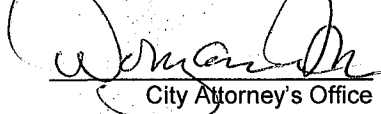


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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 86896 - C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBERS DAN KALB AND
LYNETTE GIBSON MCELHANEY

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 31 (LARA) THAT WOULD PROHIBIT (1) STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES FROM ASSISTING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN COMPILING A RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION DATABASE AND (2) STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES FROM COLLECTING RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION INFORMATION OR ASSISTING IN THE ENFORCEMENT OF ANY RELIGIOUS REGISTRY REQUIREMENT

WHEREAS, freedom of religion is a founding ideal of our nation; and

WHEREAS, in the City of Oakland and throughout California, we celebrate the rich cultural heritage and diversity of our residents; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, National Security Entry-Exit Registration System began registering and tracking mostly Arab and Muslim men, causing much fear and mistrust, as well numerous deportation proceedings for technical visa violations, but, despite tens of thousands of registrations, did not result in a single terrorism conviction; and

WHEREAS, we have seen the horrible result of a religion-based registry leading up to World War II; and

WHEREAS, the Trump Administration has made numerous statements regarding instituting a system to track Muslim individuals in the United States, which is not only troubling but unconstitutional; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill (SB) 31 (Lara) would prohibit state and local agencies from assisting the federal government in compiling a religious affiliation database; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 31 would also prohibit state and local law enforcement agencies from collecting religious affiliation information or assisting in the enforcement of any religious registry requirement; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council hereby endorses SB 31 (Lara) and urges the California State Legislature and Governor Jerry Brown to support its enactment into law.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

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PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

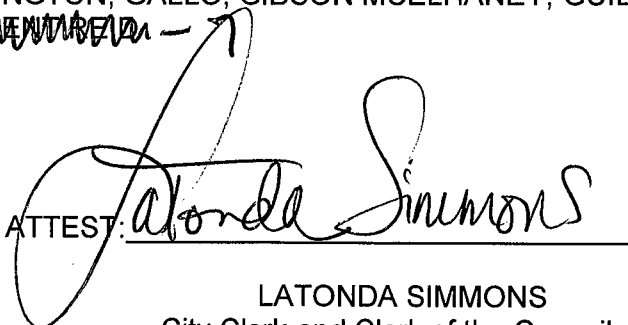
AYES - BROOKS, CAMPBELL WASHINGTON, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, GUILLÉN, KALB, KAPLAN, ~~MILLER, PRESIDENT, REZAK~~ - 7

NOES - 0

ABSENT - 0

ABSTENTION - 0

Excused - 1 Reid

ATTEST: 

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