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## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

### RESOLUTION NO. 86380 C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER DAN KALB AND COUNCIL PRESIDENT  
LYNETTE GIBSON MCELHANEY

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**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CALIFORNIA PROPOSITION 57 THAT  
WOULD INCREASE PAROLE AND GOOD BEHAVIOR  
OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELONS CONVICTED OF NONVIOLENT  
CRIMES AND ALLOW JUDGES INSTEAD OF PROSECUTORS TO  
DECIDE WHETHER TO TRY CERTAIN JUVENILES AS ADULTS IN  
COURT**

**WHEREAS**, There have been significant problems in the United States and California with excessive and lengthy incarcerations for nonviolent offenses, especially for men of color; and

**WHEREAS**, Over the last several decades, California's prison population exploded by 500% and prison spending ballooned to more than \$10 billion every year; and

**WHEREAS**, Prison numbers dropped after California voters approved Proposition 47 in 2014, which reduced non-violent, non-serious crimes to misdemeanors and gave more inmates a higher chance for parole consideration; and

**WHEREAS**, California Proposition 57 is partly another response to the 2009 federal order mandating that California reduce its prison population numbers; and

**WHEREAS**, California Proposition 57 would increase parole chances for felons convicted of non-violent crimes and give them more opportunities to earn credits for good behavior, as well as allow judges, not prosecutors, to decide whether to try certain juveniles as adults in court; and

**WHEREAS**, As of the beginning of 2016, there were about 25,000 nonviolent state felons that could seek early release and parole under Proposition 57; and

**WHEREAS**, Proposition 57 would likely net state savings of tens of millions of dollars annually; and

**WHEREAS**, Evidence shows that inmate rehabilitation reduces the likelihood of reoffending and minors who remain under juvenile court supervision are less likely to commit new crimes; and

**WHEREAS**, Proposition 57 is supported by Governor Jerry Brown, Senator Loni Hancock and many organizations; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That the Oakland City Council hereby supports the passage of Proposition 57.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

OCT 04 2016

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

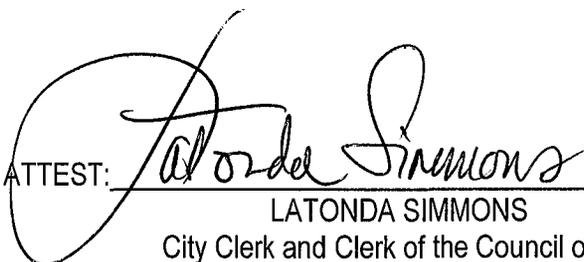
AYES - BROOKS, CAMPBELL WASHINGTON, GALLO, GUILLEN, KALB, KAPLAN, REID, ~~AND~~  
~~PRESIDENT GIBSON MCELHANEY~~ - 7

NOES -  $\phi$

ABSENT -  $\phi$

ABSTENTION -  $\phi$

EXCUSED - GIBSON - 1  
MCELHANEY

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