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City Attorney's Office

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 85519 C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER DAN KALB

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL (SB) 379 (HANNAH-BETH JACKSON), WHICH WOULD, UPON THE NEXT REVISION OF THE HOUSING ELEMENT ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2017, REQUIRE THE SAFETY ELEMENT TO BE UPDATED TO ADDRESS CLIMATE ADAPTATION AND RESILIENCY STRATEGIES

WHEREAS, the consequences of climate change are recognized by scientists as a major threat to the current way of life around the world, with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Climate Change 2014 Synthesis Report (SYR)¹ stating that human activities are a major factor in climate change, their impact is obvious and is seen worldwide. Many of the observed changes since the 1950s are unprecedented including ocean rise, flooding, and drought; and

WHEREAS, the SYR calls for the urgent attention of both policymakers and citizens of the world to tackle this challenge, and

WHEREAS, Oakland has a large portion of its assets and major developments directly adjacent to the water's edge and, according to the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC),² considerable strategic areas of Oakland might be under as much as six feet of water by 2050 and will undoubtedly be affected by sea-level rise ranging from 3 to 6 feet in the next 50 years; and

WHEREAS, on January 17, 2014, Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. declared a drought State of Emergency in California, and on April 1, 2015, Governor Brown directed the first ever statewide mandatory water reductions, and outlined the actions designed to prepare local and state municipalities for water shortages; and

WHEREAS, Oakland was chosen as one of "100 Resilient Cities," initiated and funded by the Rockefeller Foundation, to participate in the development of a comprehensive resiliency strategy; and

WHEREAS, as part of the "100 Resilient Cities" effort, Oakland has designated a team that is working on developing Oakland's resiliency strategy and has an opportunity to benefit from these efforts; and

WHEREAS, Oakland has an opportunity to proactively prepare for upcoming physical, social, and economic challenges by strategically planning for them, thereby minimizing financial and other risks in the future; and

WHEREAS, major land use decisions should be made with full awareness of the various changes caused by climate change while also understanding the role that land use itself plays in climate change; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council supports Senate Bill (SB) 379 (Hannah-Beth Jackson), state legislation that would, upon the next revision by a city or county of its housing element on or after January 1, 2017, require the safety element to be reviewed and updated as necessary to address climate adaptation and resiliency strategies applicable to that city or county, and include a set of goals, policies, and objectives based on a vulnerability assessment identifying the risks that climate change poses to the local jurisdiction and specified information from federal, state, regional, and local agencies; 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 and to the lobbyist for the City of Oakland to advocate for passage of SB 379.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, APR 21 2015

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

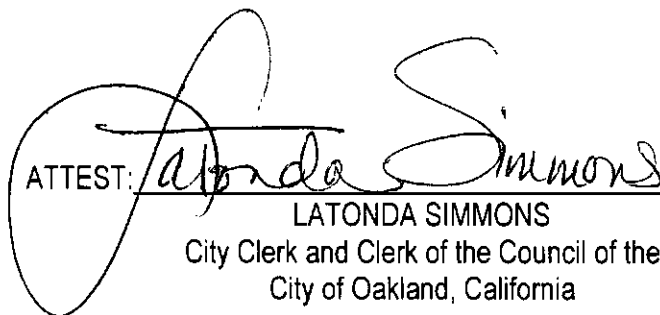
AYES - BROOKS, CAMPBELL WASHINGTON, GALLO, GUILLEN, KALB, KAPLAN, ~~REID~~, AND PRESIDENT GIBSON MCELHANEY - 7

NOES - 0

ABSENT - 0

ABSTENTION - 0

Excused - Reid - 1

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

¹ Climate Change 2014 Synthesis Report http://www.ipcc.ch/pdf/assessment-report/ar5/syr/SYR_AR5_FINAL_full.pdf

² Areas Vulnerable to Sea Level Rise in San Francisco Bay <http://www.bcdc.ca.gov/slr.shtm>