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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBERS REBECCA KAPLAN AND DAN KALB

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSITION 64, THE MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland has long been at the forefront of the cannabis legalization movement; and

WHEREAS, the “war on marijuana” has disproportionately targeted people of color, especially African Americans, for arrest and incarceration; and

WHEREAS, every year, there are more than 8,800 felony arrests for growing or selling marijuana in California, resulting in some very long prison sentences; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland has already taken a stance against the criminalization of marijuana in 2004 when the Oakland electorate passed ballot Measure Z, the “Oakland Cannabis Regulation and Revenue Ordinance”; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 64 (Prop 64) would allow adults ages 21 and older to possess, transport, and use up to one ounce of marijuana for recreational purposes; and

WHEREAS, Prop 64 would alleviate pressure on the courts, by legalizing the possession and cultivation of small amounts of marijuana, and reducing penalties for other marijuana offenses; and

WHEREAS, Prop 64 imposes state taxes on sales and cultivation; provides for industry licensing and establishes standards for marijuana products; and allows local regulation and taxation; and

WHEREAS, Prop 64 would create strict environmental regulations to ensure that the marijuana is grown efficiently and legally, to regulate the use of pesticides, to prevent wasting water, and to minimize water usage; and

WHEREAS, Prop 64 is supported by the California Democratic Party, the California Medical Association, the ACLU of California, the California NAACP, and numerous other organizations and individuals; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the City of Oakland endorses Prop 64.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, CAMPBELL WASHINGTON, GALLO, GUILLEN, KALB, KAPLAN, REID AND
PRESIDENT GIBSON MCELHANEY

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: _____
LATONDA SIMMONS
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the
City of Oakland, California