

FULL TEXT OF MEASURE OO

Proposed Charter Amendment “Kids First! – The Oakland Fund for Children and Youth Act”.

WHEREAS, the City Clerk has certified to the City Council that upon the examination of the petition for the City Charter amendment, “Kids First! – The Oakland Fund for Children and Youth Act,” and that the petition is signed by the requisite number of registered voters; and

WHEREAS, the Alameda County Registrar of Voters requires a resolution from the City of Oakland to place the initiative on the ballot; and

WHEREAS, such action by the City Council is mandatory and ministerial and not a discretionary act and not a statement that the City Council or its members are either for or against the initiative;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the City of Oakland does hereby submit to the voters at the November 4, 2008 general election, a proposed Charter Amendment, which reads as follows (additions are indicated by underscoring and deletions are indicated by ~~strike through type~~):

Section 1. Title.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as “Kids First! – The Oakland Fund for Children and Youth Act.”

Section 2. Findings and Purpose.

The people of the City of Oakland hereby make the following findings and declare their purpose in enacting the Act is as follows:

(a) Teens and young adults comprise too many of Oakland’s homicide victims every year. Many of these deaths are due to gun violence.

(b) Many students in Oakland public schools do not graduate from high school. The percentage of Oakland students who do not graduate high school is much higher than the statewide average.

(c) It is critical to address root problems before they start by providing support services for children and youth and their families, like after-school and community based programs that keep children and youth out of trouble, encourage parent involvement and teach non-violent conflict resolution.

(d) The Kids First!--Oakland Fund for Children and Youth was established by a voter approved ballot measure in 1996. The measure set aside a portion of the City’s unrestricted general fund revenues every year for services benefiting children and youth, such as after-school programs, mentoring, recreational programs, job training and pre-school programs.

(e) Kids First! The Oakland Fund for Children and Youth puts money into programs that work. The Center on Juvenile and Criminal Justice reported that Oakland has a 69 percent drop in juvenile crime from 1995 to 2005, making Oakland the city with the lowest juvenile crime rate out of the eight largest cities in California. This is because of programs funded through measures like Kids First!

(f) This Act will increase funding for after-school programs, sports and recreation programs, youth gang prevention and other programs for children and youth to two and a half percent of all City revenue.

(g) This Act will protect and expand the services that

help keep Oakland children and youth on the right track. Programs funded by this measure will provide after-school programs that give children and youth positive alternatives and safe places away from the negative influences of the streets.

(h) This Act makes the Oakland Fund for Children and Youth a permanent part of the Oakland City budget.

Section 3. Amendment to Article XIII of the City Charter of the City of Oakland.

Article XIII of the City Charter of the City of Oakland is hereby amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE XIII KIDS FIRST! OAKLAND CHILDREN’S FUND

~~Section 1300.~~

~~1. This law establishes a fund that will help young grow to become healthy, productive and honorable adults. This fund shall be called the KIDS FIRST! Oakland Children’s Fund, and it shall be maintained separately and apart from all other City funds.~~

~~2. Two and one half percent of the City of Oakland’s annual unrestricted general fund revenues shall be set aside for the KIDS FIRST! Oakland Children’s Fund, and appropriated as specified in this section each year for twelve years beginning July 1, 1997, together with any interest earned on the fund and any amounts unspent or uncommitted by the fund at the end of any fiscal year.~~

~~3. Monies in the KIDS FIRST! Oakland Children’s Fund shall be used exclusively to provide services to children and youth less than twenty one years old, above and beyond services funded prior to the adoption of this section. To this end, monies in the KIDS FIRST! Oakland Children’s Fund shall not be appropriated or expended to pay for services funded by the City of Oakland during fiscal year 1995-1996, except and solely to the extent of services for which the City of Oakland ceases to receive federal, state or private agency funds which the funding agency required to be spent on services in question.~~

~~4. Monies in the KIDS FIRST! Oakland Children’s Fund shall be used exclusively for:~~

~~a. Career & Leadership Development, including job training; year round work experience; career internships; and community organizing projects;~~

~~b. Academic & Cultural Development, including pre-school programs; academic enrichment programs; college preparatory services; arts and music programs; outdoor adventure activities; and sports program;~~

~~e. Physical & Behavioral Health, including school health centers; neighborhood teen clinics; counseling and mentoring programs; conflict resolution; prenatal care; and parenting classes.~~

~~5. All monies in the KIDS FIRST! Oakland Children’s Fund shall be appropriated to private non-profit and public entities through an open and fair competitive bid process.~~

~~6. All monies in the KIDS FIRST! Oakland Children’s Fund shall be appropriated to private non-profit and public entities for programs that:~~

~~a. implement services in a comprehensive;~~