

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

No. 2021-0135

**Tribute – Roseann Torres – Board Member – District 5  
January 7, 2013 through January 4, 2021**

**WHEREAS**, Roseann Torres was elected to the Oakland Unified School District Board of Education in November of 2012, took office as District 5 Director in January of 2013, and was reelected in November 2016; serving a total of eight years as Trustee in Oakland while her daughter attended District schools and eventually graduated from Oakland Tech HS; and,

**WHEREAS**, Director Torres has also served the community as an attorney since January 15, 2000, owning a law firm in Oakland since March 2004, which afforded her the opportunity to mentor many youth interested in law by providing them internships, mock trial training, as well sharing her insights in the legal profession by visiting schools annually on career day; and,

**WHEREAS**, Director Torres helped lead the completion of several projects in OUSD through passage of Measure J by voters in November 2012, to include completion of Glenview Elementary, Fremont High School with its expanded Media Academy as well as Architecture and Construction Academy; and,

**WHEREAS**, Director Torres presented for adoption in October 2015, an Ethnic Studies policy for 9th graders in high schools across OUSD, and expanded the policy for Ethnic Studies in 2020 to include students in kindergarten through 8th grade; and,

**WHEREAS**, Director Torres co-authored the Sanctuary District policy in January 2016 which affirmed the Districts commitment that every student attending school regardless of immigration status, religion, race and cultural ethnicity would be allowed the same access to everyday without fear of harm or disruption by ICE or any other governmental agency, in a time of political instability; and,

**WHEREAS**, Director Torres helped lead the effort to expand the OUSD Office of Equity to include students from the Asian Pacific Islander and Latino Populations to ensure the District was equitably distributing resources and improving student outcomes across all sectors of students; and,

**WHEREAS**, Director Torres sponsored the policy mandating a requirement for local hiring in capital improvement projects of 50% Oakland based firms, matching that of the City of Oakland, to ensure the recirculation of dollars within the diverse community of the city; and,

**WHEREAS**, Director Torres sponsored a renewal to the existing Anti-smoking Policy for OUSD along with the students and staff of the Health Pathway at Oakland Technical High School to combat the over exposure of youth to E-Cigarettes and Vaping marketing causing an increase in smoking among youth with dangerous repercussions; and,

**WHEREAS**, Director Torres coauthored the George Floyd Resolution in June 2020 to interrupt the school to prison pipeline by eliminating the Oakland Unified School District Police Department and reducing student exposure to law enforcement in alignment with the national movement for racial justice also part of the “Black Lives Matter” movement; and,

**WHEREAS**, Director Torres also served the education community on a statewide level, first as a Delegate to the California School Board Association from 2012-2014, and second as Vice President of California Latino School Board Association (CLSBA) from 2016-2018 wherein she hosted the first Northern California CLSBA policy forum at Laney College.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Board of Education recognizes and celebrates Director Roseann Torres’ tireless and steadfast service and impactful results on behalf of all students, staff, and families of Oakland Unified School District. The Board wishes 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 by focusing on the youth.

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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### **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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