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Youth Together

April 15, 2020

Dear Oakland City Councilmembers,

We, the undersigned – are community organizations and leaders – who are writing to encourage you to stand with youth leaders and vote YES on Oakland Youth Vote (OYV) at the April 21st Council meeting! OYV will give 16 and 17 year-olds the right to vote in School Board elections. Studies show measures like this will create habitual, life-long voters, increase voter turn-out (of the youth and their parents), and strengthen our democracy. For more information or questions, go to: www.oaklandyouthvote.org

Thank you also for everything you are doing to protect our communities most impacted by Covid-19. We know this is an incredibly difficult moment for all of us. Which is why we feel it is even more important that we begin to build a real democracy that includes the voices of the most marginalized youth and adults in developing solutions to our collective challenges. Thank you in advance for your support!

Sincerely,

- **Key Endorsers:** *Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf; Assemblyman Rob Bonta; Roseann Torres (OUSD District 5 School Board Director); Aimee Eng (OUSD District 2 School Board Director); James Harris (OUSD District 7 School Board Director); Keith Brown (President of OEA Oakland Education Association); Sheila Jordan (Superintendent of Schools Emerita, Alameda County); Oakland Police Department Youth Leadership Council*
- **Community Organizations:** *ACCE; Causa Justa Just Cause; Oakland Rising; Bay Rising; Wellstone Democratic Club Education Committee; Just Cities (John Jones III); Public Advocates Inc; East Bay Asian Youth Center; Communities for a Better Environment; Centro Legal De La Raza; Communities United for Restorative Youth Justice (CURYJ); East Bay Consortium; Allen Temple Baptist Church; APEN; Oakland Trybe; Filipino Advocates for Justice*
- **Youth Organizations:** *Oakland Kids First; All City Council Student Union; Californians for Justice; AYPAL: Building API Community Power; Bay Peace; Youth Together; Power California; Oakland Youth Advisory Commission; East Oakland Youth Development Center; Youth ALIVE!; Alliance for Girls; Youth Leadership Institute; RYSE Center; Youth Uprising; Youth Speaks; Generation Citizen Bay Area; 67 Sueños; 99 Rootz*
- **Education Organizations:** *Justice for Oakland Students Coalition (J4OS); Bay Area PLAN; Parent Voices Oakland; Educators for Democratic Schools; Parents United for Public Schools; AAPI’s for Civic Empowerment Education Fund;*
- **Individuals:** *Cliff Hong (Principal, Roosevelt Middle School); LaShawn Route Chatmon (National Equity Project); Young-Whan Choi (Manager of Performance Assessments); Romeo Garcia (Leadership Consultant); Ismael Armendariz (1st Vice President of OEA); Chastity Garcia (2nd Vice President of OEA); Kampala Taiz-Rancifer and Chela Delgado (OEA Executive Board Officers); Allyssa Victory (Worker Rights Attorney); David Yusem and Heather Manchester (Restorative Justice); Kharyshi Wiginton (Culture Keepers); Wladimir Wlassowsky (Asst Director, Public Works)*