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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT REBECCA KAPLAN,
COUNCILMEMBERS NIKKI FORTUNATO BAS AND SHENG THAO,
AND CITY ATTORNEY BARBARA J. PARKER**

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT ("OUSD") TEACHERS IN IMPROVING THEIR WORKING CONDITIONS AND URGING THE OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD TO ENSURE VITAL PUBLIC NEEDS ARE MET AND TO SEEK TO AVOID CLOSING PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND TO PROVIDE ALL SCHOOLS THE RESOURCES TO HELP STUDENTS THRIVE

WHEREAS, all students deserve a high-quality education, regardless of parent's income, race, neighborhood, or any other factor; and

WHEREAS, teachers' working conditions are students' learning conditions; both students and teachers suffer when schools are understaffed and teachers are overworked; and

WHEREAS, OUSD teachers have been working a year and a half without a contract; and

WHEREAS, Oakland students deserve a full suite of professional support services in their schools--councilors, nurses, librarians, coaches, and more, as well as class sizes that will best facilitate learning; and

WHEREAS, OUSD teachers deserve a competitive, living wage that will allow them to live in the city they work in, support their families, and retire with dignity; and

WHEREAS, after over many months of negotiations in good faith on the part of the Oakland Education Association, the school board still has not ratified a contract with OEA and has offered raises that do not constitute cost of living adjustments; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council go on record expressing support for Oakland Unified School District teachers; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council urges the OUSD School Board to respectfully meet with the teachers to ensure vital public needs are met including reasonable lowering of class sizes, hiring more student support professionals, and ensuring all OUSD teachers are paid a living wage competitive with other Alameda County public school districts; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Council urges the OUSD School Board to seek to avoid closing public schools, and to provide all schools the resources necessary to help students thrive.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - FORTUNATO BAS, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, KALB, REID, TAYLOR, THAO AND PRESIDENT KAPLAN

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

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