SAN LEANDRO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

RESOLUTION #12-24

Support of
Initiative 1522 Tax Oil to Fund Education K-12
Through College and University

WHEREAS, The California Public Educational System, Kindergarten through College and University has been cut to the bone as a result of five years of on-going cuts, totaling nearly $20 billion; and

WHEREAS, class sizes in grades K-3 have increased from 20 to 28 and are scheduled to increase to 32, critical programs such as athletics, counseling, libraries, and music have been reduced or eliminated; teachers, administrators, custodians, campus security staff, and all support staff have been reduced with some positions eliminated; and

WHEREAS, these cuts have forced the reduction or elimination of valuable and essential programs, services, and staff from all levels of the organization; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education recognizes public education is a right not a privilege and that the promise of a free public education for all is one of the greatest democratic achievements in California's history; and

WHEREAS, the State of California must adequately fund its public education system K-12 through colleges and universities; and

WHEREAS, the State of California is the only major oil-producing state that does not currently have an oil extraction fee; and

WHEREAS, the application of an oil extraction fee represents a reasonable source of revenue that can be invested in the educational system of the State of California; and

WHEREAS, an oil extraction fee is a source of revenue that will not be levied upon the citizens of the State of California; and

WHEREAS the funds can be used to restore programs, rehire laid off staff, reduce class sizes, and increase the opportunity for all Californians to graduate from high school; and

WHEREAS, the educational funds can be used to help retain jobs and create jobs in California and make California competitive in the global economy, by fully educating our students; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT REOSOLVED, that the San Leandro Unified School District Board of Education endorses the proposed Initiative 1522 Tax Oil to Fund Education K-12 Through College and University.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 20th day of March 2012, by the following called vote:

AYES:

NOE:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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Secretary/Clerk, Board of Education
San Leandro Unified School District
County of Alameda, State of California