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## Statement from Mayor Libby Schaaf on Discriminatory Indiana Law

“Last week, Indiana Governor Mike Pence signed into law The Religious Freedom Restoration Act, which gives businesses in Indiana license to discriminate against lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals by denying services.

Given Oakland’s longstanding support for equal rights and opposition to any form of discrimination, today, I directed the City Administrator not to approve the use of City dollars for business travel to Indiana. I have also reached out to the Oakland City Council, asking that they pass a resolution that would ban City-paid business travel to Indiana citywide.

As one of the most diverse cities in America, Oakland has been at the forefront of promoting the equitable treatment of its residents and fostering an atmosphere that promotes inclusion and the protection of our fundamental Civil Rights.

As Mayor of Oakland, I join with jurisdictions, private citizens, businesses and other entities around the world in denouncing the State of Indiana’s action and will continue to direct the City Administrator to deny the use of City dollars for travel to Indiana as long as this discriminatory law remains in effect.”

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