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To: Board of Education

From: Jody London

Date: September 14, 2016

Re: **Support – County of Alameda Measure A1 - Alameda County Affordable Housing Bond**

Colleagues:

The Superintendent's Work Plan for this year includes a deliverable of developing and effectively communicating a strategy to retain educators in OUSD, including advocacy and support for reasonable educator housing. We all know how important it is for our district to be able to hire and retain educators who can afford to live in our City, and we know how expensive housing has become in Oakland. Alameda County is sponsoring Measure A1, a \$580 million bond for affordable housing for low-income and homeless people. More affordable housing will help our employees, and our families. I, therefore, ask your support for the attached resolution, endorsing Measure A1 on the **November 8** ballot.

JL:er

Cc: Antwan Wilson, Superintendent  
Marion McWilliams, General Counsel

Attachment – Resolution No. 1617-0053 - Support – County of Alameda Measure A1 – Alameda County Affordable Housing Bond

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**Resolution No. 1617-0053**

**Support – County of Alameda Measure A1 - Alameda County Affordable Housing Bond**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education Oakland Unified School District (OUSD) on April 13, 2016 adopted Resolution No. 1516-0109 - Supporting the Development of Housing Projects, Policies and Programs for Public Education Employees In The City of Oakland (Legislative File No. 16-0612, Enactment No. 16-0477);

**WHEREAS**, said Resolution acknowledged that pay for public education employees is clearly an issue, especially in cities with high housing and living costs like those in the Bay Area, one of the nation's costliest regions; and

**WHEREAS**, said Resolution further acknowledged that the District's top priority of recruiting, hiring and retaining great public education employees is significantly adversely impacted by high-housing costs exceeding the ability of said employees to either purchase or rent housing in the City of Oakland and/ or the Bay Area; and

**WHEREAS**, said Resolution committed the District to working with the City of Oakland in joint efforts to create strategies, policies and programs to assist public education employees in identifying and maintaining residency in Oakland; and

**WHEREAS**, the Superintendent's Work Plan for 2016-2017 includes a deliverable to "Develop and effectively communicate a strategy to retain educators in OUSD," with a footnote that this "Includes Professional Development, Teacher Residency Programs, rollout of reliable systems, and advocacy and support for reasonable educator housing;" and

**WHEREAS**, the Board further recognizes that it also must work with other governmental agencies, entities, nonprofit organizations and other parties in the Bay Area to address the housing needs of District employees,

**WHEREAS**, the Board acknowledges that the Alameda County Board of Supervisors has placed Measure A1 – Alameda County Affordable Housing Bond, a \$580 million general obligation bond measure on the November 8, 2016 General Election Ballot to provide affordable local housing and to prevent displacement of vulnerable populations, including, among others, the workforce of teachers and nurses who deliver essential services; and

**WHEREAS**, if said Measure A1 passes, it will help the District to recruit and retain educational employees who may be eligible for the affordable housing options through rental and/or homeownership programs in Alameda County created by the Measure,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the Oakland Unified School District supports the **County of Alameda Measure A1 - Alameda County Affordable Housing Bond**.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Education of the Oakland Unified School District this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Jody London, Jumoke Hinton Hodge, Roseann Torres, Shanthi Gonzales,  
Vice President Nina Senn and President James Harris

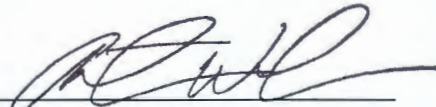
NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Aimee Eng

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Antwan Wilson, Superintendent and Secretary of the Board of Education of the Oakland Unified School District, Alameda County, State of California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly approved and adopted by the Board of Education of said district at a meeting thereof held on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016 with a copy of said Resolution being on file in Office of the Board of Education of said District.

  
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Antwan Wilson

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By: