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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

Introduced by Councilmember Nancy J. Nadel

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AB 77 (LIEBER) REQUIRING
THE SECRETARY OF THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION TO APPOINT A WORKING
GROUP TO DEVELOP AN ACTION PLAN FOR REFORMING THE
STATE'S PAROLE SYSTEM, AND PROVIDING STATE FUNDING
FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE THAT
PROVIDES COMPREHENSIVE TRANSITION AND REENTRY
SERVICES FOR PAROLEES**

WHEREAS, in 2001, the most recent year for which nationwide, county-level data are available, Alameda County ranked ninth in the nation in the number of people released from prisons and jails; and

WHEREAS, as of November 2006, there were 5,308 parolees in Alameda County, of whom approximately half are in Oakland; and

WHEREAS, based on numerous independent studies, the State Legislature has found that flaws in California's parole system contribute to the failure of inmates to successfully reenter the community, result in a high rate of parolees returning to state prison, and contribute to the conditions of overcrowding in our state prisons, all of which have placed the parole system in crisis and in need of immediate reform; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 77, introduced in December 2006 by Assembly Member Lieber (Mountain View), provides for two concurrent efforts to address the need for parole reform; and

WHEREAS, AB 77 would require the Secretary of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) to appoint a five-member working group of national experts and one employee of CDCR to develop a detailed action plan designed to prioritize parole resources, provide incentives for successful parole completion, coordinate state and local resources, and improve systems of sanctions and monitoring of parolees, with the requirement that the working group submit its plan to the Legislature and the Secretary not later than 90 days from the date this legislation becomes operative; and

WHEREAS, AB 77 further proposes that the Corrections Standards Authority be able to allocate \$75,000 to any county that submits a grant request to develop a multi-agency local action plan for a comprehensive response and continuum of care for parolees at the local level, and would allocate \$4.35 million for this purpose, enough for a grant to be available to all counties in California; and

WHEREAS, the goal of AB 77 is “to establish a true system of reentry in California that will ensure that inmates make a successful transition from prison to the community, and that the working group created by this act adopt a detailed plan of action for implementing the necessary requisite reforms to accomplish that goal”; and

WHEREAS, with AB 77, the State Legislature also intends to “support the systematic and cultural transformation of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation into a rehabilitative model that improves offender outcomes and reduces recidivism”; and

WHEREAS, AB 77 would provide funds to support the collaboration and planning efforts which are already underway in the City of Oakland and County of Alameda to provide services and support for parolees; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council declares its support for AB 77 (Lieber) requiring the Secretary of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to appoint a working group to develop an action plan for reforming the parole system and providing state funding for the development of local infrastructure that provides comprehensive transition and reentry services for parolees; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council directs the City Administrator and the City’s legislative lobbyist to advocate for the above position in the State Legislature.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 20____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, REID, and PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

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