

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

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RESOLUTION No. 87060 = C.M.S.

Introduced by Councilmember KAPLAN


City Attorney

**Resolution Requesting the Oakland Planning Commission To Review
Removing The 4-Person Limit In Oakland Planning Code Section 17.102.190
- Joint Living And Work Quarters And To Forward Recommendations for
Action to the City Council**

WHEREAS, Oakland's low-income communities, including creative communities, have been heavily impacted by the current housing affordability crisis; and

WHEREAS, Oakland's economic development efforts rely in no small part on its worldwide renown as a vibrant and diverse cultural hub; and

WHEREAS, retention of Oakland's low-income creative community relies on availability of affordable rental units and below market rate property; and

WHEREAS, regulations which make it difficult and expensive to legally use many properties in the City of Oakland effectively for live-work purposes discourage legalization of such units and can perpetuate risk, including, specifically, the 4-person limit on Joint Living and Work Quarters, which renders many such potential projects not financially viable for most people; and

WHEREAS, the Building Code also contains numeric limits, such that the additional, lower limit in the Planning Code is not needed, and is impeding safe legalization of live-work units; and

WHEREAS, allowing for effective use of appropriate properties for Joint Living and Work Quarters can help ensure availability of affordable housing and creative space, reduce commutes and traffic congestion, reduce displacement of lower-income members, and help protect the vibrancy of the City's communities while bringing properties into safe and legal use; and

WHEREAS, alternative affordable housing, including live-work, is necessary to address the immediate need to house Oakland's exploding unsheltered population and people facing displacement; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council requests the Planning Commission to review the issue of the 4-person limit in Oakland Planning Code Section 17.102.190 - Joint Living And Work Quarters, and to forward recommendations for action to the City Council, including removal of the numerical limit set forth under Section 17.102.190.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, FEB 20 2018

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

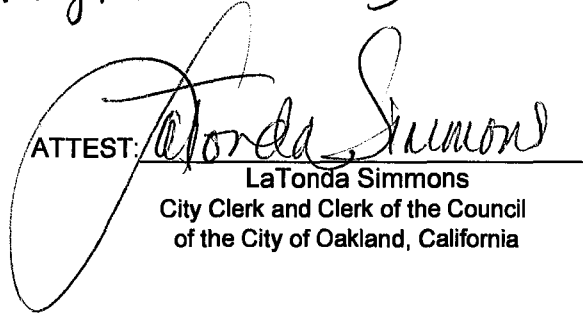
AYES - ~~BRUNO, BRYAN, GIBSON, GILLEN, KALB, KAPLAN,~~ GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, GUILLEN, KALB, KAPLAN,
and ~~BRUNO, BRYAN, GIBSON, GILLEN, KALB, KAPLAN,~~ - 5

Excused - Brooks, Campbell Washington + Reid - 3

NOES - 0

ABSENT - 0

ABSTENTION - 0

ATTEST: 
LaTonda Simmons
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California