

## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

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

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER DAN KALB

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**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSITION 30, THE CLEAN AIR INITIATIVE, WHICH WOULD INCREASE THE TAX ON PERSONAL INCOME ABOVE \$2 MILLION BY 1.75% FOR TWENTY YEARS AND DEDICATE THE REVENUE TO ZERO-EMISSION VEHICLE SUBSIDIES, ZERO-EMISSION VEHICLE INFRASTRUCTURE, AND WILDFIRE SUPPRESSION AND PREVENTION PROGRAMS.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Oakland is committed to becoming a more sustainable city – a community in which all people have the opportunity to pursue safe, happy, healthy and fulfilling lives, now and into the future; and

**WHEREAS** California is increasingly experiencing extreme heatwaves, relentless droughts, and record-setting wildfires that ruin our air quality, damage California's iconic natural beauty, destroy property, hurt our state's economy, and cost lives; and

**WHEREAS** 38 million of California's population of 39+ million residents breathe polluted air, and the American Lung Association gives 31 of California's 58 counties an F in air quality; and

**WHEREAS**, Oakland is particularly vulnerable to wildfires, having experienced a deadly wildfire in 1991 that took 25 lives and injured 150 others; and

**WHEREAS** Black and Brown Californians are 61 percent more likely than white residents to live in a county with a failing grade for air quality, according to the American Lung Association; and

**WHEREAS** California is not on track to meet our climate goals, namely the reduction of our overall heat-trapping greenhouse gas emissions (GHGs) to 40% below 1990 levels by 2030; and

**WHEREAS** in order to achieve the state's carbon goals and avoid the worst impacts of climate change, action is needed now to curb the two biggest sources of GHGs in our state: transportation and wildfires, which are both an outcome and a primary cause of climate change; and

**WHEREAS** current state and federal programs, including the Inflation Reduction Act, are needed progress but do not provide enough resources for California to reach its climate goals,

therefore, Prop 30 is needed to work in tandem with those programs to do so. While the IRA provides \$14 billion in zero-emissions vehicle (ZEV) incentives to the entire country over ten years, Prop 30 provides \$80 to \$100 billion in ZEV incentives to California alone over 20 years; and

**WHEREAS** transitioning our transportation system to zero-emission light-, medium-, and heavy-duty vehicles is one of the most effective way to restore California's clean air; and

**WHEREAS** California Governor Gavin Newsom issued an executive order requiring all new cars and passenger trucks sold in California be ZEVs by 2035; and

**WHEREAS** California cannot likely meet these ZEV goals, our broad climate goals, or federally mandated air quality standards without a generational, scaled investment in zero-emission transportation. Existing state and federal programs are simply not enough; and

**WHEREAS** the passage of Proposition 30 will generate roughly \$80 to \$100 billion in sustained investment for California over the next 20 years, including \$20 billion to fight and prevent wildfires, \$45 billion for subsidies to help consumers and organizations afford ZEVs, and \$35 billion to expand ZEV charging infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS** Proposition 30 requires that at least half of its funding for the vehicle and infrastructure investments (or approximately \$40+ B) benefit low-income residents and disadvantaged communities; and

**WHEREAS** the funding source of Proposition 30 — a small 1.75% tax increase on personal income in excess of \$2 million — affects only 0.2% of Californians and ensures the revenue comes from those most able to afford it and not from families already struggling with California's high cost of living; and

**WHEREAS** The City of Oakland is committed to advancing healthy, sustainable, and equitable communities; and be it

**RESOLVED** that City of Oakland supports the passage of Proposition 30 at the 2022 November State General Election.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - FIFE, GALLO, KALB, KAPLAN, REID, TAYLOR, THAO AND PRESIDENT  
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NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

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

ASHA REED  
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of  
the City of Oakland, California