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Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE 2010 CALIFORNIA INITIATIVE MEASURE 09-0024, ENTITLED, <u>REGULATE, CONTROL AND TAX CANNABIS, WHICH WOULD LEGALIZE AND REGULATE CANNABIS (MARIJUANA)</u>

WHEREAS, California's laws criminalizing cannabis (marijuana) need to be reformed; and

WHEREAS, California could regulate cannabis in the same way that the state regulates alcohol, allowing adults to possess and consume small amounts of cannabis; and

WHEREAS, there is an estimated \$15 billion in illegal cannabis transactions in California each year, but because cannabis remains illegal, our state sees none of the revenue; and

WHEREAS, taxing and regulating cannabis, in the same way that the state regulates alcohol and cigarettes, would generate billions of dollars in annual revenue for California to fund what matters most to Californians: jobs, health care, schools and libraries, roads, and more; and

WHEREAS, California should stop arresting thousands of non-violent cannabis consumers, freeing up police resources and saving millions of dollars each year, which could be used to apprehend truly dangerous criminals and keep them locked up, and for other essential state needs that lack funding; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED:** that the Oakland City Council endorses the California Initiative Measure 09-0024: Regulate, Control and Tax Cannabis, which will appear on the November 2010 statewide ballot, and which would legalize and regulate cannabis.

| IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,                      | MAY 1 8 2010         | , 20  |
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| PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:                         |                      |   |
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