



CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY VICE MAYOR KAPLAN, COUNCIL PRESIDENT FORTUNATO
BAS, COUNCIL MEMBER FIFE, AND PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE THAO

RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 88717 C.M.S., WHICH ADOPTED THE CITY OF OAKLAND BIENNIAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEARS 2021-23, TO ALLOCATE \$1.836 MILLION FROM THE GENERAL PURPOSE FUND TO THE HEAD START PROGRAM AS SET FORTH IN EXHIBIT 1 TO THIS RESOLUTION AND TO DIRECT THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO INCLUDE RELEVANT ENHANCEMENTS TO THE LINCOLN SQUARE RECREATION CENTER RENOVATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-23 MIDCYCLE BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

WHEREAS, on June 24, 2021, the Oakland City Council passed Resolution No. 88717 C.M.S, which adopted the City of Oakland Fiscal Year 2021-23 Biennial Budget; and

WHEREAS, Head Start/Early Head Start is a federally and state funded early childhood education program that promotes school readiness for children from birth to age five and offers free early childhood education and family services to low-income Oakland residents; and

WHEREAS, these services include individualized early childhood education, health services, family services, disability services, and nutrition services; and

WHEREAS, Head Start and Early Head Start programs have well documented benefits in terms of early education that play out in a child's later educational preparedness; and

WHEREAS, Head Start also provides health and economic benefits to the children and their families; and

WHEREAS, on June 30, 2021, the Head Start/Early Head Start program was awarded \$12.2 million from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Head Start, which is \$5.5 million less than the \$17.8 million that was requested; and

WHEREAS, due to the funding reduction, Oakland will serve fewer children than it served in FY 20-21; and

WHEREAS, the Tassafaronga and Arroyo Viejo Head Start/Early Head Start sites are primarily staffed by workers who are Black and serving Black children and families, and the Franklin Center Head Start/Early Head Start site is primarily staffed by workers of color serving children and families of color, particularly from the Asian American and immigrant communities; and

WHEREAS, the Tassafaronga, Arroyo Viejo, and Franklin Center Head Start/Early Head Start sites will no longer be able to provide on-site services to children due to these funding cuts; and

WHEREAS, \$1.836 million dollars are needed in the short term to keep these sites open, restore instructor positions, and prevent families from being forced to travel to another location or lose services altogether; and

WHEREAS, it is vital that the City of Oakland continue to offer early childhood education and services at locations that are easily accessible to those who walk and use public transportation; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln Square Recreation Center is currently funded in the Capital Improvement Projects for FY 2022-2023 and requires additional capital construction in order to be compliant with Head Start/Early Head Start facility standards; and

WHEREAS, the Chinatown area is currently underserved by the Head Start/Early Head Start program and is in need of a location that can serve families in that area; and

WHEREAS, the budgetary allocations in this resolution come from salary savings from vacancies and longer timelines to fill positions; and

WHEREAS, these funds can be allocated to support the Head Start/Early Head Start program in the City of Oakland, restore the slots for children that would have been cut, and prevent the layoff of frontline staff at the sites that are being restored, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That Resolution No. 88717 C.M.S, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2021-23 Biennial Budget, is hereby amended to reallocate up to \$1.836 million from the General Purpose Fund to the Head Start program as set forth in Exhibit 1; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Administrator is directed to include relevant enhancements to the capital improvement fund for the Lincoln Square Recreation Center renovation project in the fiscal year 2022-23 midcycle budget adjustments.

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IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES – FIFE, GALLO, KALB, KAPLAN, REID, TAYLOR, THAO AND
PRESIDENT FORTUNATO BAS

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: _____
ASHA REED
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the
City of Oakland, California