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City Attorney's Office

## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 87870 = C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT KAPLAN

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**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING GRANT FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$4,050,000 TO BE AWARDED TO THE CITY OF OAKLAND FROM THE 2019-2020 CALIFORNIA STATE BUDGET AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE GRANT AGREEMENTS WITH: 1) UNCOMMON LAW IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$4,000,000; AND 2) AFTER INNOCENCE IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000.**

**WHEREAS**, according to a 2018 Bureau of Justice Statistics report, five out six state prisoners were rearrested one or more times in the nine years following their release; and

**WHEREAS**, the mass incarceration of people has profoundly affected the social and economic structure of families and communities in cities such as Oakland; and

**WHEREAS**, a growing number of studies show that addressing mental health needs and providing support systems for formerly incarcerated people reduces recidivism; and

**WHEREAS**, California State Senator Nancy Skinner, in representing Oakland and as Chair of the State Budget Subcommittee on Corrections, Public Safety and the Judiciary, has been a tireless advocate for our residents impacted by incarceration and was able to secure needed funding for the healthy reentry of formerly incarcerated people; and

**WHEREAS**, California Assembly Bill No. 74 (Budget Act of 2019) awards four million dollars (\$4,000,000) to the City of Oakland to prepare incarcerated people serving sentences of life with the possibility of parole for parole hearings with therapeutic counseling; and

**WHEREAS**, California Assembly Bill No. 74 (Budget Act of 2019) awards fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to the City of Oakland to provide services for reentry support for individuals exonerated in California; and

**WHEREAS,** UnCommon Law is an Oakland nonprofit that prepares incarcerated individuals for parole hearings and provides trauma-informed, healing-centered mental health and legal counseling with the ultimate goal of helping provide a safe pathway home for individuals currently serving lengthy prison terms in California; and

**WHEREAS,** Uncommon Law's work assisting incarcerated individuals navigate the parole process as well as the importance of providing rehabilitative programming to individuals before and after release from prison was discussed extensively during the 2019-2020 State Budget deliberations; and

**WHEREAS,** After Innocence is an Oakland re-entry assistance and advocacy program for individuals who have been wrongfully convicted, which employs a three-part program including: 1) coordinating access to health care, social services, public benefits and legal services for individual exonerees in their own communities; 2) documenting exonerees' experiences after release; and 3) advocating for laws that fairly compensate exonerees for time lost and assist them with the road ahead; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That the City Council hereby accepts funds awarded by the State in an amount up to \$4,000,050 and appropriates said funds as follows: 1) \$4,000,000 to UnCommon Law; and 2) \$50,000 to After Innocence; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the City Administrator or her designee is authorized to enter into grant agreements with: 1) UnCommon Law in an amount not to exceed \$4,000,000; and 2) After Innocence in an amount not to exceed \$50,000; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the City Administrator or her designee is hereby authorized to approve any amendments to the grant agreements, and take any other action with respect to the grant agreements consistent with this Resolution and its basic purpose; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That prior to execution, the grant agreements and any amendment thereto shall be reviewed and approved as to form and legality by the City Attorney, and executed copies of the agreements shall be filed with the City Clerk.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

**OCT 0 1 2019**

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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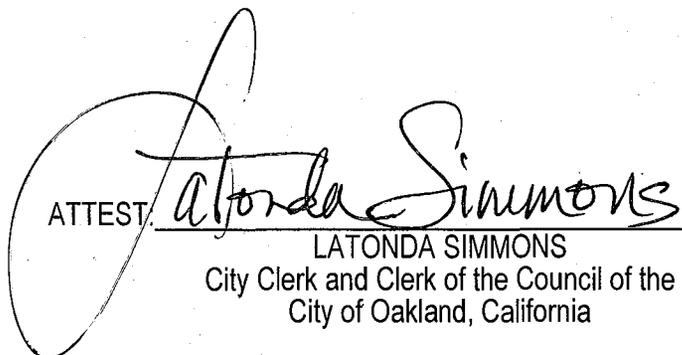
NOES - 0

ABSENT - 0

ABSTENTION - 0

Excused - 1 Gallo

ATTEST

  
LATONDA SIMMONS  
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the  
City of Oakland, California