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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 87216 C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER REBECCA KAPLAN

RESOLUTION TO URGE THE BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT TO INCLUDE OAKLAND COMMUNITIES MOST HEAVILY IMPACTED BY AIR POLLUTION FOR PRIORITIZATION TO GET REMEDIAL EFFORTS TO PREVENT, CONTROL AND REMEDIATE AIR POLLUTION AND THE IMPACTS OF AIR POLLUTION

WHEREAS, there are 6 times more diesel particulates emitted per person in West Oakland than in the State of California; and

WHEREAS, East and West Oakland have some of the highest emergency department and hospitalization rates in both Oakland overall and Alameda County overall for causes linked to air pollution, including childhood asthma, overall asthma, and congestive heart failure; and

WHEREAS, the overall rate of asthma emergency department visits for parts of East and West Oakland is around two times the Alameda County rate; and

WHEREAS, air pollution contributes to increased stroke-related and congestive heart failure hospitalizations, and parts of East and West Oakland have some of the highest stroke-related and congestive heart failure hospitalization rates in Alameda County; and

WHEREAS, high outdoor pollution levels, from motor vehicles, refineries, and power plants, increase coronary heart disease deaths and stroke deaths, and increase lung cancer rates; and

WHEREAS, both East and West Oakland have higher death rates than surrounding areas for heart disease deaths, stroke deaths, and lung cancer deaths; and

WHEREAS, residents in East and West Oakland can expect to live 9 years fewer than residents of other parts of Oakland according to a report by the Alameda County Department of Health; and

WHEREAS, people of color comprise a greater proportion of the population in East Oakland (93% in 2015) and West Oakland (85% in 2015) than Oakland overall (74% in 2015); and

WHEREAS, the good news is that there are many opportunities to reduce diesel pollution and truck impacts in East and West Oakland, and many of these ideas can significantly clean the air, can be implemented in the short and long-term, and can improve the health of residents as well as the local economy; and

WHEREAS, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) is tasked with dealing with air pollution in the nine counties that surround San Francisco Bay: Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, southwestern Solano, and southern Sonoma counties; and

WHEREAS, BAAQMD oversees policies and adopts regulations for the control of air pollution within the district, and funds projects and programs to protect people from the harms of air pollution; and

WHEREAS, California Assembly Bill 617 requires that actions be taken to remedy health impacts in the most polluted communities; and

WHEREAS, BAAQMD is seeking feedback from local jurisdictions to identify and select priority communities in the Bay Area with local air quality concerns; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council urges the Bay Area Air Quality Management District to include for prioritization Oakland communities most heavily impacted by air pollution in both East and West Oakland to be considered for remedial efforts to prevent, control and remediate air pollution and the impacts of air pollution; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Administrator is directed to send a written request for priority consideration and a copy of this resolution to the Bay Area Air Quality Management District.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

JUN 05 2018

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, CAMPBELL WASHINGTON, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, GUILLÉN, ~~KAPLAN~~
KAPLAN ~~AND PRESIDENT WARD~~

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

Excused - Reed, Kalb

ATTEST:



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