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2004 MAY 27 PM 12:15 RESOLUTION NO. 78626 C. M. S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER PRESIDENT IGNACIO DE LA FUENTE

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**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING SUPPORT FOR INITIATIVES TO PREVENT, REDUCE, AND TREAT ASTHMA AMONG OAKLAND'S CHILDREN, SPECIFICALLY STATE ASSEMBLY BILL 2367 AUTHORED BY ASSEMBLYWOMAN WILMA CHAN**

WHEREAS, A person's ability to breathe fresh air is the foundation for a healthy life;

WHEREAS, Asthma is a chronic disease that impairs a person's ability to breathe by swelling and constricting one's airway;

WHEREAS, Children are most susceptible to asthma attacks because their airways and lungs are still growing;

WHEREAS, Children living in Oakland seek emergency care for their asthma attacks at a rate four times higher than do children in California as a whole, according to data produced by the California Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development and analyzed by the Oakland/Berkeley Asthma Coalition;

WHEREAS, There are many more children suffering from asthma in Oakland than those who seek emergency hospital care;

WHEREAS, Children suffering from asthma attacks live in every neighborhood in Oakland, including North, East, West, and Downtown Oakland;

WHEREAS, When children suffer from asthma attacks they miss school, thereby hindering their ability to learn and reducing the amount of funding the state provides to those schools;

WHEREAS, Asthma can be prevented by protecting our environment, specifically by reducing outdoor and indoor air pollution;

WHEREAS, Although there is no cure for asthma, children and their caregivers can manage the disease with sufficient information on its symptoms and treatments combined with access to affordable and quality health care;

WHEREAS, The City of Oakland should encourage government agencies to partner with nonprofit organizations and the business community to prevent, reduce, and treat asthma among Oakland's children;

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 2367 introduced by Assembly Member Wilma Chan would be a positive step toward helping Oakland's children to manage their asthma attacks by training teachers in public schools to recognize signs and symptoms of this disease; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the City Council of the City of Oakland does hereby express its support for Assembly Bill 2367 and other initiatives likely to be effective in preventing, reducing, and / or treating asthma among Oakland's children.

**JUN 15 2004**

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, \_\_\_\_\_,


**PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

AYES- BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, NADEL, REID, QUAN, WAN AND PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE → 8

NOES- 0

ABSENT- 0

ABSTENTION- 0

ATTEST:   
CEDA FLOYD  
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council  
of the City of Oakland, California