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To: Board of Education

From: Director Jumoke Hinton Hodge

Re: Proposed New Legislative Matter – Conversation: Public Lands for Affordable Housing

Date: February 13, 2019

As a member of the Youth Ventures Joint Powers Authority (JPA), I currently serve in the role as the Co-Chair of the Housing Impact Work Group. The scope of work, goals and activities on the Impact table are broad; however, I want to bring your attention to some shared goals:

1.) Raising awareness of Un-sheltered Youth and Homeless families in OUSD and 2.) providing short- and long-term solutions for Un-sheltered youth and families. The JPA – Youth Venture Housing Impact Table is dedicated to the Elimination of Homelessness for Oakland youth and families.

Tonight, I am proposing that this Board consider as a new legislative matter for discussion utilizing our public lands and properties to address the immediate needs of our unsheltered youth and their families. Additionally, I would like to elevate a dialogue about launching City Wide campaign to raise awareness and support for Un-sheltered families and students. This City-wide campaign would be driven by our Superintendent and the McKinney Vento staff, Oakland Mayor and Alameda County Department of Child welfare. **The campaign message being, Oakland is Sanctuary District and City that will support families and eliminate fear of family separation.**

While there are short medium- and long-term solutions to be considered – I am proposing that this body of work and propose these short term recommendations:

- 1.) Consider temporary shelters utilizing OUSD properties (underutilized or surplus) e.g., Housing Tuff Shed / Village Communities, OUSD facilities to be repurposed utilizing auditoriums, showers or parking lots to provide temporary shelter space.
- 2.) Longer term planning and exploration to develop affordable housing of OUSD properties Exploration the use of public lands for public use that might involve the engagement with the private sector. Explore breadth of financing options.

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In Conclusion: This is a request for board consideration of convening a task force to explore JPA Youth Venture Housing Impact Table recommendations. The Task Force should a time certain for facilitating this discussion and recommending a meaningful action e.g., 3-6 months. To that end, I am suggesting the creation of a cross sector Task Force composed of representatives of *City of Oakland Housing Department, City of Oakland Department of Community Development, OUSD Facilities Department, Department of Community Schools and Student Services, and the JPA Youth Venture Housing Impact Table.*

Attached is the November 8th PowerPoint presentation provided at the last JPA Board meeting. This report provided by the Housing Impact Table provides some cursory research on School District's in the Bay Area who are also responding to unsheltered students and building affordable workforce housing to address the housing shortage and lack of affordability.

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