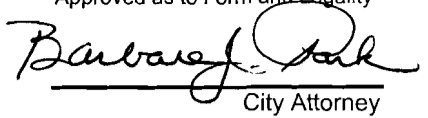


**OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL**

  
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**RESOLUTION No. 81244 C.M.S.**

08 MAY -1 PM 3:57 Introduced by Councilmember Nancy J. Nadel

**RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE MONTH OF MAY 2008 AS  
 'COMMUNITY ACTION MONTH' IN THE CITY OF OAKLAND,  
 IN RECOGNITION OF THE SERVICES AND ADVOCACY OF  
 COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCIES NATIONWIDE THAT  
 PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO THE MILLIONS OF AMERICANS  
 WHO ARE LIVING IN POVERTY, AND JOINING THE  
 COMMUNITY ACTION NETWORK'S *ROOTING OUT POVERTY*  
 CAMPAIGN**

**WHEREAS**, 37 million (13%) Americans out of a total of 297 million people nationwide now live in poverty, according to the most recent U.S. Census figures; and

**WHEREAS**, the Center for American Progress reports 17.9% of America's children, 1 in 5, are documented as living in poverty; and

**WHEREAS**, 4.7 million Californians live in poverty, a rate of 13%, higher than the national average; and

**WHEREAS**, the average poverty threshold for a family of four in 2008 is \$21,200; for a family of three is \$17,600; and for a family of two is \$14,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the California Budget Project reports that due to the Bay Area's high cost of living, it would cost a family of four \$70,000 to meet their basic needs annually; and

**WHEREAS**, UCLA Center for Health Policy estimates that 6.5 million, or 1 out of 5 Californians, lack health insurance coverage; and

**WHEREAS**, in Alameda County 11% (158,812) of the population currently lives in poverty; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2005 American Community Survey (ACS) reported that 18.2% (68,148) of Oakland's residents lives in poverty; 25.2 % are children under the age of 18; and 16% are seniors 65 and over; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1971, through the creation of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964, the City of Oakland's Community Action Agency (Oakland's Community Action Partnership – OCAP) has been addressing and serving the needs of Oakland's low-income population by providing innovative programs to promote self-sufficiency and put an end to poverty; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2008, the Community Action Network launched its *Rooting Out Poverty* Campaign which is a national call to action for all anti-poverty initiatives to continue with the commitment of establishing opportunities to make it possible for those living in economic insufficiency to move up to self-sufficiency by generating economic and social changes that will continue to up lift our neighborhoods and our communities; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** that the City of Oakland accepts the *Rooting Out Poverty* Campaign's call to action and will continue to build a city in which all communities and families can thrive, and where all working families are provided a living wage, affordable housing, quality health care, and excellent education in an effort to eradicate poverty in Oakland; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** that the Oakland City Council does hereby celebrate May 2008 as National Community Action Month in the City of Oakland in recognition of the services and advocacy of over 1100 Community Action Agencies nationwide that provide assistance to the millions of Americans who are living in poverty throughout our nation.

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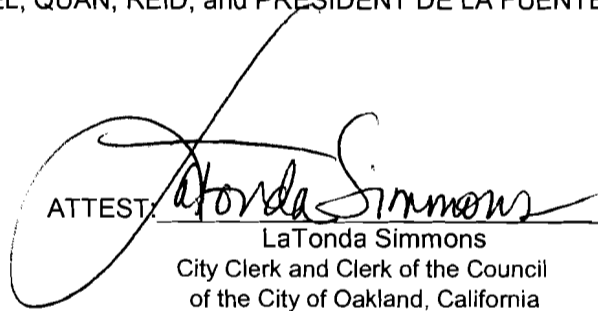
**PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

AYES - BROOKS, ~~BRUNNER~~, CHANG, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, REID, and PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE - 7

NOES - 0

ABSENT - Brunner - 1

ABSTENTION - 0

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