



TO: City Council and members of the Public

FROM: Councilmembers Dan Kalb

SUBJECT: Resolution Calling for Full Compliance with CA Proposition 12

DATE: March 11, 2021

City Council colleagues, Councilmembers Kalb respectfully asks your support for the attached Resolution.

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the attached resolution, and upon adoption authorize the City Administrator or his designee to inform all listed in the resolution entities that are dealing with food production, distribution, and sales of this law.

RESOLUTION CALLING UPON FOOD COMPANIES, GROCERY STORES, SUPERMARKETS, RESTAURANTS AND OTHER ENTITIES DEALING WITH FOOD PRODUCTION, DISTRIBUTION AND SALES OPERATING WITHIN THE CITY OF OAKLAND TO FULLY IMPLEMENT REQUIREMENTS OF PROPOSITION 12 (FARM ANIMAL CONFINEMENT INITIATIVE) WHICH OVERWHELMINGLY PASSED BY CALIFORNIA VOTES IN 2018 AND REQUIRES THAT COVERED ANIMALS (INCLUDING VEAL CALVES, BREEDING PIGS AND EGG-LAYING HENS) BE HOUSED IN CONFINEMENT SYSTEMS THAT COMPLY WITH SPECIFIC HUMANE STANDARDS.

SUMMARY

In 2018 Californians passed Proposition 12, the Prevention of Cruelty to Farm Animals Act, by an overwhelming 25-point margin, requiring that veal calves, mother pigs, and egg-laying hens, have habitation conditions that comply with humane standards of animal husbandry. Proposition 12 also prohibits products from inhumanly caged animals to be sold in the California marketplace. In Alameda County 71.6% of voters supported Proposition 12.

While for calves used for veal the mandate under Proposition 12 came into effect on December 31, 2019, the implementation date for egg-laying hens and mother pigs is set for December 31, 2021. Therefore, it is timely to remind businesses and other entities dealing with food

production, distribution and sales to fully implement requirements of Proposition 12 in their operations.

Following adoption of Proposition numerous large and small businesses, have pledged to stop sourcing eggs and other animal products from animals forced to live in extreme confinement. However, it is important to send a strong message that the City of Oakland is committed to ensuring compliance with this important law.

We appreciate your support for this resolution and its intent.

Respectfully submitted,



Dan Kalb
Councilmember, District One