

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL


City Attorney

RESOLUTION No. 81140 C.M.S.

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RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ASSEMBLY BILL 1996 (SWANSON) PROVIDING ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR DRUG FELONS TO RECEIVE FOOD STAMPS

WHEREAS, it is believed that a contributing factor to recidivism for individuals returning from prison is the challenge of becoming economically self sufficient; and

WHEREAS, public income supports such as food stamps are a vital tool in helping individuals and families – including people who are formally incarcerated -- to move toward self sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland has large numbers of individuals on parole and probation, many of whom have drug convictions; and

WHEREAS, AB 1996 would make provisions that any individual convicted of a drug felony would be eligible for food stamp benefits if the individual completed an approved drug treatment program prior to their release from prison; and

WHEREAS, prior legislation (AB 1796 Leno) allows only individuals with specific types of drug convictions and who completed a drug treatment program to be eligible for food stamp benefits. This legislation expands these eligibility criteria so that all individuals, regardless of the type of drug conviction would be eligible for food stamps upon completion of a drug treatment program in prison; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: that the City of Oakland declares its support for AB1996 (Swanson); and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: that the City Administrator and the City's state lobbyist are directed to advocate the City's position to the State Legislature.

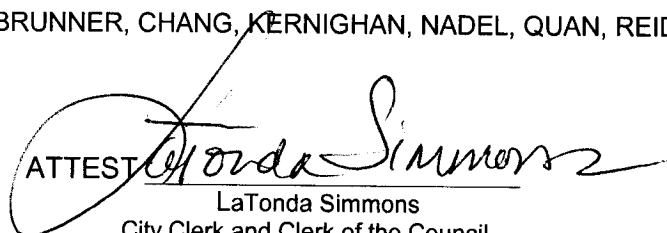
IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, MAR 18 2008, 20

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: 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,
City of Oakland, California