

**RESOLUTION
OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF THE
OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Resolution No. 1718-0205**

Tribute to Gema Quetzal, Student Board Member, July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018

WHEREAS, Gema Quetzal has distinguished herself during the 2017-18 school year as a Student Director on the Oakland Board of Education, where student members are commonly referred to as "Student Directors"; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Quetzal has a long history of civic participation having been on the Governing Board of the All City Council (ACC) Student Union since 9th grade, having attended the ACLU Summer Advocacy Institute and participating as a student leader on OUSD's Sanctuary District Task Force. She also routinely speaks out for justice for all students and organizes her peers to participate in student-led marches on immigrant rights, all while maintaining a 4.1 GPA; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Quetzal is part of Life Academy's Student Body Leadership, Life Academy's East Oakland DREAMers, an Oakland Promise Ambassador, a California Association of Student Councils Delegate, and a member of the Latino/a Student Achievement task Force; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Quetzal played a key role in the budget issues the Board and District faced this year, ensuring that student voice was heard and prioritized in the decision-making process; and,

WHEREAS, in her commitment to lifting up student voice and ensuring that all students have equal opportunity to recover credits and be on track towards graduation and college admission, Ms. Quetzal has exemplified the District's core values of putting *Students First, Equity, Excellence, Integrity, Cultural Responsiveness* and *Joy*; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Quetzal was chosen by California Governor Jerry Brown to serve as the lone Student Member on the State Board of Education for the 2018-19 school year, her senior year in high school, and,

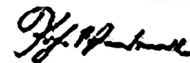
WHEREAS, Ms. Quetzal's resilience, passion, wisdom, leadership and civic commitment leave a tremendous legacy at Life Academy and offer a positive model for future students and Student Directors,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Oakland Unified School District, and Kyla Johnson-Trammell, Superintendent of Schools, acknowledge and honor Ms. Gema Quetzal for outstanding service to her peers, her school, the District, and the Oakland community.

Given under our hand and the District's seal this 13th day of June, 2018, in Oakland, California.



Aimee Eng
President, Board of Education
Oakland Unified School District



Kyla Johnson-Trammell
Superintendent
Oakland Unified School District

Passed by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

P RECUSED: Gema Quetzal (Student Director)

ABSENT: None

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 June 13, 2018.



Kyla Johnson Trammell
Secretary, Board of Education

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