

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S. _____

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER NADEL

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**A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE CITY OF OAKLAND'S SUPPORT FOR ASSEMBLY BILL 655, -
ADMISSION SURCHARGE: CALIFORNIA ARTS COUNCIL, WHICH WOULD IMPOSE A ONE PERCENT (1%)
SURCHARGE ON THE PRICE OF ADMISSION FOR EACH PATRON OF AN ENTERTAINMENT VENUE TO
PROVIDE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE CALIFORNIA ARTS COUNCIL, A COUNCIL ESTABLISHED BY
THE STATE IN 1976 TO ENCOURAGE ARTISTIC AWARENESS, PARTICIPATION AND EXPRESSION, HELP
INDEPENDENT LOCAL GROUPS DEVELOP THEIR OWN ARTS PROGRAMS, PROMOTE EMPLOYMENT OF
ARTISTS, PROVIDE FOR THE EXHIBITION OF ARTS WORKS THROUGHOUT CALIFORNIA AND ENLIST
ALL STATE AGENCIES IN ENSURING FULLEST EXPRESSION OF ARTISTIC POTENTIAL**

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland has one of the highest concentrations of working artists of any city in California; and

WHEREAS, The California Arts Council (CAC) was established in January 1976 to encourage artistic awareness, participation, and expression; to help independent local groups develop their own arts programs; to promote the employment of artists and those skilled in crafts in both the public and private sector; to provide for the exhibition of art works in public buildings throughout California; and to enlist the aid of all state agencies in the task of ensuring the fullest expression of our artistic potential; and

WHEREAS, the 2003-04 California state budget cut the CAC budget by 86%, decimating many of its programs; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill ("AB") 655 would require that a surcharge of 1% of the price of admission be imposed upon each patron of an entertainment venue for the privilege of admission into an entertainment venue, establish the California Arts Council Fund, a continuously appropriated fund, for the support of the California Arts Council and its duties; now therefore be it

RESOLVED; that the City of Oakland declares its support for AB 655 (admissions surcharge: California Arts Council) by Assemblymember Mark Leno; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED; that the City Council urges its legislative representatives to sign on as co-sponsors of this bill; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED; that the City Council directs the City Administrator to advocate for the above positions in the State Legislature.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 20____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, NADEL, REID, QUAN, and
PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE

NOES -
ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST:

LATONDA SIMMONS
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California