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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT NIKKI FORTUNATO BAS

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ASSEMBLY BILL 937 (CARRILLO), THE VISION ACT, WHICH WOULD ENSURE THAT LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AND OTHER CITY/COUNTY AGENCIES ARE NOT ENGAGED WITH IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT IN ANY MANNER, UNLESS REQUIRED BY FEDERAL OR STATE LAW

WHEREAS, refugees and immigrants are a vital part of California's heart and identity, and we recognize the humanity of all people who call our community home; and

WHEREAS, California's criminal justice system unjustly and disproportionately harms Black, Latinx, Indigenous, and Asian and Pacific Islander American communities; and

WHEREAS, with the passing of SB 260, SB 261, SB 1437, AB 1812, which amended paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 1170 of the Penal Code, and Proposition 47, the Legislature and California voters have demonstrated a strong commitment to reforming our criminal justice system and ending mass incarceration; and

WHEREAS, despite these reforms, California reinforces systemic racism when its jails and prisons voluntarily and unnecessarily transfer immigrant and refugee community members eligible for release from state or local custody to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) for immigration detention and deportation purposes; and

WHEREAS, jails and prisons serve as the main pipeline to fill immigration detention beds, and approximately 70% of people detained in ICE custody, nationally, have been funneled through our criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, California should not subject these community members to a cruel "double punishment," and disregard their humanity, records of rehabilitation, stable reentry plans, and community support, purely because they are refugees or immigrants; and

WHEREAS, ending ICE transfers in California reflects the state's commitment to ending racial injustice and mass incarceration; and

WHEREAS, the VISION Act (Assembly Bill 937), authored by Assemblymember Carrillo, prohibits jails, prisons, and other public agencies from funneling community members who are eligible for release to ICE jails where they endure deplorable conditions and face permanent separation from their families and communities; and

WHEREAS, through the passing of the VISION Act, California has an opportunity to set a model for the nation and advance a positive vision of a society based on care, healing, and transformation; and

WHEREAS, our community refuses to use local and state resources to separate children from their parents and detain and deport millions of parents, neighbors, co-workers, and friends; now, therefore, be it

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland values all members of our community, embraces compassion, equality, and inclusion, and proudly defends the rights of all residents, including refugees and immigrants; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: that the City Council expresses its support for Assembly Bill 937 (Carillo), and the California legislature to pass and Governor Gavin Newsom to sign the bill into law; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Oakland City Clerk shall submit copies of this Resolution to the Office of Assemblymember Carillo.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - FIFE, GALLO, KALB, KAPLAN, REID, TAYLOR, THAO AND
PRESIDENT FORTUNATO BAS

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST

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