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# OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

## RESOLUTION NO. 86698 C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBERS KALB

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**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ASSEMBLY BILL 1356 (EGGMAN) THAT WILL ESTABLISH THE HIGHER EDUCATION ASSISTANCE FUND AND IMPOSE A ONE PERCENT (1%) TAX ON INCOME THAT EXCEEDS ONE MILLION DOLLARS TO PROVIDE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ENROLLED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY AND CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO PAY TUITION AND FEES**

**WHEREAS**, in 1960, the Master Plan for Higher Education was developed with a mission of keeping college accessible and affordable in California. For decades, students benefitted from the state's robust education system, often graduating with little to no debt. That promise of an affordable college education has been lost; and

**WHEREAS**, from 1969 to 2015, while median household income increased only 10%, tuition costs at UC increased 530%, CSU tuition and fees increased by 685% and the median home cost in CA increased 290%. A year of full-time enrollment and campus fees for Californians currently averages about \$13,500 at UC, \$6,850 at CSU and \$1,400 at a community college; and

**WHEREAS**, since the mid-1980s, state funding per CSU student has been cut nearly in half and after a half-decade freeze, UC and CSU are planning tuition hikes again next year as their costs rise faster than state funding increases; and

**WHEREAS**, growing tuition and increasing cost of living has squeezed many families out of opportunities to send their kids to college many families over the last 15 years, and whatever help is available to them is insufficient; and

**WHEREAS**, higher education is a crucial tool for upward mobility, and some of California's Universities rank near the top in their rate of lifting students from the bottom fifth of income to the top fifth; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed one percent (1%) tax on annual California household incomes of incomes that exceed one million dollars would generate an estimated \$2.2 billion annually, and could be combined with existing aid programs to cover the cost of tuition and fees for in-state students at the University of California (UC), California State University (CSU) and California community colleges; and

**WHEREAS**, with current aid in place, this proposal would aid in covering the \$2 billion gap in tuition and fees for California's undergraduates; and

**WHEREAS**, higher education is a right that should be afforded to all of Californians;  
and

**WHEREAS**, increasing access to education is not only an investment in students,  
but in the future of California's economy and workforce; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That the Oakland City Council supports Assembly Bill (AB) 1356 (Eggman), that will establish the Higher Education Assistance Fund that will be funded through a one percent (1%) tax on incomes exceeding one million dollars with the goal of providing undergraduate students enrolled at the University of California, the California State University and California Community Colleges financial assistance to pay tuition and fees, 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, Governor Jerry Brown, and to the lobbyist for the City of Oakland to advocate for passage of AB 1356 and that Governor Brown sign the bill into law.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

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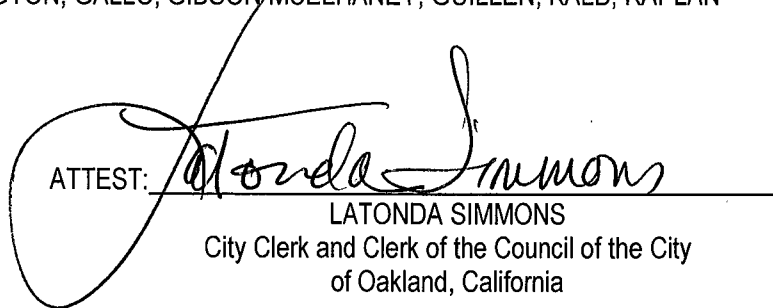
PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, CAMPBELL WASHINGTON, GALLO, GIBSON, MCELHANEY, GUILLÉN, KALB, KAPLAN - 7  
~~WASHINGTON~~

NOES - 0  
ABSENT - 0  
ABSTENTION - 0

Excused - 1 Reid

ATTEST:

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