

Oakland Library Advisory Commission Resolution 2021-1

WHEREAS the City of Oakland has several public libraries that are in need of major renovation or reconstruction, and

WHEREAS existing city funds for infrastructure are inadequate to fit the funding needs for these projects, and

WHEREAS this year represents a historic opportunity for the federal government to fund a variety of infrastructure needs, and

WHEREAS on January 28, 2021, S. 127, the Build America's Libraries Act, was introduced to provide \$5 billion in funding to repair, modernize, and construct library facilities in underserved and marginalized communities, and

WHEREAS this legislation would fund a program for state-administered grants that Oakland would likely be a strong competitor for, and

WHEREAS none of Oakland's federal representatives are currently co-sponsors of this legislation, according to the American Library Association,

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF OAKLAND LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMISSION DECLARES THAT IT IS:

RESOLVED that the Library Advisory Commission endorses S. 127 and any companion legislation introduced in the House of Representatives, and it is further

RESOLVED that the Library Advisory Commission calls upon the Oakland City Council to endorse this legislation and add it to the City of Oakland's federal legislative program for 2021, and it is further

RESOLVED that the Library Advisory Commission calls upon Oakland's federal delegation to co-sponsor S. 127 and any companion legislation introduced in the House of Representatives, and it is further

RESOLVED that the Library Advisory Commission charges its co-Chairs with communicating this resolution to the Oakland City Council and Oakland's federal delegation.

Adopted: _____, 2021