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# OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Resolution No. 81383 C.M.S.

## INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER

**RESOLUTION DECLARING COUNCIL SUPPORT FOR ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 31, WHICH WOULD ESTABLISH LEGISLATIVE INTENT TO MAKE \$400 MILLION AVAILABLE FOR THE ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT OF URBAN PARKS, RECREATIONAL AREAS AND FACILITIES THROUGH COMPETITIVE GRANTS UNDER THE URBAN PARKS ACT OF 2006, CHANGES THE TARGET COMMUNITY DEFINITION FROM "HEAVILY URBANIZED COUNTY" TO "CRITICALLY UNDERSERVED COMMUNITY" AND ESTABLISHES PRIORITY GRANT AWARD CRITERIA**

**WHEREAS**, AB 31 (De Leon), which prioritizes funding for the urban parks and recreational areas and facilities in underserved park-deficient communities throughout California, is currently pending in the California Legislature (Senate); and

**WHEREAS**, the bill would allocate \$400 million of Proposition 84 park funds through a competitive grant program administered by the California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) to local public entities and nonprofits for the acquisition or development, or both, of urban parks and recreational areas and facilities, would redefine the target community from "Heavily Urbanized County" to "Critically Underserved Community" and would establish priority grant award criteria; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Oakland is committed to improve and maximize recreational opportunities for youths and the public and the Council approved a park prioritization list as the basis for implementation of a recreational facilities improvement plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the bill provides the City with fund opportunities for needed parks and facilities improvements; now therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That the City Council declares its support for AB 31 (De Leon) and the City Administrator is directed to advocate the City's position to the State Legislature through the City's state lobbyist.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, JUN 17, 2008

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES -  $\phi$   
ABSENT -  $\phi$   
ABSTENTION -  $\phi$

ATTEST:

*Latonda Simmons*  
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LATONDA SIMMONS  
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council  
of the City of Oakland, California