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## ÖAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

**RESOLUTION NO.** 84819 **C.M.S.** 

Introduced by Councilmember Noel Gallo

## **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ASSEMBLY BILL 1439 REGARDING** THE PROHIBITION OF SWEEPSTAKES GAMBLING OPERATIONS

**WHEREAS**, internet cafes and other businesses are setting up computers where customers can wager funds on gambling-themed games, and

WHEREAS, these gambling businesses are usually decorated with casino themes, and the games offered simulate slot machine-themed games found in casinos, and

**WHEREAS,** the gambling is offered under the guise of marketing internet time and telephone time, and

WHEREAS, these gambling businesses contend there is a loophole in the law that permits internet gambling sweepstakes to operate in a "gray area" and evade law enforcement, and

WHEREAS, local business owners have voiced concern about the negative consequences of these gambling business cafes, including many reports of increased cnme, and

WHEREAS, recently there has been a growing proliferation of these gaming operations throughout the State including in Oakland, and

**WHEREAS**, **AB** 1439 will further define gambling in a way that clarifies that these types of gambling businesses are not lawful, and

WHEREAS, AB 1439 Prohibit a person from operating a gambling themed or simulated gambling electronic video monitor in a business establishment that gives cash or other prizes of value, and

WHEREAS, AB 1439 permits the California Attorney General, distnct attorneys, and city attorneys to bnng civil suits to subject operators to civil penalties for violations, now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED:** That the Oakland City Council supports California Assembly Bill 1439 and encourages the California Legislature to accept it, and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the City Council hereby directs the City Administrator and the City's legislative lobbyist to advocate for the above position in the California **S**tate Legislature

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PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

AYES-, BROOKS, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, KALB, KAPLAN, REID, SCHAAF and PRESIDENT KERNIGHAN

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