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## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

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

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBERS KALB AND GIBSON MCELHANEY

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#### RESOLUTION HONORING THE BAY AREA URBAN DEBATE LEAGUE FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO OAKLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**WHEREAS**, the Bay Area Urban Debate League is recognized as a progressive and effective community-based education organization whose primary mission is to expand opportunities for high school and middle school students to participate in debate and to become articulate and informed leaders in their schools and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bay Area Urban Debate League began in 2008 as a collaboration with Oakland Unified School District to create and invest in ten Oakland public school debate teams; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bay Area Urban Debate League has served more than 3,000 youth at tournaments created and hosted by the organization for the betterment of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bay Area Urban Debate League's community work has positive impact on the Oakland community through the contributions of its members, resulting in recognition as the 2016 National Urban Debate League of the Year; and

**WHEREAS**, last school year, for the first time in the history of Oakland Unified School District, the Bay Area Urban Debate League qualified the first pair of Oakland public school debaters, Skyline High School's Christine Harris and Zanchong Li, to the 2016 national Tournament of Champions, a feat previously only accomplished by private schools in Oakland; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bay Area Urban Debate League provides debate for all and actively works to make accessible a higher quality of education for all Oakland youth by serving those most in need; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bay Area Urban Debate League's motto is: SPEAK, LEARN, LEAD; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** The City Council does hereby congratulate and honor the Bay Area Urban Debate League for their ongoing contributions and support for youth education and leadership in Oakland schools.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, CAMPBELL WASHINGTON, GALLO, GUILLÉN, KALB, KAPLAN, REID, AND  
PRESIDENT GIBSON MCELHANEY

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
LATONDA SIMMONS  
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the  
City of Oakland, California