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Date: 5/28/20

To: Members of the City Council

Cc: Ed Reiskin, City Administrator

Re: Supporting ACA-5 to Repeal of Proposition 209

Dear Members of the Oakland City Council,

I urge that you join President Pro Tempore Dan Kalb, City Attorney Barbara Parker and myself in strongly supporting Assembly Constitutional Amendment 5 which would repeal Proposition 209 to allow jurisdictions to remedy the pernicious legacy of racial discrimination in California.

The Oakland City Council has repeatedly supported overturning Proposition 209. Mostly recently, the Council passed a resolution in support of overturning Proposition 209 (File ID: 16-0417). In 2011, the City Council directed the City Attorney to file an amicus brief with the Supreme Court in support of invalidating Michigan's Proposal 2 which contained restrictions on public agencies remedying discrimination.

Please find attached the proposed legislation, the assembly committee analysis and the proposed resolution in support of ACA-5 which also directs the City Administrator to forward several letters in support of the legislation.

Regards,

Lynette McElhaney,
Councilmember District 3

