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To Board of Education

From Kyla Johnson-Trammell, Superintendent
Joshua R. Daniels, Chief Governance Officer

Meeting Date December 1, 2021

Subject Resolution No. 2122-0024 - Allocation of One-Time Funds to Support Implementation of Measure QQ

Ask of the Board Approval by the Board of Education of Resolution No. 2122-0024 - Allocation of One-Time Funds to Support Implementation of Measure QQ

Background Measure QQ was approved by more than two-thirds of Oakland voters on November 3, 2020. The Measure amended the City of Oakland Charter and authorized the Oakland City Council to adopt an ordinance allowing persons aged 16 and 17, who would otherwise be eligible to vote under state law, to vote for school board director. (The City of Berkeley approved a similar measure, Measure Y1, in 2016.) Oakland and Berkeley are the first municipalities in California to have adopted such measures. (Three municipalities in Maryland are the only cities in the U.S. to implement youth voting.)

The Chief Governance Officer has been partnering with representatives of the City of Oakland and the Berkeley Unified School District to work with the Alameda County Registrar of Voters to implement Measure QQ. However, progress has been slow due to a lack of capacity and technical expertise. The Chief Governance Officer has identified two technical experts (both retired county registrars of voters) who are interested and available in supporting the work. Their involvement is necessary if Measure QQ is to be implemented by the November 2022 election.

With the City of Oakland covering any election costs related to Measure QQ and the Berkeley Unified School District covering any election costs related to Measure Y1, it seems appropriate for the District to cover the one-time costs of such experts; and the District is currently well positioned to do so.

Discussion The Resolution would increase the budget of the Chief Governance Officer by \$75,000 to cover the cost of hiring the two experts.

Fiscal Impact \$75,000 from the General Fund.

Attachment(s)

- Resolution No. 2122-0024 - Allocation of One-Time Funds to Support Implementation of Measure QQ

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

Resolution No. 2122-0024

Allocation of One-Time Funds to Support Implementation of Measure QQ

WHEREAS, on November 3, 2020, over two-thirds of Oakland voters passed Measure QQ, which amended the Charter of the City of Oakland to authorize the City Council to adopt an ordinance allowing 16 and 17-year-olds to vote for school board director;

WHEREAS, studies show the importance of including young people in the decisions that so deeply impact their lives, such as decisions about how their schools are run, and have noted the improved civic participation that results when young people can vote;

WHEREAS, currently there is no process in place in Alameda County for 16 and 17-year olds to register and vote in Oakland school board elections;

WHEREAS, Alameda County uses the DIMS Election Management System (“DIMS”) to manage elections;

WHEREAS, one of the functions of DIMS is to manage registration and voting throughout Alameda County and, therefore, DIMS may need to be updated to allow 16 and 17-year-olds to vote in school board elections;

WHEREAS, on November 16, 2021, the City Council adopted a resolution that expressed the Oakland City Council’s support “to allow 16 and 17-year-olds to vote in local school board elections” and requested that the Alameda County Registrar of Voters take all steps necessary, including but not limited to updating DIMS, to allow 16 and 17-year-olds to register to vote in school board elections;

WHEREAS, the Chief Governance Officer, on behalf of the District, has been partnering with representatives of the City of Oakland and the Berkeley Unified School District to work with the Alameda County Registrar of Voters to implement Measure QQ;

WHEREAS, the implementation work has been slowed by a lack of capacity and technical expertise;

WHEREAS, the Chief Governance Officer has identified two technical experts (both retired county registrars of voters) who are interested and available in supporting the District, the City of Oakland, and the Berkeley Unified School District in working with the Alameda County Registrar of Voters to implement Measure QQ;

WHEREAS, these two technical experts are needed in order to implement Measure QQ by the November 2022 election;

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland will be covering any election costs related to the implementation of Measure QQ and the Berkeley Unified School District will be covering any election costs related to the implementation of Measure Y1; and

WHEREAS, the District is in a position to support the one-time cost of contracting with the technical experts who are necessary to get the Alameda County Registrar of Voters to implement Measure QQ.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education ("Board") approves a one-time budget increase to the Chief Governance Officer's budget for the 2021022 fiscal year of no more than \$75,000 in one-time funds to cover the cost of contracting with technical experts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board directs the Chief Governance Officer to bring forward the necessary contracts with technical experts for approval by the Board.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on _____, 2021, by the Governing Board of the Oakland Unified School District by the following vote:

PREFERENTIAL AYE: None

PREFERENTIAL NOE: None

PREFERENTIAL ABSTENTION: None

PREFERENTIAL RECUSE: None

AYES: VanCedric Williams, Gary Yee, Mike Hutchinson, Clifford Thompson, Vice President "Sam" Davis, President Shanthi Gonzales

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

RECUSED: None


ABSENT: Student Director Samantha Pal, Student Director Natalie Gallegos Chavez, Aimee Eng

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 December ____, 2021.

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