

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER TREVA REID AND COUNCIL PRESIDENT
NIKKI FORTUNATO BAS**

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY BILL 2020 (BONTA, D.) ALSO KNOWN AS THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING SURVIVORS ACT OF 2024 WHICH WOULD IMPLEMENT POLICIES TO PROTECT AND LIFT UP THE VOICES OF SURVIVORS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING.

WHEREAS, in 2024, the Oakland City Council adopted resolution 90067 CMS, sponsored by Councilmember Treva Reid, recognizing January 2024 as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month in The City Of Oakland; and

WHEREAS, in May 2023, Mayor Thao announced the formation of the Advisory Council on Human Trafficking. Councilmember Treva Reid and Council President Nikki Fortunato Bas were both appointed to serve on this board. The advisory council, composed of a cross-sector of survivors, community organizations, and public agencies, launched in October 2023;

WHEREAS, in 2023, the Oakland City Council adopted resolution 89747 CMS, sponsored by Councilmember Reid, in support of California Senate Bill 673 (Bradford), establishing an "Ebony Alert" to help locate missing Black youth and Black women and to provide law enforcement agencies with additional tools to disseminate timely and accurate information to the public and the media, thereby increasing the chances of safely recovering missing Black youth and women; and

WHEREAS, AB 2020 seeks to address critical issues surrounding the protection and empowerment of survivors of human trafficking in California; and

WHEREAS, the bill recognizes the significant challenges faced by survivors of human trafficking and aims to implement policies that support their recovery and rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, AB 2020 establishes the Human Trafficking Survivor Services Advisory Committee within the Office of Emergency Services to provide expertise and guidance on survivor-centered policies and programs; and

WHEREAS, the bill requires the Advisory Committee to collaborate with survivors, service providers, and relevant stakeholders to develop and recommend survivor-centered policies and best practices; and

WHEREAS, AB 2020 mandates the establishment of a grant program to fund trauma-informed, survivor-centered services for survivors of human trafficking, including housing, mental health services, legal services, and other critical support programs; and

WHEREAS, the bill prioritizes the inclusion of survivor voices in policy development, ensuring that their experiences and needs are central to decision-making processes; and

WHEREAS, AB 2020 requires data collection and reporting on the implementation and outcomes of survivor services, enhancing accountability and transparency in supporting survivors of human trafficking; and

WHEREAS, the bill promotes collaboration among state agencies, local governments, and community-based organizations to maximize resources and improve services for survivors; and

WHEREAS, AB 2020 fosters a comprehensive approach to addressing human trafficking by integrating survivor-centered principles into statewide policies and programs; and

WHEREAS, the Human Trafficking Survivors Act of 2024 aligns with principles of human rights and social justice, aiming to uplift and empower survivors of human trafficking; and

RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Oakland supports the passage of AB 2020 in the California legislature; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: that the City Council directs the City Administrator or his designee to immediately distribute this resolution upon its adoption to Governor Gavin Newsom and State Assemblymember Mia Bonta.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - -FIFE, GALLO, JENKINS, KALB, KAPLAN, RAMACHANDRAN, REID, AND
PRESIDENT FORTUNATO BAS

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: _____

ASHA REED
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the
City of Oakland, California