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Dear Colleagues on the City Council and Members of the Public,

California Assembly Bill 1838 prohibits local agencies such as cities from levying taxes on certain groceries, including sugar-sweetened beverages. Fortunately, the City of Oakland was able to pass Measure HH by 61% in 2016, before AB 1838 was signed. Measure HH, Oakland's sugar-sweetened beverage tax, raises roughly \$2 million in general tax revenue each year that is allocated to community non-profit organizations and other public agencies to prevent and mitigate the negative health impacts of consuming sugar-sweetened beverages.

Because of AB 1838, other California cities cannot pass the same sugar-sweetened beverage tax which benefits the people of Oakland. That is why I am asking the Oakland City Council to pass a resolution urging the California State Legislature and Governor Newsom to repeal AB 1838, so other cities can institute sugar-sweetened beverage taxes to combat the negative health impacts of excess consumption of processed sugar.

I respectfully urge you to support this resolution.

Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sheng Thao'.

Council President Pro Tempore Sheng Thao