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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBERS KALB

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ASSEMBLY BILL 523 (ASSEMBLYMEMBER GÓMEZ REYES) THAT WILL DEDICATE A MINIMUM OF 25% OF THE AVAILABLE MONEYS ADMINISTERED BY THE CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION (CEC) IN THE ELECTRIC PROGRAM INVESTMENT CHARGE (EPIC) FOR CLEAN ENERGY PROJECTS LOCATED WITHIN AND BENEFITING INDIVIDUALS LIVING IN DESIGNATED DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES (DAC) AND AN ADDITIONAL 10% OF FUNDS TO LOW INCOME COMMUNITIES.

WHEREAS, the California Public Utilities Commission created the EPIC program in December of 2011, authorizing investor owned utilities to collect funds for innovative investments in clean energy. The CEC administers the EPIC funds collected; and

WHEREAS, renewable energy spending, research and programs are not reaching low income and communities of color who are the most impacted by negative fossil fuel energy production; and

WHEREAS, a report released in December by the CEC found disadvantaged and low income communities face significant barriers to fully participating in the state's clean energy programs like EPIC. In 2015, EPIC funded 12 projects out of 81 research and deployment projects in disadvantaged communities. By this measure, only 14% of EPIC's programs are reaching disadvantaged communities even though they constitute 25% of the state, demonstrating a need for more clear targeted investment; and

WHEREAS, it is critical that as the green economy develops we include communities who not only have been overburdened by pollution but also have the most to gain from the economic impacts of the renewable industry; and

WHEREAS, AB 523 dedicates a minimum of 25% of the available moneys administered by the California Energy Commission (CEC) in the Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC) for clean energy projects located within and benefiting individuals living in designated disadvantaged communities (DAC) and an additional 10% of funds to low income communities; and

WHEREAS, AB 523 is co-sponsored by Women's Policy Institute and endorsed by Asian Pacific Environmental Network, California Environmental Justice Alliance, Center on Race, Poverty, and the Environment, Central California Asthma Collaborative, Climate Works, Communities for A Better Environment, Environmental

RESOLVED: that the Oakland City Council supports Assembly Bill (AB) 523 (GOMEZ REYES) that will ensure clean energy projects funded by the EPIC program benefit communities of need by dedicating a minimum of 25% the funds benefit individuals in disadvantaged communities and an additional 10% benefit low income communities; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: that the City Administrator is directed to forward a copy of this enacted Resolution to state legislative elected officials representing Oakland, Governor Jerry Brown, and to the lobbyist for the City of Oakland to advocate for passage of AB 523.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: _____

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