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## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER LYNETTE GIBSON MCELHANEY

**Resolution in Support of State Senate Bill (SB) 1165 Which Would Recommend the Addition of Sexual Abuse and Sex Trafficking Prevention Education to the Sexual Health Education for California's Junior High and High School Students and Include Sexual Abuse and Sex Trafficking Prevention Education in Subsequent Revisions to the Health Framework for California Public Schools.**

**WHEREAS**, Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) is a serious problem in the City of Oakland, particularly amongst our high numbers of immigrant and foster care youth, as well as youth who have been physically or sexually abused; and

**WHEREAS**, traffickers often recruit their victims in or around middle and high schools or other locations where youth congregate; and

**WHEREAS**, preventative education is needed to ensure that the psychological, emotional, and physical harm from sexual exploitation never occurs to any child; and

**WHEREAS**, schools serving youth from ages 12-18 are excellent means by which to disseminate information about the pervasive problem of sexual exploitation, as the content is related to the sexual health education already provided in California's junior and senior high schools; and

**WHEREAS**, as a leader in this arena, the Oakland Unified School District has partnered with Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley and a number of local service providers of sexually exploited youth to develop a curriculum for Oakland middle schools as a means to teach Oakland youth about the warning signs for sexual exploitation; and

**WHEREAS**, contrary to popular belief, the California Health and Human Services Agency has determined that victims of sexual exploitation are from all areas of the state, including rural, suburban, and urban areas, thus preventative information is needed in all middle and high schools; and

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 1165 will recommend that prevention education about sexual exploitation be taught in California middle and high schools in order to broaden the awareness about this horrific crime, as well as to equip youth with the knowledge

and skills to both circumvent the recruiting tactics of exploiters and safely report instances of abuse and trafficking; and

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 1165 will also add sex trafficking prevention education to the Health Framework for California Public Schools; and

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 1165 was introduced by Senator Holly J. Mitchell and Senator Marty Block on February 20, 2014 and was referred to the Committee on Education on April 3, 2014; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Oakland City Council endorses SB 1165.

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

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES – BROOKS, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, KALB, KAPLAN, REID, SCHAAF, AND PRESIDENT KERNIGHAN

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

LATONDA SIMMONS  
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the  
City of Oakland, California