

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

Resolution No. 2021-0138

**Tribute – Jody London – Board Member – District 1
January 5, 2009 through January 4, 2021**

WHEREAS, Jody London has been working on citywide issues with Oakland Unified School District (OUSD) since 2005, serving as Co-Chair of the Measure B bond campaign (2006), and on the Citizens Bond Oversight Committee (2006-2008), where she served as Vice-Chair and established monthly tours of school sites where bond funds were being spent; and,

WHEREAS, Director London was elected to the School Board by the voters of Oakland's District 1 in 2008, and re-elected 2012 and 2016, while Director London's daughters attended neighborhood schools in North Oakland, graduating from Oakland Technical High School in 2017 and 2019; and,

WHEREAS, Director London served as Vice-President of the Board from January through August 2011, and President of the Board from August 2011 through the end of 2012, and again as Vice President in 2019 and President in 2020; and,

WHEREAS, Director London has brought her professional expertise in energy policy and environmental sustainability to her work on the Board, leading the Board to ban the use of Styrofoam in the District's Nutrition Services program, championing health and wellness initiatives, composting cafeteria food waste, and adopting the Rethinking School Lunch program, including construction of the new Central Kitchen, developing policies on school gardens, living schoolyards, climate literacy, and climate action, highlighting the District's leadership in building green-verified schools, and leading the development of the Board's Policy on Asset Management; and,

WHEREAS, Director London served on Board committees including Facilities, Instruction, Intergovernmental Relations, and Budget, led adoption of facilities master plans, established the annual Board legislative platform, guided advocacy in state legislative matters, created a Board Policy on working with the community during school construction projects, and organized tours for other elected officials of OUSD schools where bond funds were being spent; and,

WHEREAS, since 2012, Director London has served as a Delegate to the California School Boards Association (CSBA), where she successfully advocated for CSBA to act on climate issues, and presented OUSD accomplishments at the annual conferences of CSBA and the Council of Great City Schools; and,

WHEREAS, Director London has made hard decisions that were not always popular, including decisions to balance the District's budget, implement the Citywide Plan, deny charter schools

due to concerns about financial impact, and oppose increases to the Board member honorarium; and,

WHEREAS, Director London has made student-centered decisions, including adopting the A-G graduation standards, supporting the creation of a full-service community school district that focuses on the needs of the whole child, supporting creation of the African American Male Achievement initiative and growing that program into the Office of Equity, working to pass Measure N and building out career pathway academies at every high school, and replacing the school police department with a new safety plan; and,

WHEREAS, while Director London is leaving the Board, she plans to continue to vigorously advocate for equity, quality public schools, responsible energy policy, and environmental sustainability,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby recognizes and celebrates President Jody London for tireless and steadfast service and impactful results on behalf of all students, staff, and families of Oakland Unified School District. The Board wish her the very best as she completes her 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.

Shanthi Gonzales
Vice President, Board of Education
Oakland Unified School District

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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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.

Kyla Johnson Trammell, Secretary, Board of Education

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