

OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Office of the Superintendent of Schools

June 27, 2018

Legislative File	
File ID Number:	18-1584
Introduction Date:	06/27/2018
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By:	os

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Kyla Johnson-Trammell, Superintendent
Tara Gard, Deputy Chief Talent Officer, Talent Division

SUBJECT: Tribute – Trish Gorham, President, Oakland Education Association

ACTION REQUESTED

Adoption by the Board of Education of Resolution No. 1718-0212— Tribute - Trish Gorham – President, Oakland Education Association, for her exceptional service to the teachers, counselors, nurses, librarians, students, families and community of Oakland.

BACKGROUND

In July, 2012, Trish Gorham was elected President of Oakland Education Association (OEA), the bargaining unit representing OUSD's teachers, counselors, nurses and librarians. She has served with distinction for six years. An Oakland native, prior to her presidency, she had taught in OUSD schools for thirty years; at Kaiser Elementary for seven years and for 23 years at her own alma mater, Bushrod Washington Elementary (now the site of Sankofa Academy).

Both as a teacher and labor partner, Ms. Gorham has been someone who fully lives her values in behalf of the entire Oakland community. Throughout her career she has worked tirelessly on OEA's mission to improve wages, working conditions, and professional standards for all of her unit members. She has been a strong advocate for Public Education and its influence on equity, access, and excellence for all of Oakland's schools.

Now as she prepares to retire from her role as president, we request that the Board of Education pay tribute to Trish Gorham for her strong commitment to the well-being of the employees, students, and families of Oakland.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

RECOMMENDATION

Adoption by the Board of Education of Resolution No. 1718-0212— Tribute-Trish Gorham, President, Oakland Education Association, for her exceptional service to the teachers, counselors, nurses, librarians, students, families and community of Oakland.

**RESOLUTION
OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF THE
OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Resolution No. 1718-0212**

- Tribute - Trish Gorham – President, Oakland Education Association -

WHEREAS, Trish Gorham taught first and second grade in OUSD schools for thirty years; for 23 years at her own alma mater, Bushrod Washington Elementary, Sankofa Academy and Kaiser Elementary from 2005 to 2012 at Kaiser Elementary; and

WHEREAS, since July, 2012, Ms. Gorham has served, with distinction, as President of Oakland Education Association (OEA), the bargaining unit representing OUSD's teachers, counselors, nurses and librarians; and

WHEREAS, as since 2015, Trish Gorham has served on OUSD's Health Benefits Governance Board; a body dedicated to improving the health and welfare of all OUSD employees; and

WHEREAS, as both teacher and labor partner, Ms. Gorham has fully lived her values in behalf of the entire Oakland community, working tirelessly on OEA's mission to improve wages, working conditions, and professional standards for all of her unit members; and

WHEREAS, as Oakland's participating member of the *California Alliance for Community Schools* she has provided leadership in behalf of OUSD to ensure that public education is transformed in ways that contribute to a more just, equitable, and participatory society. Ms. Gorham has helped lead the way so Oakland is able to prepare its students with the intellectual, social, and emotional skills necessary for success in a changing and often turbulent world; and

WHEREAS, as she has led OEA in its actions toward social justice, to stand with students and their families and has been a leader in the nation to demonstrate how Oakland stands up during times of crisis; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that, as Trish Gorham's term as President of Oakland Education Association comes to a close on June 30, 2018, and upon recommendation of Superintendent Kyla Johnson-Trammell and the Deputy Chief Talent Officer, Tara Gard, the Board of Education of the Oakland Unified School District hereby recognizes, honors and thanks her for outstanding service to the teachers, counselors, nurses and librarians, families, the community, and, most importantly, our students.

Given under our hand and the District's seal this 27th 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:

PREFERENTIAL AYE:	Student Director Gema Quetzal
PREFERENTIAL NOE:	None
PREFERENTIAL ABSTENTION:	None
PREFERENTIAL RECUSE:	None
AYES:	Roseann Torres, Shanthi Gonzales, Nina Senn, James Harris, Jody London, Vice President Jumoke Hinton Hodge, President Aimee Eng
NOES:	None

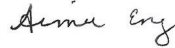
ABSTAINED: None
RECUSE: None
ABSENT: Student Director Enasia Mc-Elvaine

CERTIFICATION

We 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 June 27, 2018.

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