

# OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

## RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT KAPLAN, COUNCILMEMBER BAS,  
COUNCILMEMBER GALLO, AND COUNCILMEMBER THAO

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### **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ALLOCATION OF \$1,200,000 TO RESTORE LIBRARY, RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PROGRAMS, AND FOSTER YOUTH CASE MANAGERS AS A GRANT TO THE OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (OUSD) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020**

**WHEREAS**, a little over \$21,000,000 in devastating cuts were made to the OUSD budget for the 2019-2020 school year that impact 36,286 children in Oakland and their emotional health and educational outcomes; and

**WHEREAS**, OUSD's fiscal circumstances have diminished programing that stabilize Oakland children and their families including the Restorative Justice program, foster youth case managers, and school libraries; and

**WHEREAS**, the Restorative Justice program in OUSD "allows affected parties the opportunity to collectively define the impact and determine steps to make things as right as possible for everyone—the person(s) harmed, the person(s) who harmed others, and the broader community"; and

**WHEREAS**, the Restorative Justice program moves children towards healthy and healing ways of dealing with violence and trauma instead of punitive measures such as suspension and expulsion, that disproportionately impact Black and Latino students; and

**WHEREAS**, according to a study by Texas A&M University's Public Policy Research Institute and the Council of State Governments Justice Center, "students who are suspended or expelled are nearly three times more likely to come into contact with the justice system the next year"; and

**WHEREAS**, foster youth are some of the most vulnerable students at OUSD and benefit from caring adults in case management programs who support their learning as they face housing transition; and

**WHEREAS**, libraries are also an imperative need in our schools as a center for children to access freely books to support their learning and reading development; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a body of studies that show having a librarian improves test scores including a Pennsylvania study (Lance & Schwarz, 2012) where 8% more students scored Advanced on Assessment exams when a full-time, certified librarian was on campus; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of Oakland declares that having restorative justice programs and librarians at school sites are paramount for the emotional and educational growth of Oakland students; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That the City of Oakland shall allocate \$1,200,000 for a grant to the Oakland Unified School District to be used as follows: \$690,000 for Oakland Unified School District Restorative Justice programs and \$510,000 for Oakland Unified School District libraries and foster youth case management for Fiscal Year 2019-20; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the City Administrator or her designee is hereby authorized to identify funds in the amount of \$1,200,000 for the grant to the Oakland Unified School District for the restorative justice programs, foster youth case management and library services; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the allocation authorized under this Resolution is part of the Fiscal Years 2019-2021 budget process.

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

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