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**OAKLAND UNIFIED  
SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Community Schools, Thriving Students

# Board Cover Memorandum

**To** Board of Education

**From** Sam Davis, Board Member  
Natalie Gallegos Chavez, Student Board Member  
Linh Le, Student Board Member

**Meeting Date** March 22, 2023

**Subject** Resolution No. 2223-0048 - Supporting the Implementation of Measure QQ

**Ask of the Board** Introduction to the Board of Education of Resolution No. 2223-0048 - Supporting the Implementation of Measure QQ as a new legislative matter

**Background** Measure QQ, which enables the City Council to expand the voting age to 16 and 17 year olds in OUSD school board elections, passed with a 67% vote in the November 2020 election. Measure Y1, a similar youth vote measure in Berkeley, was approved by over 70% of voters in November 2016.

OUSD staff and representatives from the City of Oakland and the Berkeley Unified School District have been working with the Alameda County Registrar of Voters for over a year and a half to implement Measures QQ and Y1. To support this work, the OUSD Board approved contracts with two election experts. Unfortunately, Measures QQ and Y1 were not implemented for the November 2022 election, denying youth an opportunity to vote on school board elections—elections that have a direct impact on their educational opportunities.

**Discussion** The proposed resolution would direct the Board President to write to the Alameda County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the entire Board, urging them to support the Alameda County Registrar of Voters in implementing Measure QQ and to provide his office with sufficient resources in order for youth to be able to vote as soon as possible but in no event later than the November 2024 election.

**Fiscal Impact** N/A.

**Attachment**

- Resolution No. 2223-0048 - Supporting the Implementation of Measure QQ
- Text of Measure QQ

**RESOLUTION OF THE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE  
OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Resolution No. 2223-0048**

**Supporting the Implementation of Measure QQ**

**WHEREAS**, Oakland Unified School District’s core values include prioritizing students first and equity as well as integrating student voice in decision-making, especially students with the highest needs;

**WHEREAS**, youth participation in civic engagement and the electoral process is an empowering practice of youth voice;

**WHEREAS**, Measure QQ, which enables the City Council to expand the voting age to 16 and 17 year olds in OUSD school board elections, was born out of the Oakland Youth Vote campaign, which was adopted by youth members of Oakland Kids First, All City Council Student Union, Californians for Justice, Youth Together, AYPAL, and the Oakland Youth Advisory Commission to create an onramp to broader democratic participation for young people;

**WHEREAS**, Measure QQ passed with a 67% vote in the November 2020 election;

**WHEREAS**, Measure Y1, a similar youth vote measure in Berkeley, was approved by over 70% of voters in November 2016;

**WHEREAS**, OUSD staff and representatives from the City of Oakland and the Berkeley Unified School District have been working with the Alameda County Registrar of Voters for over a year and a half to implement Measures QQ and Y1 and the OUSD Board approved contracts with election experts to support this work;

**WHEREAS**, Measures QQ and Y1 were not implemented for the November 2022 election, denying youth an opportunity to vote on school board elections—elections that have a direct impact on their educational opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, the expected District 5 vacancy on the School Board presents an opportunity for Measure QQ to be implemented prior to the November 2024 election.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Education (“Board”) hereby directs the President, with support from the Chief Governance Officer, to write to the Alameda County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the entire Board, urging them to support the Alameda County Registrar of Voters in implementing Measure QQ and to provide his office with sufficient resources in order for youth to be able to vote as soon as possible (such as a possible special

election to fill the expected District 5 vacancy) but in no event later than the November 2024 election.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Education of the Oakland Unified School District this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023, by the following vote:

PREFERENTIAL AYE:

PREFERENTIAL NOE:

PREFERENTIAL ABSTENTION:

PREFERENTIAL RECUSE:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAINED:

RECUSED:

ABSENT:

**CERTIFICATION**

We hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a Resolution passed at the Meeting of the Board of Education of the Oakland Unified School District held on \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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