality

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City Attorney's Office

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER LYNETTE GIBSON MCELHANEY AND
COUNCILMEMBER DAN KALB

**RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE CITY OF OAKLAND'S SUPPORT
FOR THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS AND THE
NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES AND DIRECTING
THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT TO ISSUE A LETTER ON BEHALF OF
THE CITY COUNCIL TO PRESIDENT TRUMP AND CONGRESS**

WHEREAS, for over 50 years, the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) and the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) have provided vital support and resources to endeavors in the arts and humanities across the country and currently have a budget of \$148 million each; and

WHEREAS, the NEA and NEH efficiently use their limited budgets to leverage additional state, local and philanthropic funds to catalyze projects that reach almost every county in the country to ensure a wide reach of arts, music, dance, theater, literature, cultural history, and the visual arts that serve all Americans; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis determined that the Arts and Humanities sectors of the economy is a \$704 billion industry which accounts for 4.2 percent of the nation's GDP and has developed, in part, due to the investments of the NEA and NEH; and

RESOLVED: That the City of Oakland supports the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities and directs the Council President to issue a letter of support on behalf of the City Council to President Trump and Congress.

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