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RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ C. M. S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER PRESIDENT IGNACIO DE LA FUENTE

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**RESOLUTION DECLARING THE CITY OF OAKLAND'S  
SUPPORT FOR THE "SAVE THE CSU" COALITION'S EFFORTS  
TO PRESERVE STATE FUNDING FOR CALIFORNIA STATE  
UNIVERSITIES**

**WHEREAS**, the California State University or CSU system provides tremendous benefits to the City of Oakland, its residents and businesses by providing quality, affordable education to our future workforce and providing our residents with the knowledge and skills to lead fulfilled, self-sufficient lives; and

**WHEREAS**, California employers currently benefit from the skills of more than 2 million CSU alumni who received their education and training at a CSU; and

**WHEREAS**, The CSU system employs more than 44,000 people, and supports thousands of local businesses through student and campus spending; and

**WHEREAS**, A recent study showed that CSU campuses return an average of five dollars to the economy for every dollar invested in them, suggesting that any funding cuts to CSUs could slow California's economic recovery; and

**WHEREAS**, The Governor's 2004-2005 proposed budget for the State of California cuts half-a-billion dollars from the CSU budget over the next two years; and

**WHEREAS**, this budget proposal would result in a 58% increase in undergraduate student fees and an 110% increase in graduate student fees over the last two years alone; and

**WHEREAS**, these cuts would result in the elimination of student success programs like the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP), which helps thousands of low-income students succeed in college every year; and

**WHEREAS**, these cuts would result in denying college admission to more than 20,000 qualified students next year – in addition to the 15,000 qualified students who were denied admission due to cuts last year; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**: that the Oakland City Council hereby joins and declares their support for the Save the CSU Coalition; and be it further

**RESOLVED**: that the Oakland City Council urges other civic and business leaders in Oakland and its greater region to join the Save the CSU Coalition and support its important efforts to

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preserve quality, affordable education for all the residents of Oakland and of the entire state of California.

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

**PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

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

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

ATTEST:

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

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