

**BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Resolution 19-004 in Support of Measure O, General Obligation Bond for**  
**Affordable Housing**

**WHEREAS**, the median cost of a single-family home in Berkeley is over \$1 million; median monthly rent for a two-bedroom apartment is over \$3,000.

**WHEREAS**, Berkeley needs to build more affordable housing units. According to the City of Berkeley's most recent Bi-Annual Housing Pipeline Report, there needs to be built at least the following estimated number of units to meet demand:

- *441 extremely/very low-income units.* This income level is 50% of area median income (AMI) or below, which is equivalent to an annual income of \$58,100 or below for a family of four.
- *376 low-income units.* This income level is 80% of AMI or below, which is equivalent to an annual income of \$89,600 or below for a family of four.
- *584 moderate-income units.* This income level is 120% of AMI or below, which is equivalent to an annual income of \$134,400 or below for a family of four. Half of all four-person families in Alameda county make \$134,400 or less.

**WHEREAS**, the high cost of housing has real effects on BUSD students and families as well as BUSD employees. In fact, a recent survey of BUSD employees who rent found that:

- More than half are cost burdened (i.e., spend more than 30% of their household income on rent) and more than 20% are severely cost burdened (i.e., spend more than 50% of their household income on rent)
- 78% are experiencing financial pressures due to high housing costs
- 54% have considered leaving BUSD because of high housing costs

**WHEREAS**, Measure O would raise \$135 million “to create and preserve affordable housing for low-income households, working families, and individuals including teachers, seniors, veterans, the homeless, and persons with disabilities.”

**WHEREAS**, Measure O would subject to citizen oversight and independent audits, similar conditions found in District bond measures.

**WHEREAS**, Measure O, if approved by voters, would help create affordable housing for those in needs, including BUSD families, and offers one possibility to help finance BUSD employee housing.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the Berkeley Unified School District endorses and supports the passage of Measure O on the November 6, 2018 General Election Ballot.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 10th day of October, 2018

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Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, Clerk