

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

No. 2021-0136

**Tribute – James Harris – Board Member – District 7  
January 7, 2013 through January 4, 2021**

**WHEREAS**, James Harris was elected to the Oakland Unified School District Board of Education in November of 2012, and took office as District 7 Director in January of 2013, and was re-elected to the Board in 2016; and,

**WHEREAS**, Director Harris was elected, by his colleagues, Vice President of the Board in January 2014, President in January 2015, and re-elected President in 2016 and again in 2017; and,

**WHEREAS**, Director Harris co-authored Board Policies regarding the Quality School Development, Community of Schools, and Distance Learning; and,

**WHEREAS**, Director Harris served as the Chair of the District's Charters Committee, Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee, and Board liaison to the Measure N and Measure G1 commissions; and,

**WHEREAS**, Director Harris served seven years as Trustee and five years as co-chair of the Youth Ventures Joint Powers Authority, which is a collaboration of the County of Alameda, the City of Oakland and the Oakland Unified School District, designed to combine and coordinate efforts to secure and leverage resources to improve outcomes for vulnerable children and youth, and he also served three years as co-chair of Oakland Thrives Leadership Council; and,

**WHEREAS**, Director Harris co-authored Measure G1, a voter-approved parcel tax known as the District Wide Teacher Retention and Middle School Improvement Act Fund, created to give a salary increase to school-site educators across the District, and to provide Middle School grants which are used to increase access to instruction in art, music, and world languages in grades 6-8; and,

**WHEREAS**, Director Harris co-led the stakeholder committee for Measure N, the voter-approved parcel tax designed to reduce the District's drop-out rate, provide high school students with real-world work and learning opportunities, prepare students for admission to the University of California and other four-year colleges, and expand mentoring, tutoring, counseling, support services, and transition to job training programs,

**WHEREAS**, Director Harris has been a tireless advocate against illegal dumping in Oakland and an advocate for students to have safe and clean pathways to and from school in East Oakland,

**WHEREAS**, Director Harris has fought for full and fair funding for all East Oakland schools and has sought to create specialized opportunities to academically and socially advance African-American and Latinx students, and students with special needs.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education hereby recognizes and celebrates Director James Harris' tireless and steadfast service and impactful results on behalf of all students, staff, and families of Oakland Unified School District. The Board wishes him the very best as he completes his final term on the Board of Education and continues to be a champion for our community and our world.

Given under our hand and the District's seal this 9th day of December, 2020, in Oakland, California.

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**Jody London**  
President, Board of Education  
Oakland Unified School District

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**Kyla Johnson-Trammell**  
Superintendent of Schools  
Oakland Unified School District

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Education of the Oakland Unified School District on this 9th day of December, 2020.

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PREFERENTIAL RECUSAL:

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### **CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a Resolution passed at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Oakland Unified School District held on December 9, 2020.

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Kyla Johnson Trammell, Secretary, Board of Education

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